



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 17TH JULY 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger
Peter Sapsed

County Councillor: None present

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

Members of the Public: None present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

1. To Receive Any Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from PC David Miller.

2. To Receive any Personal or prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda
None received.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th March 2017

Following a change to the minutes (timing), there was a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2017 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

4. Adjournment for Police Update

PC Miller was unable to attend the meeting this evening but sent a report. He reported that police incidents over the past two months had been:-

Burglary Non-Dwelling - food stolen from an outside commercial freezer at Silver Street, Goldings.
A malicious Communication, abusive phone call to victim.
A theft from a motor vehicle - Landrover spare wheel.

Incidents : 2016 : 27
2017 : 10

Crime Reports: 2016 : 5
2017 : 3

The last two months have been quiet. The only issue on the horizon was Standon Calling, although this doesn't directly affect the Parish, they expect 17,000 people which will mean a busy time for the police. Sgt Wallace has confirmed this will not affect any resourcing requirements in the villages.

5. Adjournment for Public Comments

None.

6. Planning Applications / Decision Notices

6.1 3/17/1092/HH 2-storey rear extension was withdrawn. The plans were discussed.



7. Finance

- 7.1** A report of the finances was presented and accepted. Budget was approved – skateboard insurance premium to be included in the insurance premium - complete.
- 7.2** The audit has been sent and is currently under review.
- 7.3** The application of a Transparency Grant was unanimously approved. This had been received, £443.04.
- 7.4** No money had been received by other Parish Councils for The Good Neighbour's Scheme to cover their insurance premium of £190.42 – the Chairman suggested a payment of £100 which was unanimously agreed. If other councils donated any excess could be held aside for next year. Clerk to raise a cheque for £100.
- 7.5** Capital expenditure.
- 7.5.1** The Parish Council had been asked for a donation towards the repair of the church wall which has been deemed dangerous. Cost is £3,000-£3,500. The wall is in full view of the village and a contribution from the NHB was requested. The amount of contribution was discussed and a recommendation to pay £1,500 made, this was unanimously supported by all councillors. Clerk to inform the PCC and write a letter to confirm.
- 7.5.2** An application for correcting the subsidence of The War Memorial had been made and councillors surveyed the site this evening. It was agreed that it hadn't moved further in the last 20 years and the movement didn't detract from the feature. Any corrective works were deemed expensive. No restoration works will be carried out this year but an annual survey to ensure no further deterioration will be carried out.
- 7.5.3** A village defibrillator was discussed and it was agreed to apply for a grant with a view that Stagestruck will donate to the cost of installation and maintenance. If purchased, the Parish Council will have direct responsibility for the defibrillator and the clerk will carry regular maintenance checks. All maintenance costs will be kindly covered by Stagestruck. Clerk to apply for a grant.
- 7.6** Payments were approved for July and August and the chairman was permitted to sign cheques.

8. Highways / Vegetation Issues

Clerk to write to both Essex Cottage and Roding House to request their hedges are cut back - complete. The probable drain collapse (drain cover and dip in road) had been reported.

9. Village Hall

The film club on 30th June was well attended showing their sixth film (7 in total including the taster). Ten films will be shown annually and there will now be a break for the summer.

Forever Active continues to thrive. An article will be published on the East Herts website regarding their success of running 5 classes. East Herts think Anstey are doing a good job.

There are 5 Forever Active Classes 2 Yoga, Table Tennis, Zumba and Pilates.

There are also two other clubs, Table Tennis and Carpet Bowls (seasonal Sept-Apr).

First sessions are free, then £2 per class which is subsidised by East Herts. This funding is due to cease in Oct-18. All contributions have been saved.

There have been free coaching and equipment in the hall – there is no charge.

The equipment will be retained but we will have to fund the coaches who are all self-employed.

It is likely that the price will be raised to £3 from September with a further increase next year.

The average class costs locally are £8.

There will be some time changes whilst the hall accommodates the mothers and toddlers on a Thursday morning from September 9.30-11.30am and the Yoga will start at 11.45am.

The next event is on Saturday evening – Music on a Summer's Evening where they expect 60.

There is a First Aid Course on Saturday 16th September 10-1pm with 16 places subsidised by East Herts DC on a first come first served basis - details will be in the newsletter. Cllr Oxley is sourcing defibrillator training.



Heating and insulation is still being considered from the Hall.
They are having a visit from David Thorogood at East Herts to talk about the insulation.

10. Playing Field and Grants

There is a 2% increase on the cost of the play equipment inspection which is due.
The chairman has tidied up the area and installed new bird deterrents above the swings.
Grass cutting has been completed.

11. Correspondence Received and Sent was noted for information.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 The Parish Council have been informed of a possible future application for a change of use at Silkmead Farm – the PC agreed to monitor this.

12.2 The lidded bin is to be ordered to be sited next to the picnic bench between the hall and the PH (expected w/c 14th August).

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th September 2017 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____