

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), A Ray, B Hallam, A Belgrove and the Clerk

Members of the Public Present: None

1. Apologies: Councillor R Settle & RBC Councillor E Crane
2. Declaration of Interests – None declared
3. Questions from the Public - None
4. Minutes – on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Ray the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - 5.1. Playing Field Equipment – The Quotations received for new equipment will be considered at the next meeting and a possible decision taken as to future action.  
The Council will be approaching the Big Lottery Fund and Waste Recycling for a possible grant towards any new equipment.  
Councillor Belgrove to attend a meeting at the Town Hall on 6 March regarding grants available to Parish Councils from other sources.
  - 5.2. Telephone Box – Both the Willoughby Society and the Willoughby Jubilee Allotments Association have indicated that they are prepared to support the idea of refurbishing the old Telephone Box in the Village as it is a Landmark which needs to be preserved. They have both however requested that the refurbishment be properly costed before they can get involved in fundraising or committing any funding.  
Councillor Settle to be asked if she is able to provide a more detailed costing of the work involved.  
Parish Councillors are to consider if the straightening up of the Telephone Box can be carried out prior to any refurbishment – site visit to be undertaken.
  - 5.3. Highways – As yet the Council has received no responses to requests concerning potholes outside Leam View and the cracks in the surface along a stretch of Brickhill Lane near to its junction with Shar Lane.  
The identity of the Locality Officer is still unknown.
  - 5.4. Fish Selling Site – The Council has raised no objections in principle to the change of use requirement from a Garage to a Fish Selling site on the A45. They have raised concerns with Planning on the parking of vehicles visiting the location and high illumination of the Shop sign outside the premises.
  - 5.5. Hedge Cutting – The hedge cutting of the Playing Field hedge has been carried out and an Invoice is awaited from the Contractor.
  - 5.5. Village Pond – On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by

Councillor Hallam a Quotation of £580 was accepted for the maintenance and the re-pollarding of the trees around the pond. Councillor Hallam to advise Arbolution Tree Services of this acceptance.

5.6 Haywards Lodge – On the proposition of Councillor Ray seconded by Councillor Belgrove it was agreed that Councillor Hallam should purchase fencing etc for the repairs to the fence on the A45 side of Haywards Lodge. It is anticipated that this will be in the region of £150.

5.7 Footpaths – The Outstanding issues with three footpaths in the Village are to be followed up by the Clerk – as yet apart from being given a job reference no positive action has been taken by the Council’s Footpaths Division.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 A Quotation is to be requested from Norris & Fisher for Local Council Insurance.

7. 7.1 Highways – The Highways Department is to be advised of the re-occurrence of the potholes at Fox Covert.

7.2 Neighbourhood Watch – on going.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan – A grant of £2250 has been approved towards the funding of the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be paid into the Parish Council’s Bank Account.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

8.1 On the proposition of Councillor Ray seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following payments were approved:

Wix Com	£ 111.75
Landscape Partnership	£3600.00

8.2 On the proposition of Councillor Ray seconded by Councillor Belgrove a Quotation of £360.00 for maintenance of the Parish Website was approved.

Date of Next Meeting – 20 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting – 24 April 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Clerk to prepare Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Parish Clerk..... Chairperson.....

Date .....