

MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2015 AT 7.20 PM

Councillors: David Young (Chairman) James Egginton
Paul Andrews Tim Noble
Andrew Cannon Adrian Waygood

Officer attending Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)
Present: County Cllr Ken Crofton
3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF MEETING

15.014 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015 were signed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

15.015 The Chairman had nothing additional to report at this stage.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

15.016 Noted that although the East Herts Council Returning Officer had advised that postal applications for parish councillor were allowed, it turned out that this was not the case and a parish councillor had been denied a place because of this ill advice. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the voting procedure and the advice received. Following discussion, it was agreed not to request an increase in parish councillor places from 6 to 7, and to keep the number as 6.

FINANCE**15.017 Finance Report and payments for approval**

The finance report was noted and the cheques before Council were signed at the end of the meeting. The list of payments is an appendix to these minutes.

15.018 Litter Picker

Noted that the clerk had overpaid the litter picker by £5 a month and this overpayment would be discussed at the next parish council meeting. Noted that no invoices had been received from the litter picker and Jim Egginton would discuss this with the litter picker.

15.019 Bank Mandate

The bank mandate needed additions and agreed clerk could contact councillors outside the meeting and obtain their bank mandate application forms.

15.020 Budget

The agreed budget for year 2015-2016 was given to councillors.

15.021 Audit

The Internal Auditor had agreed the audit and the annual return and the governance declaration were signed. The internal auditor would be submitting a report.

15.022 Village Hall notice board

Clerk to ask Bob Vincent for an update on delivery.

15.023 Clerk

Resolved: That the clerk's hours be increased from 2 hours per week to 3 hours per week from 1 June 2015.

PLANNING**15.024 Current planning applications**

There were no new planning applications for Ardeley. The planning list was before the meeting and noted.

15.025 3/14/2142/CM – Buttermilk Hall Farm, Baldock Road, Cottered, Hertfordshire

This application has been called in by Hertfordshire County Council and all comments and submissions are being considered.

15.026 – 3/14/2200/OP –Froghall Lane, Walkern

A letter had been sent pointing out traffic concerns relating to the increase of vehicles on the B1037.

15.027 District and Neighbourhood Plans

No further update

HIGHWAYS**15.028 – Cromer B1037 – Contaminated Water**

Cllr Ken Crofton had received an update from Ringways. The B1037 road will need to be closed for this and a number of other complaints so that the drain problem can be resolved. This is on the list for repair.

15.029 DriveSafe Update

Cllr Andrew Cannon reported a further session had been held two weeks ago, three letters had been sent out. A Code of Ethics training had been held in Welwyn Garden City.

RIVERS AND WATERCOURSES**15.030 Ardeley Brook and River Beane**

HCC Environmental Resources had met with the Chairman and the Clerk at Cromer bridge, and walked up C14 to assess the river. HCC have undertaken to ascertain land ownership in the area and from that outcome will determine responsibilities. HCC have said they will report back within a few weeks.

DEFIBRILLATOR AND TELEPHONE KIOSK

15.031 The defibrillator had been delivered, the cabinet was awaited.

Resolved: That £80 be authorised to pay for fitting electrical connections to the defibrillator cabinet.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

15.032 The cradle swing had been repaired. There were no more repairs currently needed to play equipment.

HAPTC

15.033 Agreed to put membership of HAPTC on the July agenda for discussion.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk's report is an appendix to these minutes.

15.034 Roadworks Lites Farm Road, Wood End

County Cllr Ken Crofton had circulated a letter from Eurovia regarding roadworks which had been scheduled a number of times and constantly postponed. Agreed Clerk to write to Ringways protesting about the number of times the work had been rescheduled.

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15.035 Ardeley School

Agreed to let Jane Shaw, Chair of Governors, know that the Council supported the proposed changes to Ardeley School and had no comment to make.

15.036 Mobile Library

Agreed to sign the petition opposing the decommissioning of the Mobile Library Service, and also to ask Oliver Heald, MP to support the protest.

URGENT MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed _____

Date _____