

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th March 2018. Present with Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the chair were Cllrs Mrs A Duffield, Mrs R Hancock, Ms H Gibbs, Mrs D Pitt, Mr A McEwan & Mr M Goldie. Also present was 8 residents plus C Cllr G Reynolds. The Chair announced that this was the last meeting of this Council with elections in May. She thanked everybody for their work on behalf of the Parish .

9/18 **The minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr McEwan

10/18 **Matters Arising**

10/18/1. Highways. Concern was expressed about the state of the roads although some potholes on the Epwell road had been mended. A resident had asked that the salt bin on Cook's Hill could be moved to the top of the hill. Unfortunately there is nowhere for it to go. The Chair to pass this message back.

10/18/2 Drop in sessions. 3 had taken place with very little village interest. The last one is in April and it will be left to the new Council to decide if it wishes to continue them.

10/18/3 Land behind Weavers Row, The Clerk to chase John Slack CDC for his response.

10/18/4 Data protection It was agreed to leave further work on this to the new Council

11/18 The litter pick will take place on Saturday 17th March

12/18 **Speed Check** . OCC had reported that the cost of moving the 30mph signs further out of the village on the Epwell road would be £3000 (£2600 for consultation the rest from moving the posts)

Cllr Parsons proposed and it was seconded the motion *"The Parish Council agrees to start the process of relocating the 30mph signs from their current position further up the Epwell road and as advised by OCC. The Parish Council will start this process by undertaking an informal consultation with the village as advised by OCC"* This was passed with 5 votes in favour. 1 against and 1 abstention, The Chair indicated that if the residents were against the relocation the idea would not go ahead.

13/18 **New Play equipment** The quotation from Fenland was rather high and it was decided that 2 further quotes would be needed. In the mean time it was agreed that prices for new seats for the child's swings should be obtained and a working party arranged to clean the safety surface.

14/18 **The Dairyground** The trees will be inspected this week. It was also noted that the goalposts were falling apart and may need to be removed

15/18 **Allotments** Permission had been given for a green house for Mrs Parish & a shed for Mr Birks.

16/18 **Finance**

16/18/1 The following cheques were signed at the meeting No 100868 £42.69 to Mrs B E Reynolds for expenses(f), No 100869 £42.00 to OPFA for subs(f), No 100870 £135.06 to OALC for subs(f), No 100871 £55 to CFO for subs(f) and No 100872 £72.50 to Broughton Estate for rent(a),

16/18/2 The following cheque was signed between meetings No 100867 £32 to Village Hall for hire (f)

16/18/3 The grant for IT equipment has been awarded and will soon be in the bank.

16/18/3 Budget. A draft budget for 2018/19 was presented and noted with the proviso that the costs of the speed check work, if it goes ahead, will be £3000 not £4000. Also the cost of play equipment may well exceed the £3000. Should there be no election the £800 will remain part of reserves.

17/18 **Planning**

17/18/1 There were no objections to App 18/00133/F a single storey extension at 12 The Green for Mr Strait-Loverage nor to App 18/00158/F an extension to The Log Cabin at Middle Hill Farm for Mrs S.Gibbs. App 17/02494/LB works at The Stud House, Cook's Hill has been passed. No PC objections

17/18/2 The Cottage, Lower End. CDC have visited the plot and confirmed only 3 houses are being built. Further visits are expected soon. The Council's concern was if the number of bedrooms increased parking may spill over into Ivy Lane.

18/18 **Correspondence** This has been circulated. A concern about Church Lane be used for egg rolling has been received. The Chair said this would now not take place.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm **The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on May 9th at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council AGM at 8pm to be held in the village hall.**

