

A Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30 pm. With Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the Chair, present were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Mr M Goldie & Mr J Yeomans. Apologies from Cllrs Ms H Gibbs & Mr A McEwan. 2 residents and C Cllr G Reynolds also attended.

1/17 A motion was proposed by Cllr Hancock & seconded by Cllr Duffield that The Council agrees to give exemption to Cllr Gibbs from attending meetings until May 2017 due to the exceptional circumstances of the recent family death. It was also agreed to donate £25 to the authorised charities.

2/17 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock

3/17 Matters arising

3/17/1 Highways Concern was expressed about the state of all the roads in the village and those leading to it. The Clerk to arrange a visit by an OCC officer to walk the village with any Councillors who might be available.

3/17/2 Bus Service Due to the low take up of the subsidised service and no requests for any further action, it was agreed no further action be taken.

3/17/3 Speed Check. OCC Officer has notified the clerk the check will take place the first week in Feb.

3/17/4 Grass Verges Mr Prickett has agreed to do 5 cuts at last year's price of £110/cut

4/17 De-fib This has arrived and is being held by Cllr Gibbs. There is no cost but volunteers will need to be trained when it is installed.

5/17 The Dairyground Following a debate the repair of the seesaw was put on hold in order to seek further quotes for new equipment. The other assets have been inspected and with the exception of an empty grit bin on Cook's Hill and a half empty one in Malthouse Lane there was no cause for concern

6/17 Finance

6/17/1 The Clerks fidelity insurance was now £100,000.

6/17/2 The Council was content with the Internal Auditor.

6/17/3 It was agreed the clerk remains as RFO.

6/17/4 Cllr Duffield proposed Cllr Hancock seconded that the Clerk's salary remains at £800 for 2017/18

6/17/5 It was agreed to continue to subscribe to the OALC, Community First Oxfordshire and the OPFA.

6/17/6 The following donations were also agreed, Shutford News £75 & the British Legion £30. It was agreed to review the grant to the village hall after the finish of the new build.

6/17/7 The risk register was read and approved.

6/17/8 Insurance This was the same as last year and approved

6/17/9 Assets There had been no additional assets

6/17/10 It was agreed another £2000 be put into a reserve for use on the Dairyground

6/17/11 It was agreed no allowances be paid to Councillors although travelling could be claimed if agreed by the Chairman.

6/17/12 The Council discussed further expenditure and as the De-Fib was to cost nothing only the cost of the electric supply would be extra. **A request from the Village Hall committee for a grant towards fitting out had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Goldie seconded by Cllr Hancock that a grant of up to £2000 be offered subject to the Hall committee showing the Council accounts for the build & fitting out as well suggesting specific items that the money could be used for. This was agreed by 3 votes in favour & 2 against. This grant to be incorporated in the budget for next year.**

6/17/13 Having considered expenditure and the budget figures, it was proposed by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock that the Precept remain at £6000.

6/16/14 4 cheques were signed at the meeting No 100824 £75 to Shutford News a donation(i), No 100825 £40 to OPFA subscription(j), No 100826 £25 donation to HeartFoundation/Diabetes Trust(j) No100823 £640 Mrs B E Reynolds salary(j) (£800 less tax) .

16/17/15 2 cheques were signed between meetings No 100821 £240 To Banbury Transport for bus subsidy & No 100822 £40 to HMRC for income tax.

6.17/16 It was agreed to pay back £500 to CFO of unspent money Local Plan grant received in 2014.

7/17 Allotments Further to min 61/16/2 letters were sent to four tenants but following an assurance that work was about to start the notice to quit for plot 9a Thistle hill was revoked. A further inspection will take place in the spring. There are 4 residents on the waiting list.

8/17 Planning

8/17/1 App16/01393/F an extension at Stone Pit Cottage has been passed. No PC objections

8/17/2 App16/02009/F a new house in West Street has been refused. PC objected

8/17/3 App 16/02168/Tel a mast at Middle Hill Farm & App 16/02258/LB work to Oak Tree Barn for Mr R Freeman have both been withdrawn There were no PC objections.

9/17 Correspondence has been circulated

9/17/1 It was agreed to have the village litter pick on Saturday 18th March at 9.30am

9/17/2 A letter regarding the Horton Hospital is being circulated.

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday 22th March 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm