

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 12th July 2017– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

S Graham (Chair) SG Angela Fothergill (Clerk) Robin Graham (Treasurer) John Smith (JS); Mike Smith (MS); Pennie Hamer (PH) Christine Smith (CS)
Apologies Neil Thompson (NT) Helen Crews (HC)

The minutes from the meeting on the 17th May 2017 were proposed by MS and seconded by RG as a correct record.

Matters arising from Minutes & Action Log:

Transparency Code & Website:

Helen Crews and Penny Hamer had attended a Meeting at RDC regarding the Transparency Code for Smaller Councils. They found the meeting relatively informative explaining what the Transparency Code is. The Code is issued to meet the Governments desire to place more power into citizens hands to increase democratic accountability, the Code is mandatory from the 1st April 2015 and requires the online publication of key spending of the Council and documents such as Agenda of the Minutes, the Minutes, accounts etc. Anything the Council needs to make a decision on would also need to be placed on the website.

PH had been liaising with Gary from Computer RX regarding the creation of the website and had received a quote for his work in this matter of £1078.80 which seemed rather excessive as there was only £500 available for this from the Grant received. PH mentioned that at the meeting at RDC on the Transparency Code they had been given the name of three companies that can create a website for the Council for £500. After discussion it was agreed that PH go and see Gary from Computer FX to discuss his quote and also look at some websites that have been created from one of the other companies that she had received from the meeting.

Clerks Update

AF said that a Parish Portal was now up and running ready for reporting and tracking highways and street light issues.

Budget and Finance

RG said that the account currently stood at £5300 which included the grant monies.

Planning Applications

No planning applications received since the May Meeting

AOB

MS mentioned that speeding in the village was now becoming an issue with cars and bikes exceeding the speed limit, RG said that it would be a good idea, if possible, to take down registration numbers of the cars committing the offence. After discussion it was agreed that MS approach Highways to see what the process would be to get a reduction on the speed limit throughout the village. MS to contact Highways.

The laptop and printer had been purchased for the Parish Council, AF to put on the September Agenda on where best to locate the laptop/printer.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting is on the 13th September 2017

| Finance Decisions (for audit purposes) | |
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