

WESTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 10th July 2019– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Helen Crews (HC) Chair, Angela Fothergill (Clerk); Pennie Hamer (PH); John Smith (JS) Christine Smith (CS) Geraldine Burton (GB) Richard Bannister (RB) 1 member of the public

Apologies Neil Johnson (NJ) Margaret Thompson (MT)

The Minutes from the May AGM and Regular Meeting were proposed by GB and seconded by PH as a correct record.

Defribulator

Julie Price attended the meeting and asked the Parish Council if they'd ever thought of having a defribulator in the village. GB had looked into having a defribulator and had found out that it would cost in the region of £1500 for the unit and £200+ Vat for the training. It would also be necessary to budget for £80-£100 per annum re the maintenance of it. After much discussion it was agreed unanimously that it would be beneficial for the village to have a defribulator. Julie Price offered to donate the profit from the Art Exhibition to this cause and the Parish Council would also donate some funding. It was thought that it would be a good idea to do some fundraising in aid of the defribulator i.e a village quiz (TBA). Julie Price also said that she would contact Sue Parsons who is raising money for defribulators in the area.

Matters Arising from the Action Log

Village Hall

A village hall tidy up day had been carried out on Sunday 30th June where general tidy up of the exterior had been carried out, some of the ivy on the outside had been cut back which showed the outside of the village hall to still be in good repair. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the PC that it was worth doing some maintenance work on the interior of the Village Hall. Sunday 22nd September was the date agreed to carry out interior painting. **HC to go to Ralph Yates to get some paint.** RB had obtained a quote from Calverts re some new flooring, and the cost would be around £660 laid.

RB to ask Calverts to come out and look at the village hall re the flooring.

Regarding the electrical equipment, **PH agreed to ask Bill Rohan to carry out a PATS test on the electrical equipment in the Village Hall.**

CS to contact GMC re looking at/servicing the fire extinguisher.

Computer FX Security

PH had contacted Gary at Computer FX regarding security on the PC laptop. He had said that it would cost in the region of £20 per month for the security of the laptop. After discussion the PC were not

convinced this was a necessity. HC said that her husband Colin would be happy to go round and look at the security of the laptop and update if necessary.

Village Green

NJ is to purchase the six posts for the village green. Once they have arrived Clive Beadon has agreed to erect them.

Clerks Update

Nothing to report

Budget and Finance

JS had the accounts internally audited by Robin Graham as these no longer needed to be externally audited. The audit was carried out on the 28th June 2019 and these were now ready to be uploaded onto the website. **JS to send PH a copy of the accounts for the website.**

The current account stands at £6146 in credit (one half of the Precept had been received from RDC) Approx. £1800 of the £6146 is set aside for the Transparency Fund.

Planning applications

One Application had been received since the last meeting on behalf of Ricky Francis Manor Rise Chapel Lane for an erection of a two storey extension to side extension following demolition of existing lean to porch. As comments had to be in by the 8th July the Planning subcommittee had looked at the plans and had no objections.

AOB

CS mentioned there had been overnight camping at the carpark at Kirkham abbey – after discussion it was agreed to keep an eye on the situation and report if this was happening on a regular basis.

The Meeting ending at 9 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - 11th September 2019