

WESTOW

PARISH COUNCIL

Westow Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th March 2020– 7.30pm - Village Hall

AF, Helen Crews (HC) Chair, Pennie Hamer (PH), Margaret Thompson (MT), Richard Bannister (RB); Geraldine Burton (GB); Jaynie Pateraki (FP)

Apologies – Neil Johnson (NJ); John Smith (JS), Christine Smith (CS).

The Minutes of the meeting in January were proposed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

HC emailed Clive Staples regarding the monies held in the Westow Community Recreation Hall Account. Clive Staples replied at the end of January with a lengthy email and said that to get the account unlocked he would need to get a letter signed from all the Trustees. CS is now in the process of getting in touch with the other Trustees.

HC had emailed Julie Price and thanked her for all her help in getting the defibrillator and thanks were also given to Peter Burton in this regard.

Clerks update:

It was agreed to pay the SLCC their annual subscription of £44. **AF to renew membership and forward payment to SLCC**

Budget and finance:

In JS's absence HC had received an email from him stating that the Current account stood at £4600. £1741 of this being the Transparency Fund. The Clerk's salary had been paid, of £300 and also a credit had been received from NYCC of £300 being a grant from NYCC for use in improving/maintaining the village hall i.e. purchasing new tables, help to pay for the flooring or some maintenance work to the outside of the building.

AF to put on Action Log re the Grant monies and the best way to use the funds.

The available funds to date are £2800. The Parish Hall Account stood at £845.

Planning applications:

An Application had been received by Mr and Mrs Norton Cole of Westow Grange Cottage for the erection of a single storey side extension. There was no objection from the Council

AOB:

PH had received an email from Julie Price who had noted that an item in the Nov minutes was incorrect. It had said that Julie Price would be looking into getting a grant for the defibrillator and this was not the case. **AF to amend the Nov Minutes.**

RB wondered if the PC were going to do anything for VE day celebrations. As it was unsure whether the Celebrations would go ahead because of the coronavirus it was decided to "wait and see".

RB suggested having some benches around the village and possibly one at the top of The Raikes to enjoy the views, the PC thought this was good idea. **RB to check out who owns the land at the top of The Raikes.**

Susan Graham had emailed HC to say that she would like to come to some Parish Council Meetings and be copied into the Minutes.

Discussion took place regarding the verge that had been cut up in front of Ashridge House by tractors turning in to Sandy Lane. HC had received communication from Robin Graham in this regard saying that he had approached the tractor driver regarding this. Simon White from Ashridge House contacted Mr and Mrs Lambert and after discussion with them they agreed to replace the area they had dug up with top soil (which has been carried out) and also replace with grass seed. HC had thanked Simon White for sorting the situation out.

Further discussion took place regarding farmer's responsibilities and their legal obligation to clean up roads that they had left a mess and covered in mud and it was agreed that the Parish Council would keep an eye on this situation and also the speed the tractors had been going down Low Lane.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Next Meeting – AGM – 13th May 2020

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