

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 4th June 2014

Present: D Palmer (Chairman), P England, M Bell, C Hagger, S Linsell T Connolly, C Smith.

Apologies: C Lewis

In attendance: Jo Downton - Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: The Clerk was to leave the meeting when the discussion for the vacancy was to take place as one of the applications was her partner.

Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 7th May 2014 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising: The Clerk reported that the Lincoln Housing Association had been contacted regarding the state of the wall and growing greenery in the area of the Brooks and this matter was to be investigated by them. A summary of the previous Annual Meetings reports had been submitted to the Newsletter. Also an article concerning PAGE was also submitted for this month's newsletter. RCC had been contacted about Parking at the end of Coach Road and the concerns of Exton Estates and their comments have been passed onto the Estate. RCC pointed out that the best solution to this problem was for the Estate to contact the Police directly. Dog waste was also becoming an issue on the Estate with people not disposing of their dog mess, again although the Dog warden is to be contacted for some assistance there is little to be done as it is on Private land. Moreover a discussion concerning Dog waste bins was had between the Clerk, the Estate and RCC. These bins, should any be purchased, have to be paid for by Exton P Council and until the Financial Officers review of money for this year this will be discussed at a later meeting. RCC will only empty such bins which are on the public highway and not on private land. Finally the Clerk informed council that a VAT payment had been inadvertently missed off a payment some months ago and this has since been paid yet Eon had phoned four times demanding payment even though they had cashed the amount. This week the Clerk had been sent the same money as a refund with Eon maintaining it had been overpaid!

The Chair reported that he and councilor Hagger had attended the Parish Council Forum but there was nothing specific to the Village. The meeting concerning the Wind Farm and Woolfox was attended and it was noted that many questions were left unanswered.

Items requiring action:

Village Hall Parking: RCC had been in touch with the Clerk concerning restrictions for parking outside the village hall. The matter was discussed and all agreed that they were opposed to this development. The Clerk also reported a number of villagers also had raised their concerns over this matter and again all opposing such a restriction. RCC was to be informed of this.

Highways: C Hagger raised a number of issues relating to the very poor Road conditions in Newfield Road and verges in the village and surrounding area. These matters were to be followed up by the Chair. The issue of the triangle been worn away by turning traffic along the Oakham Road was discussed and it was agreed that this matter would be put in the Newsletter to find out what the village thought to proposals to eliminate this problem. To be followed up by the Clerk

Planning Applications: None

Authorisation of Cheques

Post Office Counters (Clerk wages and Admin) £548.31

Colemands £9.95
LRALC Renewal £207.98
EON £57.20
Barnsdale Gardens (Internal Auditor) £20.00.
R Webster Grass Cutting £48.00
Local History & Record Society Renewal £16.00.
Colemans £37.97
Community Links Services (Insurance) £153.09

Vacancy for position on Council: Two letters of application had been received for consideration by council. * It was at this point that the Clerk left the meeting. A discussion took place and a paper vote was taken. The position was awarded to Paul Taylor. The other applicant was to be contacted, thanked and asked to seriously consider standing at the next election.

**Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council – 2nd July 2014:
condition of NewField Road.**