

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 8th December 2016
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nick Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Robin Deacon, Vice Chairman
Cllr Michael Lenihan
Cllr Jan Butcher
Cllr Jo-Ann Allcoat

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Rachel Holloway, Leader of "Monument at C.O.R.E."

Di Jones, observer

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 19th November 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last meeting

Dog fouling

Cllr Lenihan produced the posters and would now proceed to display them.

Village Nameplates

A grant of £500 towards the approximate £2,700 total cost for three plates had been obtained from the Magna Park Fund. Highways permission will have to be sought. Cllr Lenihan will liaise with Highways.

New website

The Clerk had had an initial telephone meeting with 2Commune who had explained the basic features of the new website and provided a manual. Further training would be given in the new year.

Speed cameras/speeding in the village

Highways were reluctant to provide any physical obstructions to slow down the traffic as there was no street lighting along that stretch of road.

Clerk to respond and ask if the road itself could be marked with chevrons and speed limits.

Grasscutting 2017

The Chairman had identified a possible volunteer but it was not certain he would be willing to take on the task, and members were asked to see if they could identify other persons willing to take on the grasscutting.

Telephone box

The matter is now in the hands of BT as to when the PC can take ownership.

Community Safety Survey/Plan

Cllr Butcher had replied to the survey and indicated the Council's priorities.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor

Cllr Page raised the following items, which would be expanded in a forthcoming newsletter:

Boundary Commission – the PC was urged to respond to its proposals.

Green Waste collections now stopped but a free disposal of Christmas trees would be offered to paying customers.

High Speed Broadband was now connected to most villages.

Fly Tipping was being addressed robustly and some villages were purchasing their own cameras.

Future of Fielding Palmer Hospital - a consultation was due to be issued shortly.

Budget – a council tax rise was expected in 2017/8.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Cllr Butcher had been approached by a resident asking for a dog bin to be installed along the main road between Magna and Parva. It was decided to defer consideration pending the results of the poster campaign.

Finance

Accounts for Payment:

There were no accounts to be paid.

Mandates –

The Clerk will obtain forms from the bank.

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 93% of its Precept in the current financial year. This was noted.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

16/01752/FUL : Hollens, 3 Holly Tree Walk – erection of extension over garage

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Claybrooke SRV status

Cllr Butcher had been carrying out further research and had been advised that a legal opinion would be one way of ascertaining whether or not the PC had a case to put forward. This may cost up to £2000. Further details and information would be sought by Cllr Butcher but the general feeling of members was that this should be pursued in any event. Matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plans

A general discussion ensued as to the merits or otherwise of pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan. No decision was made but the matter would be discussed further when the outcome of the SRV situation is known.

Correspondence The Clerk produced items of correspondence.

Boundary Commission proposals

The Parish Council had responded to the proposals of the Boundary Commission, seeking to ensure that at least parts of the South Leicestershire Constituency remain within the County Boundary.

Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that there would be a Magical Christmas Tree event in the Hall on Saturday 10th December.

Christmas tree on Green

Matter to be put on the May agenda with a view to a tree being provided in 2017.

Village Hall

Claybrooke Parva PC had indicated that they would be unwilling to contribute to the costs of the Village Hall in Magna.

Cllr Lenihan reported that he had applied for a grant to HDC in respect of the work at the back of the Hall and a decision would be given in February. An inspection had revealed that it was necessary to improve the ventilation of the gas installation.

High Cross Monument

Rachel Holloway, Chair and leader of Monument at the Centre of Roman England, spoke about the efforts to restore and refurbish the Monument in Bumble Bee Lane and erect a seat, litter bin and Information Board on land which is within the confines of the Monument site, but within the parish boundary of Claybrooke Magna. There was a need for these three items to be insured and the request was that CPMC include them on its parish insurance policy even though it did not own the items. Permission had been given by Highways to erect the items and all legal fees had been paid. Clerk to make enquiries of the Insurance Company and the matter would be discussed at the January meeting following which Rachel would be informed of the outcome.

Emergency Plan – Update Copies of the updated plan were distributed to members. Matter to be put on the Agenda every year.

Playground

Some of the bark had been laid but there was a need for more. The gate would also be

repaired shortly.

Any Other Business

There were no items of other business.

Date of Next Meeting : 12 January 2016

The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.