

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Pavilion on 8th March 2018

Present. Mr K Hornett (Chairman), Mr G Elder, Mr I Armstrong & Mrs W Roderick.

1. Apologies. Mrs B Spensley

2. Declarations of Interest. None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2018. Confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Village sign. Little progress. Clerk to contact Mr Hewitt offering help if needed.

4.2 Bracted Bulletin. A volunteer had come forward to take over the editor's role but this hadn't materialised but Mrs Spensley and Mrs Armstrong had volunteered to take over. In the meantime a short electronic version would go out in March.

5. Police/Neighbourhood Watch Report. No incidents reported. No community speedwatch. Volunteers still required.

6. Finance.

6.1. Council agreed payment of £95.60p for Clerk's salary & expenses for Jan/Feb.

6.2 Council agreed payment of £377.49p to Glasdon UK for waste bin and dog waste bin.

6.3 Council agreed payment of £35.80p to HMRC for Clerk's PAYE

6.4 Council agreed payment of £162.42p to Danbury Fencing for Gate Post.

6.5 Council agreed donation of £500.00p to All Saints Church for the upkeep of the churchyard.

6.6 Council agreed payment of £70.00p to Pavilion Management Committee for Hire of Hall for meetings.

6.7 Council agreed payment of £216.00p to Riverside Building supplies for Oak wood for the renovation of the pump.

7. Planning. No new applications.

8. Highways. Repairs had been carried out along Tiptree Rd & Bracted Lane. Bracted Park Road yet to be completed. Water on Tiptree Road had been reported by Mr Grainger with little response from Highways. The Clerk would follow this up with Mr Simmons..

9. Correspondence. The Clerk had received information regarding the new Data Protection Regulations which were coming into force on 28th May 2018. The Clerk tabled a brief resume of the changes and it was agreed to consult with the neighbouring villages regarding the role of the Data Protection Officer and agreed to fund the costs of the Clerk to attend any training courses to aid our compliance.

10. Village Improvements.

10.1. Outdoor Fitness Equipment. A working party had looked at equipment in Rayne and were looking at pieces suitable for all ages 12 to 70. Estimates were now being sought and Mr Joyce was seeking a grant. Mr Hornett explained the profits from the Fete, Quiz and Gazebo hire would be put into a community fund to help finance the project. The Parish Council would purchase the equipment when funding was available.

10.2. Pump. Nearly finished and pump now working, Mr Hornett expressed his thanks to Mr Peck for the wonderful restoration, and to Mr Grainger and Mr Armstrong for their assistance. The area had now been concreted and posts restored. Members discussed a suitable brass plaque to commemorate the renovation. Mr Grainger agreed to speak to Mr Peck about suitable wording.

11. AOB.

11.1 It was agreed to hold the Annual Clean Up on Saturday March 24th. The Clerk would contact Maldon DC to make arrangements for litter pickers and bags.

11.2 Discussion took place regarding the parked cars in front of High Ridge. It was noted that Moat Housing maintain the grass but it was not known who owned the land. The Clerk would investigate the matter.

11.3 The Council was sorry to hear that there was still a problem with dog mess on the field. The Clerk reported that the new bin was now in use on Tiptree Road and the bin at the Cricket Pavilion would be replaced.

12. Date of Next Meetings: The following dates were agreed: - May 10th 2018; July 5th 2018; September 6th 2018; November 8th 2018; January 10th 2019; March 7th 2019.