

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2020– 7.30pm - Village Hall

Attendees:

Helen Crews (Chair) Angela Fothergill (Clerk) Margaret Thompson (MT); John Smith (J Smith); Christine Smith (C Smith); Neil Johnson (NJ) Geraldine Burton (GB); Richard J Bannister (RJB); Jaynie Pateraki (JP); Cllr Susan Graham.

Apologies Pennie Hamer (PH)

The minutes from November's meeting were agreed as a correct record by the Council

Co-Option of Parish Councillor

Jaynie Pateraki attended the Meeting as she would like to become a Parish Councillor – GB proposed JP to be co-opted onto the Council and this was seconded by JS. **AF to email JP with relevant forms from RDC to complete.**

Matters Arising:

Up keep and repair of Village Hall – Much discussion took place re the way forward regarding improving the Village Hall. JS/CS had contacted joiner Danny Bulmer who had been out to look at the existing floor. He had taken up a piece of boarding and found woodworm. His thoughts were that we would need to take up the whole floor to see what we were dealing with. Some approximate costings were that the materials for a new floor would be £500 - £600 plus labour and that it would be in the region of £1200 for the whole job.

JS suggested that Clive Staples be contacted again regarding the money held in the New Village Hall Committee Account. The account is now classified as dormant and requires unlocking before any transactions can be made. The account is with Santander with a balance of £3705. Also the cheque book is no longer valid. Clive Staples was to get the account unlocked, once this had been done the money would be paid over to the Parish Council or village hall, where it can be used for renovation of the existing village hall. As we have had no communication back from Clive Staples HC to email him and ask if he could let the PC know where he was at with this. **HC to email CS regarding this , AF to contact Lara Collins as it was thought she was also on the Committee.**

Defibrillator - The defibrillator had been installed by Peter Burton and was up and working. A light had been purchased to put over the top of the defibrillator. It was agreed to have some notices put up in various places indicating where the defibrillator was located. **GB to get some signs/notices.** Thanks were given to Peter Burton for all his help in installing the defibrillator. The cost of the light, light bulb and fixtures came to £60, **AF/JS to reimburse GB for this.**

Cllr Susan Graham attended the meeting she is the Parish Councils representative at RDC. She spoke about matters that were current at the Council.

- A64 – To get the A64 made dual carriageway from The Hopgrove to the Jinnah. Someone from Highways England had attended the Parish Council Meeting at Welburn on Monday regarding this and there would be a decision made in the next couple of weeks.
- RDC were also in the process of updated the Council website.

CS asked Cllr Graham if she could bring up the matter of the rubbish accumulating at the side of the A64 since the verges had been cut back, and wondered who was responsible for this?

MT asked if Caroline Goodrick was still at the Council, she had attended a Parish Council meeting last year and had said that she had some funds available for Parish Councils to help with improvements etc, AF had emailed her several times but had never got any response. Cllr Graham said she would chase up.

SG mentioned that there was a Parish Liaison Meeting every quarter and anyone from the Council was welcome to attend, the next one was on the 4th March 2020.

HC thanked Cllr Graham for attending the meeting.

Clerk's Update:

AF advised the Council that she had reported various potholes around the village and confirmed that they had been repaired. Please report any potholes to AF and she will report on the Parish Portal.

The meeting on the 4th March would now be moved to the 11th March 2020.

Budget and finance:

JS informed the Council, that the Parish Council account stood at £4677.25. £1740 of this was the Transparency Fund. A new fire extinguisher had been paid for. Julie Price had credited the account with £500 from her Art Exhibition to go towards the defibrillator which we had paid £1500 for. Available funds stood at £2900.

HC to email Julie Price to thank her for the money donated from the Art Exhibition.

HC to email Peter Burton for his help with fitting the debribulator

The Village Hall Account stood at just under £900.

Planning Applications:

A Planning Application had been received on behalf of Mr and Mrs Bannister Land at Grange House Farm Church Lane Westow for the change of use of agricultural land to equestrian together with the erection of stable block and erection of barn for the storage of fodder and associated equipment. The Council had no objection to this Application and a response had been sent to RDC.

AOB:

There had been some concern about the amount of dog waste appearing in the village and it was thought that an extra bin is required on Main Street. **AF to contact RDC to find out procedure in obtaining an extra bin.**

Thanks were given to JS for emptying the two waste bins in the village that dog walkers had been using to dispose of their dog waste. Signs were now on these bins indicating NO DOG WASTE.

RB had been in touch with British Telecom re the Parish Council adopting the village phone box for £1. The phone box is classed as a listed building and if it was adopted it would need maintaining. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would report back at the next meeting on their thoughts regarding this.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Next Meeting 11th March 2020