

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

NOTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 14th April 2016
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Michael Lenihan

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given by Cllr Jan Butcher & Cllr Robin Deacon

There not being sufficient members present, the meeting was declared inquorate. Matters were discussed but no decisions made by the Parish Council.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

No approaches had yet been received but further enquiries were being conducted.

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th February 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last meeting

Bus shelter roof

Should be completed within the next two weeks.

Dog stencils

The paint is still awaited. Clerk said he would chase.

Dog bin Main Road

D/Cllr Page reported that Claybrooke Parva were not willing to share the cost. Awaiting further details of the cost of a licence from HDC.

Grasscutting

A volunteer (Mr Matt Osborn) had already cut the grass twice. The Chairman had suggested a yearly fee of £500. This to be agreed by the PC at the next meeting.

Litter pick 5 March

This had taken place and was successful.

Accidents on the A5

Cllr Page offered to remind Stuart Bullen of LCC that he had been invited to attend a PC

meeting.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor See Magna Park, below.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Cllr Lenihan had been asked by a resident whether the Parish Council was organizing an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. He was advised that nothing had been planned but that neighbouring parishes were arranging beacon lighting etc events.

Finance

Accounts for Payment:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Lenihan that the following accounts be approved:

Clerk's Salary/Expenses: £322.44

RCC Subscription 2016/7 - £50 (retrospective authority)

Claybrooke Burial Board- precept 2016/7 : £342.00

LRALC Subscription : £182.54

A letter from the Village Hall Committee had been received requesting funding for repairs to the Hall. Deferred until next meeting as the meeting was inquorate.

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 112% of its Precept in the last financial year. This was noted and would be discussed further next month as part of the Annual Accounts.

Annual Return 2015/6:

The Auditors had sent the annual return for completion. The Annual Governance Statement was produced by the Clerk and the form was duly completed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

No new planning applications.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Magna Park – Community Liaison Group/ forthcoming applications

Cllr Page informed the meeting that if it was prepared to donate funds to the Magna Park protest group, the process had to be fully minuted as a Section 137 expenditure and approved by a show of hands, and the cheque should not be made out to a person or to an inappropriate bank account.

Cllr Page suggested that the Council appoint a person to attend the Magna Park Liaison Committee set up by Gazeley as it would be a useful platform to put forward the Parish Council's views.

Cllr Lenihan reported that he attended the MP Community Fund Meeting at Gazeley. D/Cllr Page advised that the remaining two applications would probably go to Committee in July.

Ombudsman – Claybrooke SRV status

Cllr Lenihan had received replies from the Ombudsman stating they were unable to help.

The SRV status had not yet been decided by HDC and they cannot act until it has; the PC or individuals would then have to restart the process from the beginning. Cllr Lenihan was of a mind to contact the Planning Committee members direct in the meantime.

Local Govt Boundary Commission

The decisions as to the County ward boundaries did not reveal any changes of note. There was a new consultation regarding the ward boundaries in Harborough District, but Cllr Page advised that radical new changes were unlikely.

Proposed new PC Website

There was to be a new revised website set up for the villages in September. The Chairman had examined the proposals and although it was expensive there would be a discount for Parish Councils. Matter deferred for further discussion in May.

Village Tree survey

A letter had been received from a tree surgeon had proposing that he set up a monitoring system to advise on the state of the trees under the Council's control. These would be in the playground and on the village green. The matter was deferred until the next meeting with a suggestion that a village walk be undertaken to determine any problems and risks that the PC should address.

Correspondence The Clerk produced items of correspondence, some of which were distributed amongst members.

Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that there would be a Country and Western Night on 22nd April. The Police and County Commissioner elections would be held in the Hall on 5th May and the European Referendum on the 23rd June.

Village Hall

Cllr Lenihan advised members that Mr Eric Garnett was drawing up plans for the refurbishment of the area at the rear of the Hall.

Playground

This had recently been mowed but the bark infill had still to be renewed.

Any Other Business

The Skateboard Park event dates for 2016 were now set but it may be that the number of events will be reduced by one to five.

Cllr Lenihan had been investigating the possibility of obtaining decorative road signs on the approaches to the village. Deferred to next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 12th May 2016 (AGM)

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

