

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 7th September 2016

Present: D Palmer (Chairman), M Bell, P Taylor, D Healey

Apologies: S Linsell H Campden J Pitts T Connolly

In attendance: Jo Downton - Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: None

ONE MINUTES SILENCE WAS HELD IN MEMORY OF THE LATE COLIN HAGGER A MUCH VALUED MEMBER OF EXTON AND HORN PARISH COUNCIL. HE WILL BE VERY MUCH MISSED.

Minutes: The minutes of the parish meeting held on the 6th July 2016 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising:

Over the summer the Clerk reported that donation of £50.00 had been made from Exton and Horn PC to a charity in memory of Colin Hagger. This was approved by D Palmer, J Pitts, P Taylor, T Connolly.

The war memorial railings have just been painted and finished to a high standard.

Lights: The Chair and John Pitts had worked on information to supply RCC concerning the new replacement lights which the council has purchased. This matter was still ongoing. The Chair voiced his appreciation at the amount of work which John Pitts had given in this matter. The Chair also raised the matter of the light fitting on 4 Oakham Road Exton – which is attached to a property owned by Exton Estates. This fitting it is noted is rather old and may well require replacing at some stage. Council briefly discussed this matter and it was recognized that as RCC was to be taking over the responsibility financially for all lighting in the village they would be ultimately dealing with this concern.

Defibrillator : At the July meeting a urgent request to councilors was given in respects of assistance with the running and checking of the defibrillator. Two councilors voiced that they would be able to help take over from Sarah Linsell who was leaving. Towards the end of summer T Connolly informed the clerk that she would not be able to offer her assistance with this task. The clerk subsequently placed a notice in the newsletter asking for someone to help in this very nominal task. Someone has come forward and two others (David Healey) at this meeting (i.e. 7th September) offered to support this new person.

Vacancies on PC and Clerk Position Over the summer with the loss of Colin Hagger RCC contacted the Clerk to advertise the vacancy. As there was no applicants council will try to co-opt on a new member. Sarah Linsell announced she was moving and therefore resigned in her position as Vice Chairman. The Clerk contacted RCC and is awaiting acknowledgement that it is to be advertised. Council voiced its appreciation for all the work that Sarah Linsell had put into the parish council over a good number of years and they wished her all the best in her new home. The Clerk also placed an announcement in the newsletter calling for anyone who might be interested in standing for council to come forward. The position of Clerk has been advertised in the newsletter and a notice was also to be placed with LRALC. It was proposed by M Bell and seconded by D Healy that the scale of salary would be offered at LCI SCP 20-22. It was also further discussed at the this meeting about how the interview process would be best implemented and it was proposed by M Bell and seconded by P Taylor that the interview would be conducted by The Chair, John Pitts and by the Clerk. Both approved.

Items requiring action only: The Chair reported that the bin on Garden Road which was ordered many months ago still has not arrived. The Clerk was to follow this up.

Planning Applications: (Over the summer – Planning refused opposite 2 Blacksmiths lane Exton.) 5 Stamford Road Exton – Fell Tree – no objections.

Authorisation of cheques:

CAB Donation £100.00

EON July £58.18

R Webster Grass Cutting May/June £192.00

TWO TRANSFER CHEQUES

Melton Borough Council £59.40

Donation for Colin Hagger £50.00.

Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council – 5th October 2016:
Dauids Drain - Legal Book – Council Vacancies and applications.