

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th April 2016  
Present - D Palmer (Chairman), S Linsell, M Bell, C Hagger, J Pitts, T Connolly, H. Campden  
Apologies - J Downton (clerk), D Healey  
In Attendance - PCSO S. Houghton

Before the meeting -

PCSO S Houghton spoke about a number of issues

1. Landrover defenders are being targeted for theft of removable parts.
2. There had been 3 burglaries in the county last weekend and are thought to be linked to the same culprits.
3. 'Rural Watch' is to be a modified version of the existing "Farm Watch" and text alerts are available to anyone who submits their number. Information and trends (and no advertisements) are sent by text message, and subscribers can also submit information too. PCSO Houghton said that he can also send messages to specific groups of interest. Subjects that would be considered are emerging crime and suspicious vehicles. There are also information cards and this new scheme is a melding of other local schemes now working together. There will be new "Rural Watch" signs erected in villages and the scheme will be featured at the Rutland County Show.
4. NHW is "floating" as D.Goodey has retired and is being revamped using Email. PCSO Houghton offered to help, as did Colin Hagger.
5. Harry Campden asked about the availability of the Dog Warden and asked about a Dog Control Order for the coach road where fouling is a problem. PCSO Houghton explained we share a Dog Warden with Market Harborough and would explore the possibility of the control order.
6. Derek Palmer raised that there is parking on the new Coach Road to Cottesmore footpath and could PCSO Houghton help us prevent this.
7. Derek Palmer asked about the flying of drones over the village and said he believed someone had been taking photographs over the village. PCSO Houghton said he would speak to the individual concerned.

**Declarations:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2015 were taken as read and signed as correct.

**Matters Arising:**

The problem with David Healy's drain has been reported

The Clerk wrote to J.Whitworth regarding "clean for the Queen" and he responded that he felt the Parish Council should organise an event. Later Mick Bell explained that Bernadette Wallace and the Brownies are organising something. Derek Palmer said the Parish Council could help with the provision of equipment.

The playground inspection is scheduled to go ahead.

Website - all our content needs to be transferred from the old site to the new one. The company behind this will charge us £25/hr. to do the work. Paul Taylor can do this work and would the council be able to pay him. The council asked for

clarification of how many hours work would this be and Derek Palmer requested the matter go on the agenda for May.

Derek Palmer reported Highways had been and repaired several potholes in the village.

Derek Palmer explained the Village grass had been cut.

Derek Palmer explained the road sweeper had visited. Terry Connolly complained that the sweeper had not visited Maltings Yard. Derek Palmer said he would follow this up.

Regarding aircraft noise, Derek Palmer said that Andrew Dukes had sent a letter to Alan Duncan, who had passed the letter to the MOD and received an unsatisfactory response, so Mr. Dukes has written again and not received a response so far. RCC were involved and they advised the matter was not in their remit but asked us to report the registration number of the aircraft if possible.

### **Correspondence:**

Rutland Walking and Cycling Festival sent a leaflet, which Derek Palmer will put on the noticeboard. The event is 21 May until 12 June and includes various activities.

LRALC - Submitted a bill for £205 (DP assumes the clerk has paid this)

Community Insurance - a bill for £156.06 (DP assumes the clerk has paid this)

The Parish Council forum will be on 18/04/16, with Colin Hagger and Derek Palmer planning to attend.

### **Planning Applications**

Recent Applications have been returned to RCC with no objections.

Harry Campden felt the Parish Council should have objected to Bullimore's 2 part application to continue quarrying and then fill in the quarry with inert waste.

Mick Bell said the site needs to be sufficiently contained in terms of waste blowing around.

**Payments:** Payments on the agenda were approved.

### **Items for the next agenda:**

Colin Hagger reported the following:

1. "The Green" road sign needs repairing and Derek Palmer said this had already been reported.

2. Verge Damage on the avenue from farm traffic and the hunt

Harry Campden reported

1. Parking at the end of the Coach road was dangerous. Is there legislation to stop people parking in gateways? Derek Palmer asked Harry Campden where his land ends. Harry Campden said he would contact highways and advise he cannot manoeuvre his farm machinery

2. Dog Fouling - Is it possible to obtain a dog control order? The coach road is badly affected. Is it possible to have another bin near the end of the coach road?

Next Meeting 4th May 2016