

## **CONFIRMED**

### **MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 30th May 2012**

**Present:** Mr D Palmer (Chairman) Mr JW Whitworth, Mr P England, Mr M Bell Ms C Smith Ms Sarah Linsell, Mr Colin Hagger, Ms T Connolly, Mr Colin Lewis.

**Apologies:** Mr T King.

**In attendance:** Mrs Jo Downton, the Clerk.

**Declaration of Interests:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 were taken as read and signed as correct.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Matters arising not dealt with in the main agenda:**

A copy of the new code of conduct was given to all members of the council.

Trees: The clerk reported to the council a number of issues relating to trees within the village. RCC had been contacted about the removal of trees without permission within the conservation area and they reported that they were aware of this matter and were investigating. The tree in the Brooks owners still had not been identified and this was to be followed up by the resident. Dead tree branches on the Green had been reported to Exton Estates and they informed the Clerk that they had paid attention to these trees last year.

Sailability: A letter of thanks had been received for the donation of £25.00. to the aforementioned charity. A invitation was also issued to the Chairman to attend a related event.

Volunteer Group An email had been sent to the appropriate organization to see if the Spinny could be considered as a likely activity for their attention.

Friendly Banner: A request for the £100.00 donation towards repairs has now been requested and is to be forwarded immediately.

Bank Accounts: The Clerk had put out a request for information from other Clerks regarding the most suitable accounts for reserve funds. Information was still being gathered but this would be on the next agenda.

Web Account : The account for maintenance has now been taken over by Paul Taylor and he has paid for this account privately and would invoice the council in due course. This was approved by council.

Thanks: The Clerk requested to council that permission be granted to purchase thank you cards in order to send them to people who have contributed to a number of organizations within the village. Permission was given.

Training: Clerk reported that four councilors had been booked into training in the coming months. Training concerning the Localism bill was also discussed and this matter was to be pursued.

**Email correspondence:** None

**Correspondence not requiring action:** None

**Correspondence (items requiring action only):**

Planning Applications: Notification of a change in planning application for the Barn situated in the Avenue was received by email and councillors comments were passed on directly (no objections). The Planning Application for the building next to the Fox and Hounds had been withdrawn.

Internal Auditor: The Clerk had requested for the internal auditor to attend the meeting to briefly run through the previous financial years accounts. Mrs Johnson kindly agreed and presented the council with a new format for summary accounts. It was pointed out to council that at present it was spending more than its annual income and this year this amounted to two and a half thousand pounds. Moreover it was suggested that it would not take to long at this rate before the council would use up all its financial resources. Although the precept had increased over the last two years these increases were certainly not meeting current expenditure levels and council was urged to give this matter serious thought now and most particularly when the precept is to be discussed later in the year. Finally thanks was offered to Mrs Johnson for her service as our internal auditor, she will be sorely missed. A possible new internal auditor has been identified but this has yet to be confirmed.

Financial Accounts: The council was presented with the Annual Returns for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The Council accepted the accounts and they were signed and dated by the Chairman and the Clerk.

The Bin on Stamford Road was again to be reported to RCC.

Grass Cutting: RCC was to be contacted about uncut grass etc within the village. Highway issues to be explored with RCC.

**Authorisation of cheques:**

LRALC Renewal £193.59

Exton Estates Playing field Rent 25.00

Colemans 80.36

Community Consultation Insurance £152.76

R Webster Grass Cutting 1 March £96.00

Barnsdale Gardens Token (M Johnson internal auditor) £20.00.

Colemans £53.01

Arts for Rutland Sailability £25.00

R Webster Grass Cutting 2 April £96.00.

**Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council –4<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Change of Accounts.