

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 7th January 2015

Present: D Palmer (Chairman), M Bell, C Hagger, S Linsell, C Smith P Taylor. H Campden

Apologies: C Lewis

In attendance: Jo Downton - Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 3rd December 2014 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Matters arising:

The Clerk reported that a grant amounting to £750.00. had been received from RCC with respects to purchasing new lights.

PRECEPT: The approval of the Precept was proposed by C Hagger and seconded by P Taylor and accepted by council. The Clerk would forward details onto RCC. RCC announced that its grant towards the precept this year will amount to £659.28.

Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that a number of emails had been exchanged concerning the possibility of further training specifically for those on the VETS list. It was proposed by a member of the public that the Fire Station in Oahkam might be in a position to assist us in this matter. Sarah Linsell was to pursue this matter further and liaise with Mr B Smith. Mr Smiths contribution to the smooth running of the defibrillator was again recognized and much appreciated.

PAGE :The Clerk reported that she had again by letter asked for practical help from some villagers with the running of PAGE and as yet none was forthcoming. Inurnace enquiries were made regarding public liability etc for when the skateboard is in place and the Clerk informed council that this was expected to be in the region of £230.00. per annum (approx.). Moreover the Clerk had exchanged emails with Exton Estate about the positioning of this new equipment and this was to be followed up at a later date.

HORN: Notification of the community governance review of the parish of Horn was received and its amalgamation with Exton Parish Area and the terms of reference.

CODE OF TRANSPARENCY: The clerk reported that the Government had just released a new Code of Transparency for Parish Council with budgets under £25,000. The Clerk informed council that this entailed a number of different aspects of council life to be put on the web for the public to readily access. The Clerk acknowledged that the council was already meeting some of these demands but was to research the other requests and there potential enforcement for the next meeting.

FOOTPATH AVENUE: A request had been received for consideration about the possibility of a footpath in the Avenue. Council discussed this at some length and it was proposed by C Hagger and seconded by H Campden that this request was refused. Supported by council.

HIGHWAYS: Restoration of verges was discussed and it was noted by the Chair that the triangle which RCC had agreed to restore had been patched up with tarmac. This mater was to be followed up.

Items requiring action only: M Bell reported that the Dog bin in Top Street required repairing and the Clerk was to follow this up. A discussion regarding dog mess took place and this was to be considered in the new financial year.

FOOTPATH : Terry King informed council that the new foot/bike path from Cottesmore to the Coach Road was to commence by the end of this month. Terry King also informed council that we should soon here about possible issues relating to affordable homes in the Brooks and Fire Brigade issues.

Planning Applications: None

Authorisation of Cheques:

EON £111.49

Colemans £78.47

EON £55.36

Village Hall Rent Page £40.00.

EON £28.16

Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council – : 4th March 2015