

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 16th November 2016 – 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Angela Fothergill (Clerk) Margaret Thompson (MT); John Smith (J Smith); Christine Smith (C Smith) Mike Smith (MS); two members of the public.

Apologies Neil Johnson (NJ) Robin Graham (RG); Susan Graham (SG)

In SG's absence JS stood in as Chairman

The minutes from Septembers meeting were proposed by CS and seconded by JS as a correct record.

Clerks Update –

Various potholes in the Parish had been reported to Highways with some work already been undertaken. AF to continue reporting the situation with regards to potholes.

James Malcolm has taken over from Richard Marr from Highways and he will be attending the January 2017 meeting to introduce himself to the Council.

AF had received an email from YLCA on how to get money to enable the Council to get a web site up and running, this would mean having to purchase a laptop and software. This is a government grant and has a simple application form to encourage all Councils to have a website to adhere to the Transparency Code. The website would publish minutes of meeting, spreadsheet of accounts etc. AF and RG had had a discussion regarding this and AF had phoned YLCA to see if a computer could be purchased before we had applied for the grant and then be reimbursed when the grant application was successful. YLCA said that this would be acceptable. The cost of a laptop would be in the region of £300 and the software would be around £100. After discussion it was agreed by the Council to go ahead and purchase the laptop and software. **RG and AF to complete grant form and submit before the 9th December.**

AF had received an email regarding having a defibrillator within the Parish which could be heavily subsidised by a grant, AF to look into this further – **AF phoned regarding this and the cost to the council would be £1249 – will discuss at next meeting.**

MT proposed and JS seconded that Pennie Hamer and Helen Crewes be co-opted onto the Council as Councillors, the relevant forms would be completed and forward to RDC

AF has arranged the dates for the 2017 meetings which are as follows: _

January meeting to be confirmed

1st March

10th May

12th July

13th September

15th November

Budget

JS reported that no money had been spent since Septembers meeting. He also advised that bookings were down on the Village Hall.

AF had received an email from RDC regarding the Precept which she had forwarded on to RG, RG had suggested the at the precept stay the same as last year and this was agreed by the Council. **RG/SG to complete form and return to RDC by the 6th January 2017.**

Planning Applications

No planning applications since Septembers meeting

AOB

Christmas preparations –It was agreed to purchase a 12' tree as last year from Castle Howard , RG and JS to look into this and hopefully get the tree and lights erected at the beginning of December outside the Village Hall. **RG & JS to look into purchasing the Christmas Tree**

The meeting ended at 8.25

Next meeting 11th January 2017