

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2019– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Helen Crews (Chair) Angela Fothergill (Clerk) Margaret Thompson (MT); John Smith (J Smith); Christine Smith (C Smith) Mike Smith (MS); Neil Johnson (NJ) Pennie Hamer (PH) Geraldine Burton (GB); Richard J Bannister (RJB)

The minutes from November's meeting were asked to be amended to include information regarding Caroline Goodrick's (County Councillor) attendance and comments at the meeting. **AF to amend minutes**

Matters Arising:

Maintenance cost for up keep and repair of Village Hall – AF and HC to meet with Tim Saxby regarding estimated costs for new floor, chairs, tables etc.

An email had been received from Clive Staples regarding the New Village Hall Committee account, in which he states this account is now with Santander with a balance of £3705. The account is now classified as dormant and requires unlocking before any transactions can be made. Also the cheque book is no longer valid. Clive Staples is to get the account unlocked, once this is done the money can be paid over to the Parish Council or village hall, where it can be used for renovation of the existing village hall. **AF to reply to Clive Staples thanking him for his email and asking him to keep the Council up to date with regard to progress**

Clerk's Update:

Clerk's Update – AF advised the council that she had reported various potholes around the village and confirmed that they had been repaired.

PH mentioned that potholes down Low Lane were becoming a problem and could do with being reported on the parish portal. **AF to report on the Portal**

Budget and finance:

JS informed the council, that the Parish Council account stood at £5,366. This included £1868 which is part of the Transparency Fund. The Village Hall account stood at just over £1000.

JS proposed that the Parish Council pay a rental fee for holding the Parish Council meetings to the Village Hall account. This was agreed to be backdated to May 2018. This was seconded by NT. **JS to backdate payment to May 2018 and transfer to Village Hall Account**

An interim meeting had been held in December to discuss the Precept for the forthcoming year, it had been agreed at the meeting to apply for the same as the previous year, i.e £2,300 and AF had sent of the required paperwork.

Some discussion took place regarding the website and the subject of hacking. It was agreed that PH would speak to computer FX to see if we are covered under the maintenance contract re hacking or would we need to take out separate insurance for this. **PH to contact computer FX.**

Planning Applications:

An amended planning application had been received from RDC on behalf of Mr and Mrs Crone, for the erection of 1 no. 2 bedroom detached dwelling and garage, on land at the Old School House, Main St, Westow. The PC had already responded to the original application with their comments. It was agreed that Councillors access the amended plans on the website – Application No. 18/01187/FUL and report back to HC/AF with any comments by the 16th January 2019.

A notice had been received from RDC on behalf of Mr Neil Johnson for the crown reduction of a horse chestnut – 5m reduction to top crown and a 5m reduction to side of crown on small brunches and 7-8m on heavy branches. Councillors to access website under Application No. 18/01368/CAT and report with any comments to HC/AF by the 16th January 2019.

AOB:

There had been some concern raised by residents of the Parish with regard to some untidiness at the frontage of one of the properties in the village – advice was being sought on how to resolve the matter.

Concern was raised again as to the problem with parking on the village green. **AF to access the Land Registry with a view to determining boundaries and ownership with regard to the Village Green.**

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Next Meeting 6th March 2019