

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 8th September 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

Matter deferred until next meeting.

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

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

Matters Arising from the last meeting

Dog posters

These had been ordered and would be sent on payment of the invoice.

Village Road Signs

Cllr Lenihan had obtained drawings and quotes for the designs. He will apply to the Magna Park Fund for a possible contribution towards the cost. The Clerk advised that the designs must be submitted to Highways for approval but planning permission was not required.

Skateboard Park 2017

Suggestions had been made that because of the low attendance figures it may be prudent not to hold the event in 2017, but Cllr Lenihan felt that it was a worthwhile community facility and should be continued. Members agreed to hold the event again next year.

Assistance had been offered by Jo-Ann Allcoat, a resident, to advertise the event on social media and in other outlets.

Vineyard

Highways had written to the owners of the overhanging trees to ask them to trim them back. Deferred until next meeting.

New website

The old Parish Council website had now been closed down. Members considered that the new website was an expensive option although the Parish Council had felt there were few alternatives on offer. No approach had yet been made regarding training etc on the new system. The Chairman offered to make enquiries about the system and how it came to be adopted.

Speed camera

Deferred until next meeting.

Hedge trimming – Green

This had been carried out.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor

Cllr Page not present.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Cllr Deacon had been asked by a resident dog walker if a dog bin could be provided at the entrance to the footpath where it emerges from the Woodyard. Clerk to ask HDC for prices and availability of providing two new bins, the second one to be placed in Bell Street. Also to ascertain how many dog bins the Council currently owns.

Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

HMRC Clerk Tax: £55.00

Ladywell Accountancy Services 2016/7: £28.00

Keep Britain Tidy - Dog Fouling Signs £300

HDC Playground Inspection : £75

Mr Ian Hollingworth : hedge and tree cutting: £200.00

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 64% of its Precept in the current financial year. This was noted.

Audit 2015/16

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Council's Accounts for the year 2015/6 had now been concluded and approved without comment by the Auditors. The Notice of Conclusion would now be displayed on the notice board.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

There were no new applications.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Claybrooke SRV Status

A reply to the Council's concerns had been received from HDC (Mr S Pointer) proposing a change in the criteria of distances for travel to various facilities (eg schools) in order to determine the SRV status of villages, from 800 m to 1km. A discussion arose as to how the Council should respond and the Chairman offered to draft a piece for the local newspaper.

Magna Park

Nothing to report at the present time.

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

The Clerk referred to a letter from the Fire Service inviting Parish Councils to appoint a "Fire Ambassador" to act as liaison between the community and the Service. Deferred to next meeting.

Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that there would be a Race Night on 9th September.

Village Hall

Cllr Lenihan advised members that grants were being sought for the refurbishment work at the rear of the hall.

A suggestion by Cllr Butcher that Parva be approached with a view to their contributing towards the cost of maintenance of the Village Hall, was deferred until next month.

Playground

The Inspection report had been received and circulated. It was deemed to be a good report but with some remedial action to be taken . Cllr Deacon will order more bark infill and attend to the weed control and replacement of the gatepost.

The Chairman reported that the person carrying out the grasscutting had sometimes found difficulty in accessing the mower or that it was without fuel. This will be monitored.

Any Other Business

The Chairman will investigate the broken fencing in the National Grid equipment opposite his house (see Minutes, August 2016)

Date of next meeting: 13th October 2016

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.