

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 13th October 2016
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Robin Deacon, Vice Chairman
Cllr Michael Lenihan
Cllr Jan Butcher

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Mrs Jo-Ann Allcoat, Resident

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

2. Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

3. Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Mrs Jo-Ann Allcoat, a resident of Claybrooke Magna, indicated that she would be willing to serve as a Parish Councillor. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and agreed unanimously that Mrs Allcoat be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy on the Council. Mrs Allcoat signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and the Clerk asked her to complete a Register of Members' Interests form. The Clerk will inform HDC of the filling of the vacancy.

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2016. The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 13th October 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Dog Posters

The Posters had been received and Cllr Allcoat produced one to show to members. Various methods of fixing the signs were discussed and they will be erected shortly.

Dog bins

The Clerk is awaiting further information from HDC as to the costs of installing two new bins.

Village Name signs

LCC had made comments regarding the wording and type size of the proposed signs. Three would be required and Cllr Deacon will apply to the Magna Park Community Fund for a possible grant towards the cost, before the PC decides whether to go ahead.

Vineyard hedges

These had now been cut back following a request by LCC to the owner.

New Website

2Commune had stated that the new website was ready for commissioning and that training was now to be given. Clerk to enquire further about the methods of training.

Speed cameras

The Chairman would look into the various schemes available.

Fire Ambassadors

Cllr Butcher volunteered to put her name forward as a contact. The Clerk will notify the Fire Authorities.

Broken fencing in National Grid property-Main Rd

The Chairman had been in touch with the authorities responsible for the installation who would look into the matter and seek to repair the fencing/gate.

7.Matters raised by District/County Councillor

D/Cllr Page raised two matters:

1. There had been reports of persons visiting homes to speak to householders regarding energy consumption at their premises. Residents were concerned about the identity of these persons owing to the insistent manner of their enquiries but Cllr Page had ascertained that they were genuine and employed by HDC.
2. Claybrooke SRV Status.
Members of the PC had been invited to address the meeting of HDC's local Advisory Panel at its meeting on 17th October regarding their concerns over the procedures adopted by HDC in changing the criteria needed for a village to be declared a Selected Rural Village. Members discussed the various questions to be asked and the strategy to be employed.
Cllr Butcher would summarise in writing the various points to be made before the meeting. Cllrs Lenihan, Butcher and Allcoat indicated their willingness to attend and the Chairman and Cllr Deacon would attend if commitments allowed.
Cllr Page advised the Parish Council to consider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan if it becomes likely that development will be applied for on land in the Village. The Clerk would enquire of Mr Matthew Bills at HDC whether, if the Parish Council registered an interest, there would be advisory help and/or financial assistance available.

8.Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

The Chairman will enquire as to whether anyone in the Village would be willing to take over the grasscutting after the end of this season if, as expected, the resident who currently cuts the grass is intending to retire.

9.Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerk's Salary & expenses £290.51
Blaby DC – Mobile Skateboard hire 2016 - £1270.08
HDC – emptying of dog and litter bins - £88.59

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 71% of its Precept in the current financial year. This was noted.

10.Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

16/01453/NMA – Seleta, Bell Street – Addition of second floor to dwellings 1&4 and addition of three skylights

The Parish Council resolved to oppose the latest amendment which raises the roof level of the proposed properties.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Claybrooke SRV status

This matter had been dealt with (above – Item 7)

Magna Park

D/Cllr Page was of the opinion that the two outstanding applications would not be heard before the summer of 2017.

The Chairman had attended the Community Liaison Group which discussed various routine matters but nothing substantial was agreed.

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

12.Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that there would be a film about railways on the 11th November and a return of the Party Animals on 19th November.

13.Village Hall

Cllr Butcher considered that Claybrooke Parva PC, whose residents shared the facility of the hall, could be asked if they would like to contribute to the running of the hall due to its high costs of refurbishment etc. The Clerk would get in touch with them.

Cllr Lenihan was applying for grants from various sources to fund further works to the Hall.

14.Playground

Cllr Deacon reported that work to replace the bark etc is continuing

15. Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman would present the wreath as normal.

16. Any Other Business

Telephone Box

The Clerk had circulated an email from HDC regarding the telephone box in the Village which had not been used at all for 12 months and hence was the subject of a 90 day consultation as to its future use. The PC could purchase it for £1 and put it to alternative uses. As this was not a traditional red box, Cllr Lenihan was of the opinion that it could be replaced with a red box and that box could be re-used as above. Clerk to enquire further.

17. Date of next meeting: 10th November 2016

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.