

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – 11th September 2019– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

John Smith (Chair) ;Geraldine Burton (GB); Christine Smith (CS); Neil Johnson (NJ); Margaret Thompson (MT); Pennie Hamer (PH;);Richard Bannister; one member of the public.

Apologies:

Helen Crews ; Angela Fothergill

The minutes from August's meeting were adopted as a correct record proposed by Pennie Hamer and seconded by Neil Johnson

Matters Arising from Minutes

Julie Price attended the meeting to advise the council that the Art exhibition had raised £500 which she very kindly donated towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village, Julie also offered to explore the possibility of applying for a grant towards the cost of the training session when the defibrillator has been purchased. The council are extremely grateful to Julie for this contribution, and very much appreciate all her efforts.

The situation regarding the parking at Kirkham Abbey appears to be worsening. JS and CS got a price for a new sign, which will be placed in a more prominent position in the carpark, with the full agreement of Mrs Henson.

Clerks Update

Nothing to report.

Budget and finance

The Village Hall account stood at £755.97

Parish Council account stood at £5111.39 of which £1800 is set aside for Transparency Fund

Regarding the Clerk's salary, whilst the PC all agreed that the Clerk's Salary needs revising after 10 years with no increase, it was not at all clear as to how to proceed. It was proposed that JS,HC and AF get together to discuss and possibly seek advice from NALC, with the view of a further proposal at the next meeting.

Matters Arising from the Action Log

It was decided to proceed with the painting of the Village Hall on September 22nd. Magnolia paint OK'd.

NJ advised the 6 posts are in place and seems to have stopped the parking on The Green, agreed to remove from action log, and monitor.

PH advised the Computer issues still outstanding, to meet with Colin and have a chat. Also PAT testing to be completed.

Funds agreed for the defibrillator, now the logistics to be agreed. GB to speak to Ambulance Service regarding how we proceed with purchase/installation of defibrillator. RB to check three possible locations for unit. Possibility of signs for Firby and Kirkham to be addressed.

Planning Applications

No Applications to consider.

AOB

There have been repeated concerns re vehicles driving over the drains of the adjacent property to the VH. It was requested that the PC chair have a word, Neil to "have a chat" to clarify the situation.

Julie Price suggested the Village may benefit from more dog bins which has been taken under advisement.

Julie also suggested more salt bins may be beneficial, GB to check on Parish Portal.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th December

