A Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 8th November 2017 in the village hall at 7.30pm. Present with Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Mrs D Pitt, Mr A McEwan & Mr M Goldie. CCllr G Reynolds & 8 villagers were also present Apologies were received from Cllr Ms H Gibbs.

47/17 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr McEwan seconded by Cllr Duffield

48/17 Motion It was proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Duffield and passed **That the election of a new member be by secret ballot.**

49/17 Co-option Two residents had expressed interest in becoming a member of the Council Mrs D Pitt & Mr B Patrick. In the event Mr Patrick withdrew so it was proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Hancock and agreed that Mrs Pitt become a member of the Council. Cllr Pitt then signed the acceptance statement.

50/17 Matters Arising

50/17/1 the late Mr J Yeomans. The donation to Cancer research has been sent and a bench similar to the one on the Dairyground found at a price of £250. It was agreed to purchase one.

50/17/2 Highways The Clerk to check the salt bins and report any that needed topping up. The 20 is plenty signs have been erected.

50/17/3 Speed Check Cllr Parsons has arranged a meeting with Mr Anthony Kirkwood (OCC highways) on Nov 14th to discuss and survey possible works and their cost to prevent speeding,

50/1/4 De-fib training Oct 17th attended by 18 residents. Next session is on November 13th.

51/17 The Dairyground The see-saw has been repaired

51/17/1 It was agreed to get quotes to replace some of the play equipment so the cost can be budgeted for next financial year.

52/17 Allotments All rents have been collected. All bar one plot are now let.

52/17/1 A new map for the top of Thistle Hill has been provided showing the approximate boundaries of the plots. The old map being out of date due to various changes over the years.

52/17/2 Mr Hughes plot (plot 8b now H) has now been divided and half let to Mr Lunn. (plot I)

53/17/3 Brian Turner's plot (plot 9a now J) has now been divided into 3 and it was agreed the two new plots be let to Mr Lock (plot K) and Mr Birks (plot L)

53/17/4 It was agreed not to implement a rent rise this year.

54/17 Finance

54/17/1 5 cheques No. 100856 for £420 to Mr Lovesey for mowing(g), 100855 £40 to HMRC for tax, 100857 for £25 to Cancer Research a donation, No 100858 £60.15 to Mr G Reynolds for a new allotment book and stationary and No 100860 £288.29 to CDC for dogbin emptying were signed between meetings.

54/17/2. The following cheques were signed at the meeting No 100862 £1634.16 to Fenland Products Ltd for the seesaw repair, No 100859 £30 to British Legion for a wreath,(i) & No 100861 £210 to Mr Lovesey for mowing (g).

54/17/3 Ken Jeffs has got the wreath for Remembrance Day and Cllr Goldie agreed to lay it.

55/17 Planning

55/17/1 App 17/02086/F single storey extension at Jamesby Cottage, Epwell Rd. for Mr & Mrs Giddings, App 17/01963/F attic conversion & a porch for Mr Birks, Victoria Cottage. West St. & Apps 17/02020/F & 17/02021/LB New fence etc. for Mr Gardner, Old Bartons, High St. raised No Council Objections.

56/17 Correspondence

56/17/1 It was agreed that the Council pilot a series of 4 drop-in sessions in 2018 on Saturdays the 20th Jan, 17th Feb, 17th Mar and 14th April in the Village Hall 3-4 pm.

56/17/2 It was also agreed that the Clerk contact BT to remove the old telephone box and Cllr Reynolds to contact CDC about the land between Weavers Row & Jubilee Cottages.

56/17/3 A thank you email to be sent to Mr & Mrs Parish for supplying a new flower tub.

56/17/4 Data protection to be put on the January agenda

56/17/5 Other correspondence was circulated.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm

In the public session it was noted that there will be a parish election in April 2018. Also concern was expressed about speeding and the state of the play equipment on The Dairyground.