

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 6th November 2013

Present: D Palmer, (Chairman) J Whitworth. C Hagger C Lewis, M Bell C Smith S Linsell T King

Apologies: T Connolly

In Attendance : Jo Downton Clerk

Declaration of Interests: NONE

Minutes : The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd October 2013 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising: The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to the newsletter concerning the work conducted on the Playing field by Mick Mills and also a letter concerning Broadband in the village – both had been published. Requests for applications for donations to NHW and PAGE had been sent out. The Grass cutter had been requested to supply an estimate for grass cutting for next year but to date nothing had been received. The firm who are to conduct work on the Pump House was also contacted but again no response to date.

The Clerk had completed the half year bank reconciliation and informed council that the books balanced and all was in good order. It was noted that it had been an expensive year for the council and little money may be left at the end of the financial year and this must be a consideration when considering the precept.

The Defibrillator had yet to be fitted. The Kiosk is about to become the property of the PC but some work needed to be completed before hand. The cost of the Kiosk council was informed was set at £1.00. The Clerk had obtained quotations regarding the fitting of the defibrillator and they were in the region of £80.00.

Dates of Meetings : 4th December, 8th January, 5th March. 2nd April.

Email correspondence: None

Items requiring action only: A letter from RCC had been received about cycle routes and requesting suggestions for cycle routes. One suggestion was the route from Cottesmore to Exton Coach Road with a tarmac surface to be installed if this was to go ahead. RCC if any parish would like bike racks installing, this matter was to be put to the pub in Exton.

EON: The list provided by Eon concerning the order of urgency of renewals of particular lights in the village was considered and the council agreed to adopt this guidance for future repairs. Proposed S Linsell Seconded J Whitworth

Councillor Hagger and Whitworth reported to council on a number of issues covered at the Parish Council forum meeting.

The Precept: A lengthy discussion took place concerning the budget for next year.

Council agreed that it wished to continue replacing lights, even if its just a couple a year. Terry King gave the position of RCC at present and nothing appeared to have been decided as yet and this might take some considerable time. Council agreed to raise the precept slightly (at an estimated cost of 19p per week for residents for every thousand pounds) in order to secure more lights which cost over a thousand pounds each.

It was reported the Grass Verges in New Field Road had been missed, the Clerk was to report this. Two trees at the top of Empingham Road and a single Tree in Stamford end was to be reported to RCC for inspection. Lamp in New Field Road to be reported for repair.

Planning Applications: 14 Stamford Road Exton Various works to Various Trees - No Objections.

Authorisation of cheques:

EON £112.56

Clerk Wages £530.31 Admin RCC £15.00

Rick Webster Grass Cutting £144.00

Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council – 4th December 2013
:Donation awards. The Precept. Defibrillator.