



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 18TH JANUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Mandy Parker
Peter Sapsed

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

1. To Receive Any Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bagnall and Pledger.
PCSO Amanda Higham.
DC Ben Harris-Quinney.

2. To Receive any Personal or prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2015

Following no changes and a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2015 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

4. Adjournment for PCSO Update

A November report was previously circulated and the clerk confirmed that the next report would be forwarded to councillors once received.

5. Adjournment for Public Comments

None present.

6. Planning Applications / Decision Notices

6.1 Application 3/15/2437/LBC Glazed Door at Anstey House, Mill Lane had been received, no comments had been submitted as a PC response.

6.2 None received.

7. Finance

7.1 The Finance Report was approved. The cumulative balance £9,808 was recorded. The NHB contributions were 2016: £5,179, 2017: £2,834 and 2018: £1,171.

7.2 The Parish Council have received a Transparency Grant of £843.20 – clerk will enquire when the money needed to be used to purchase a laptop/ printer.

7.3 Payments for January and February were approved and cheques signed at the end of meeting. It was noted on the report that the grass cutting payment was the second payment for St George's Church. There was one payment for legislation training that the clerk planned to attend.

7.4 Further changes to the Budget were requested to show the actual spend against the budget/precept and to highlight the balances of each individual account.

7.5 A backup of correspondence was passed to the Chairman.

8. Highway

8.1 There had been no response from highways from letters sent and faults reported during the past year regarding flooding on Silver Street/ Snow End. DC Ben Harris-Quinney is taking this forward and explained that Highways had experienced a high amount of flooding faults so



requested that residents report the flooded road surface. It was noted that the Hillier's had sent round an e-mail with the Highways Fault web address. The water isn't able to drain away as the ditch needed digging out. There had been a complaint about the surface water at school morning drop offs; that two cars couldn't pass safely and there were concerns over children walking to/from school along that section of the road.

- 8.2** Narrowing of the verges on the bridge by Playing Field was ongoing and the clerk had written to Highways.
- 8.3** No overhanging vegetation was highlighted.
- 8.4** Following the latest fly tipping, North Herts collected the load of printers and PC's.

9. Playing Field & Skateboard

The new shackles for the train haven't yet been received.

10. Village Hall Clock

The repair is complete and when the weather improves, the clock will be reinstated on Festival Hall.

11. Defibrillator – Phone Box

Two responses had been received in support of a village defibrillator. There is one at the Meesden phone box which is 3½ minutes journey time. The clerk will put together full details of costs to include annual training and maintenance for consideration at the AGM.

12. Footpaths / Dog Fouling

Thanks to Clerk, Cllr Oxley has put up posters on the footpath and the situation seems to have improved. One has also been put on the Playing Field and one supplied to Cllr Sapsed for his track.

13. Noticeboard

A new noticeboard is required, Cllr Bagnall will try and arrange a replacement when work is quieter and they have time to build one. This will allow the School and Village Hall to share the noticeboard space.

14. To Receive Correspondence Sent and Received.

A report was received.

15. Any Other Business

- 15.1** The November minutes are to be uploaded to the website.
- 15.2** The strip of land beside Anstey Hall was discussed, the homeowner has been put in touch with the landowner.
- 15.3** The works being undertaken at Wayside Cottage were discussed. It was noted that there had been some burning of garden waste.
- 15.4** The Queen's 90th Birthday was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk will provide further information on any grants, the date and ask if the school are doing anything.

16. Date of Next Meeting: 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm and the AGM date: 18th April 2016.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____