

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30 pm. With Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the Chair, present were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs D Pitt Mr M Goldie & Mr A McEwan. Apologies from Cllrs Ms H Gibbs & Mrs A Duffield. 8 residents and C Cllr G Reynolds also attended. Mr Reynolds took the minutes in place of the clerk who had given her apologies.

1/18 Agreed to send condolences to Cllr Gibbs on the death of her Grandfather.

2/18 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr McEwan seconded by Cllr Goldie

3/18 Matters arising

3/18/1 Highways The pothole in the High Street has been reported but the Clerk to contact OCC about the others in the village.

3/18/2 Drop in sessions The first of these will be held on the 20th Jan at 3pm All councillors are invited.

3/18/3 Speed Check The Chair and others had met with Mr Kirkwood (OCC) to discuss traffic calming measures. A further email produced some costs which the Chair explained. For any work there would need to be a consultation which would cost £2,500. 20 mph could cost £3000 + £2500 Total £5,500, Flashing signs between £3000 and £8000 and moving the 30 mph sign further out of the village £1500+ £2500 Total £4000. Several members expressed their concern at the costs especially as experience had shown they had very little effect (this had also been indicated by Mr Kirkwood). The Council agreed that the Chair contact Mike Wisley (OCC) to arrange a meeting and get costs about moving the 30 mph sign.

3/18/4 BT Box will be removed when the contractor gets round to it.

3/18/5 Land behind Weavers Row. The clerk to arrange a meeting with John Slack (CDC) on site.

4/18 The Dairyground

4/18/1 It was agreed to get Jeremy Sacha to inspect the trees.

4/18/2 Following a lengthy discussion about the state of the play equipment it was agreed there was a need for a refresh of the equipment. The clerk to arrange a meeting with Fenland Leisure on site to discuss possible changes.

4/18/3 Cllrs Hancock & Pitt agreed to inspect the Councils assets other than the play equipment

5/18 Allotments The waiting list has now been accommodated with Mr Lunn, Mr Lock and Mr Birks all taking parts of unused plots.

6/18 Finance

6/18/1 The Clerks fidelity insurance was now £100,000.

6/18/2 The Council was content with the Internal Auditor.

6/18/3 It was agreed the clerk remains as RFO.

6/18/4 Cllr Hancock proposed Cllr Parsons seconded that the Clerk's salary rises to £1000 for 2018/19

6/18/5 It was agreed to continue to subscribe to the OALC, Community First Oxfordshire and the OPFA.

6/18/6 The following donations were also agreed, The Village Hall £150, Shutford News £75 & the British Legion £30.

6/18/7 The risk register was read and approved.

6/18/8 Insurance This was the same as last year and approved

6/18/9 Assets The only additional asset was the new bench for the Dairyground

6/18/10 It was agreed another £2000 be put into a reserve for use on the Dairyground

6/18/11 It was agreed no allowances be paid to Councillors although travelling could be claimed if agreed by the Chairman.

6/18/12 Having considered the possible extra expenditure (about £4000 for highways and £2000 + for play equipment) and the budget figures, it was proposed by Cllr Goldie seconded by Cllr Pitt that the Precept be raised to £7500 for the year 2018/19

6/18/13 2 cheques were signed at the meeting No 100866 £75 to Shutford News a donation(j) and No100865 £640 Mrs B E Reynolds salary(j) (£800 less tax) .

6/18/14 2 cheques were signed between meetings No 100864 £228 To Mrs B E Reynolds for the new bench & No 100863 £40 to HMRC for income tax.

6/18/15 It was agreed the clerk apply for a grant to buy IT equipment to comply with the transformation agenda,

6/18/16 It was confirmed that a lockable noticeboard for Parish Council be purchased and older notices removed from the present board.

6/18/17 It was agreed that Cllr Goldie would periodically check the finance situation.

7/18 Planning

7/18/1 Apps 17/02086/F an extension at Jamsby Cottage, 17/01963/F attic conversion at Victoria Cottage and 17/02020/F & 17/02021/LB new fence at Old Bartons have been approved. No PC objections

7/18/2 App17/02000/LB a porch and windows etc at The Stud House, Cook's Hill for Mr Gordon Freeman was considered and no objections raised.

8/18 Correspondence has been circulated

8/18/1 When notified about the annual litter pick members to be informed.

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm