

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm. Present with Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Ms H Gibbs & Mr A McEwan. Apologies from Cllr Mr M Goldie . Also present were 1 elector and C Cllr G Reynolds

Mr John Yeomans The Chair paid tribute to John who had died recently while on holiday. He had served on the Council for nearly 12 years. Although somewhat politically incorrect he had the well-being of the village at heart and was often seen doing odd jobs around the village. Latterly he took responsibility for village assets and produced reports for the Council at its meetings. It was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Duffield that a £25 donation to Cancer Research be made and that the Council install a bench with a suitable plaque on The Dairyground in his memory.

38/17 **The minutes** of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock.

39/17 **Matters Arising**

39/17/1 Highways. TW have finished their work in the village. A resident was concerned that TW were not forthcoming when contacted. The streetlight has been reported twice but is still on 24 hours per day.

39/17/2 Speed check. The 20 is Plenty signs have been purchased and erected (thanks to Cllrs McEwan and Goldie). Now the village roads are back to normal Cllr Parsons will invite the OCC officer to the village to do a safety check. Cllr McEwan agreed to clean the 30mph signs.

39/17/3 De-Fib. Training in its use took place on the 6th Sept. with 18 attendees. It is hoped another session will take place in November

40/17 **Vacancy.** The vacancy caused by the death of Cllr Yeomans will be advertised in the usual way. Should an election not be asked for then the Council will be able to co-opt at its next meeting

41/17 **The Dairyground**

41/17/1 The RoSPA expressed concern about rot at the bases of the swing uprights. Also some of the swings need checking for tightness of fittings. It was agreed to check prices for replacing the child swing.

41/17/2 The seesaw has not yet been repaired. The Clerk to remind the contractors.

42/17 **Allotments** The rents are due on the 29th Sept.

42/17/1 As Dr Celia Hughes was leaving the village it was agreed to remove her name from the list.

42/17/2 The Council confirmed its agreement for Mr Lunn to share Mr Hughes' plot 8c

42/17/3 The Clerk to approach Mr Brian Turner to confirm his willingness to share his plot (9a) with one or two others. Ms Macgregor and Mr Lock are next on the list.

42/17/4 It was also agreed that letters to tenants reminding them of the rent should include notification of a rise in rents from September 2018.

42/17/5 It was agreed to respond to letter from the Broughton Estate regarding allotments in the SW area that the Council was still working on reorganising the allotments. All bar one of the plots on the bank are let and are being part worked.

42/17 **Finance**

42/17/1 Audit. There was nothing to report from the external audit. Noted by Council

42/17/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100851 £210 to Mr Lovesey for 1 cut (g), Nos 100846 & 100852 £132 to Mr Prickett for verge mowing (g), No 100848 £59.98 to M Goldie for plants(g), No 100847 £79.80 to Playsafety for the inspection (g), No 100854 £72.50 to Broughton Estate for rent(a), No 100853 £20.00 to Mrs Hancock for plants(g), No 100849 £266.00 to Graphic Design for Signs(g) and No 100850 £34.00 to Shutford V H for hire of hall.

42/17/3 The internal audit. Concern was expressed that the way the debtors and creditors were carried over instead of being included in the accounts gave an inexact figure for the difference of income over expenditure. The RFO agreed to correct this if it occurred next year. The report was noted by the Council It also thanked Mrs Goldie who has donated her fee to the purchase of plants for the war memorial garden

43/17 **Planning**

43/17/1 App 16/02572/F A kitchen extension at The Manor has been refused. App 17/01366/F log cabin extension at Middle Hill has been withdrawn. App 16/01167/F for a replacement greenhouse at The Manor has been approved. There were no Council objections to any of these.

44//17 **The Village Hall**

44/17/1 A new contract with the hall for room hire has been signed.

44/17/2 There were no objections to the hall committee looking after the memorial garden.

44/17/3 Cllr Parsons welcomed the new hall and noted that it was done without the need of a public works loan. She was disappointed that it caused some friction in the village.

45/17 **Correspondence.** It was agreed that concern expressed by a resident that the ash tree by the Church Lane pond might interfere with wires would be looked at when the Dairyground trees are checked in the late autumn. It was also noted that the Broughton Estate would be renewing the orders on their land that prevent the claiming of footpaths etc.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be on November 8th 2017 at 7.30pm