

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 2nd April 2014

Present: D Palmer (Chairman) M Bell C Lewis C Hagger S Linsell. C Smith

Apologies: T Connolly, J Whitworth, P England T King. C Lewis

In attendance: Jo Downton - Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 5th March 2014 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising:

The Clerk reported that the Exton PC had been registered with EON as a micro business. RCC had again requested a second estimate regarding lighting costs for this year which the Clerk had submitted. Cards had been purchased to thank the relevant parties in relation to the defibrillator. An estimate had been requested and received concerning the Pump House and this was to be put on the next agenda. Greetham PC had contacted the Clerk informing her that they were making an application to RCC for a Neighbourhood Plan as asked if there was any plans being considered by Exton PC could we please contact them. No concerns were raised by Exton council. RCC had requested an up to date list of members of Exton PC and the clerk had submitted these.

The Clerk reported that RCC and Exton Estates had been contacted regarding dog waste on the estate and additional bins and emptying of existing bins. Exton estates also reported that parking at the end of Coach Road was becoming slightly problematic as numbers increased. Dogs off lead on the estate was considered to be a worry particularly in light of farm traffic using the estate. These matters are still being looked into.

The Chair reported that drains had been attended to in the village and potholes were still under consideration.

Items requiring action only:

RCC had asked whether there was a car scheme working within the village to transport people into Oakham who were being considered for the Financial Crisis Provision. The Clerk was requested to contact RCC and explore this matter further.

Planning Applications: Hawkswell House, Tickencote Road. Exton – Porch, extension and garage demolition and reconstruction and to include detached stable block and store. No Objections but a few councillors concerned over stable block in proportion to size of house. Avenue Farm, The Avenue, Exton Single storey extension – no objections. Church Farm, Oakham Rd, Eton – Removal Pine Trees – no objections.

Wind Farm – North of Woolfox Dept. – comments requested by RCC. Council discussed this matter and opinion was divided and comments to planning reflected this. Some councillors recognised the need for renewable energy and had no objections to this farm as it would have no impact on villagers. The remaining councillors felt that wind farms were inefficient and an eyesore.

Authorisation of cheques

EON £135.11

Colemans £18.89

Leis & Rutland Playing Field Ass. Renewal £16.00

R Webster Grass Cutting (Late submitted) £144.00

EON £51.67

Exton Estates Rent Playing Field £25.00

Clerk Expenses £78.00.

Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council – 7th May 2014: The Pump House.