



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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

Members of the Public: Norman Marston
Ann Grimsdale

County Councillor: None present
Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the last Parish Council meeting of the year.

23.1 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence – none received.

23.2 To Receive any Personal or Prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda None received.

23.3 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2018 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were correct with the amendments listed below and it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2018 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Item 4. Buntingford Bus service – cost is £1/trip.

Item 12. Company carrying out the window refurbishment is Clearview.

23.4 Adjournment for County Councillor – none present.

23.5 Adjournment for Police Update – none present.

23.6 Adjournment for Public Questions/Comments Ann Grimsdale thanked the Parish Council for organising the Wreath and Ann was thanked for laying the wreath on behalf of the village. It was agreed that the church will organise this in future and the Parish Council cover the cost out of the village funds.

23.7 Planning Applications / Decision Notices

23.7.1 3/18/1251/CUAPN The Barn, Opposite The Hale – Withdrawn 16/11/18

23.7.2 3/17/2641/FUL High Trees – enforcement notice ref: E/18/022/ENF. Approved with conditions 16/11/18. The Atrium has been passed and the delegated officer's report was loaded on the website today. No conditions have been listed but the original plans have been referenced as approved. The roof tiles were queried with the planning officer by a resident and the walls are still shown as stoned, they have been rendered which may contravene the approval.

23.7.3 No other planning applications or decision notices as of 18.11.18.

23.8 Finance

23.8.1 The Parish Council received an update of finances and the summary of funds available to date. This year is the last NHB payment – funds amount to £17,655 in total. The defibrillator will be ordered and sited by the bus timetable at the Blind Fiddler. There is a capital excess of £10,000 for the Village Hall and village requirements.



- 23.8.2** Payments for Nov / December were approved (cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting).
23.8.3 The Bank Reconciliation of 11th November 2018 was accepted as correct.
23.8.4 The Budget was accepted. The Precept was increased last year to cover the next 5 years. Defibrillator annual maintenance costs of £120 p.a. to be included in the budget.
23.8.5 The Precept was agreed and ratified. It was unanimously voted to maintain the precept for 2019-20 at the same level as this year as recommended by the Chairman, £4,750.
23.8.6 To note that there are no actions on the Audit Task List.

23.9 To Receive an Update on Anstey Quarry

An enforcement Closure Notice was issued on 22nd September 2018. No activity reported. A burning smell at night which wasn't coming from the Quarry.

23.10 Village Defibrillator

The Blind Fiddler has confirmed that a defibrillator can be sited on the pub wall. The Heartsine Defibrillator will be ordered at the previous price quoted of £1,999 + VAT.

23.11 Fly Tipping / Highways

It was recommended to report the one at Paynes End and Flint Hall/ Lincoln Hill. The dip at Snow End will be rereported.

23.12 Phone Box Repainting

Clerk has e-mailed BT to request permission / process as it is listed with a preservation order. Dr Partington has offered to repaint the phone box.

23.13 Village Hall

In the last update Cllr Oxley reported that the Zumba class had finished. We now have a new class; Dance Fit from 5.30 to 6.30pm with 5-6 attending this evening. Classes are being topped up with the funding saved from Forever Active Sporting England. Fees are paid and some of that amount is met by participants but it is still subsidised. We have a separate fund to supplement the costs. There's a new initiative but no money coming to village halls. Current classes are 2 yoga, 2 table tennis, carpet bowls, dance fit and pilates.

The Race Night on 22nd October, Church Quiz on 18th October and Jenny Goymour's Talk on 17th November were all well attended.

There will be one more film showing on 23rd November and a dance on 1st December.

There is an issue of voice projection when the hall heaters are on and if switched off can end the event with it feeling cold. There is a suggestion of some plug-in heaters to maintain the warmth or a microphone / PA system.

Spring planting along the window flowerbeds with low maintenance shrubs is planned.

23.14 Playing Field

Four weeks ago the picnic bench was vandalised. Stagestruck kindly collected it for repair – clerk to enquire when repairs will be completed.

23.15 To co-opt a new member of the Parish Council

Two representations have been made to the Parish Council, David House and Mark Jacobs. Both had provided a resume about themselves and voting took place with a show of hands. A unanimous full show of hands was made for David House and he was duly co-opted as the new councillor due to personal and business attributes plus his local knowledge due to the time



living in the village. Clerk to write to David House and ask for his acceptance of the post. Mark will be thanked for his interest in the Parish Council.

23.16 Correspondence Send / Received – noted and received. 22.16.1 Additional listed correspondence was a thank you letter from Peter Sapsed for flowers.

23.17 AOB

23.17.1 The Chairman will formulate a correct map of the conservation area with the clerk from the Village Parish Map. Residents will be kept in contact with correspondence sent.

If the village decides they want a Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed in more detail. Every village must accept some development. There was a concern that by identifying land it would be therefore be built upon.

23.17.2 Cllr Oxley has made no progress with the school and installing Broadband at the Village Hall. He felt that it could add value to the Hall for hirers, Village Meetings and be a welcomed village community resource for a possible Internet Café or streaming exercise classes for instance. The Hall would also benefit from having a phone line. He has investigated commercial suppliers with the best response from PlusNet. Searches showed that the Village Hall had a phone line and as such a new line would be free installation. It will be a business package – free installation, £29/month +VAT £34.80 per month or 24-month contract of £348 p.a. Cllr Oxley to investigate with Mark Jacobs.

23.17.3 The PCC asked if the Parish Council would support a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant they hope to apply for by 18th January 2019. The Parish Council agreed to support the parochial church with applying for conservation work funding. There are £100,000 worth of urgent repairs needed. It was noted the church had a roof alarm.

22.18 To note the next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____