

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 12th May 2016
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Michael Lenihan
Cllr Robin Deacon

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given by Cllr Jan Butcher and Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Members have made approaches to a possible candidate and are awaiting a response.

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

Minutes/Notes of the Last Meeting, held on 14th April 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last Meeting:

Dog paint/Stencils

The Clerk has been experiencing delays in ordering the paint, but will try again. Information has been obtained from Lutterworth TC regarding their recent anti-dog fouling campaign and certain ideas will be pursued, e.g. "glow in the dark" signs etc. The Chairman will look at the website and the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Dog bin – Main Road

Members agreed not to proceed with this project.

Grasscutting

The Chairman had approached Mr Matt Osborn and had proposed the sum of £500 for mowing the grass for a season. This fee was agreed by members. Cllr Lenihan said that the green bin used by the Village Hall can be used for mowings.

Accidents – A5

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Deacon had attended a meeting with Mr Stuart Bullen of LCC and Mr Hugh Robertson Smith of Ullesthorpe, regarding a recent spate of accidents on the A5 locally.

Mr Bullen explained that LCC had no contact with Highways England who have exclusive

responsibility for main highways. Statistics regarding accidents on the main highway or within 50m of any junctions adjoining that highway are taken and recorded only by Highways England. The Police, who do take statistics, are obliged to give these to H.E. and Mr Bullen will explore ways in which LCC can gain access to those figures.

Village Road signs

Cllr Lenihan produced draft drawings of possible village name plates, both as a single signpost on the Village Green and also as name signs on the approaches to the village. The single signpost would cost in the region of £4000 and the nameplates approximately £2700 for three. The meeting decided that it would prefer name signs at the entrances to the Village and Cllr Lenihan agreed to make further enquiries.

Skateboard Park

Cllr Lenihan had obtained a quotation of £145 for a banner with a re-usable date panel to advertise the Skateboard events. This was agreed and Cllr Lenihan would go ahead and order it.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor

Cllr Page not present.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Cllr Lenihan reported that residents of Woodlands Avenue wished to organize a street party in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. The PC had no objection but the matter would have to be approved by HDC.

Finance

Accounts for Payment:

It was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Cllr Deacon and agreed that the following accounts be approved:

Request for funding for repairs to Village hall £2114

Insurance – Annual Premium (5 year contract) £624.03

HMRC - Clerk's Income Tax £55.00

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 9% of its Precept in the current financial year. This was noted.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

16/00559/FUL Land Adj Seleta, Bell Street – erection of four dwellings.

The Council noted that the Vineyard width had increased since the previous application, giving sufficiently wide access to vehicles. The site would be excavated to a greater extent than before, but this issue would have to be monitored closely. The knotweed problem is still an issue. The PC would make the appropriate comments to HDC.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Magna Park - Liaison Committee

The Chairman attended the inaugural meeting of this committee but at this stage was unsure of its long term usefulness as a body to reflect the views of the community.

Claybrooke SRV Status

Cllr Lenihan will write further to the Chairman of HDC to progress the Parish Council's issues.

New Parish Website

It was decided to join the new website being proposed. The Clerk will consult further with the Chairman regarding further steps to be taken.

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

Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that a Beetle Drive would be held in the Hall shortly.

Village Hall

Cllr Lenihan advised members that the plans for the refurbishment of the area at the back of the Hall had been prepared and quotes were being obtained for the work. The final painting was to start soon and the Parish Council had today granted funding for the work.

Playground

Cllr Deacon will progress the replacement of the bark infill. The Clerk would enquire about the annual inspection of the Playground.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 14th July 2016

The meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.