

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 12th January 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Michael Lenihan
Cllr Jan Butcher
Cllr Jo-Ann Allcoat

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given by Cllr Robin Deacon and Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor.

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 8th December 2016, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last meeting

Village Nameplates

Cllr Lenihan reported that LCC had a few minor issues with the format of the proposed nameplates, which has resulted in slightly larger nameplates with bigger posts being required. This in turn has meant a revised quotation of £3,000 (for which a grant of £500 has been approved by the Magna Park Fund)

Website

The Clerk will contact 2Commune in the near future for training.

Speed Cameras/warning signs

Highways have offered to instal "dragon's teeth" markings on the road approaching Magna on High Cross Road from the A5. Members agreed to accept this offer but also to ask if anything can be done to calm traffic on the main road between the two Villages. Clerk to contact Highways.

Grasscutting 2017

It was agreed to put a notice in the Church Newsletter and also on the Noticeboard in an effort to attract a volunteer to take on the task of grasscutting. The Clerk will also contact CGD Contractors who had approached the Parish Council for landscaping and grasscutting services, and ask for a quotation. Cllr Allcoat volunteered to meet them and indicate what was required.

Dog fouling posters – update

Cllr Lenihan has put up 6 notices but it was too early to say if there had been any

reaction.

High Cross Monument

The Parish Council's Insurance Company had indicated that they would only cover the items if the PC itself assumes responsibility for them and ensures that there is an appropriate risk assessment in place with records kept. The Parish Council considered that this may be problematic but to approach CORE to see if any other arrangement could be made. Clerk to contact CORE.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor

No matters raised.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Cllr Lenihan had received complaints of litter in the Village and suggested that a Litter Pick be held. This was agreed and a date of 4th March at 10.30 am was set. Clerk to contact HDC to arrange.

Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerk's Salary & expenses – Oct- Dec 2016: £298.71

Monthly Budget Report

The Parish Council had spent approximately 99% of its Precept in the current financial year. Offsetting expenditure with the Skateboard Grant and VAT refund, the PC would end the year with approximately 100% spend. This was noted.

Mandates

The Clerk had obtained forms from the bank in order to bring the signatories to the PC accounts up to date. It was agreed that the authorised signatories in the current mandate (Cllrs Reseigh, Lenihan and Deacon and the Clerk) be changed by the addition of Cllrs Butcher and Allcoat and that ex-cllrs Fowler and Howard be removed, and the current mandate will continue as amended.

Parish Precept 2017/8

The Precept for 2017/8 was set at £8,879 and the Clerk's salary will be increased to £1,150 p.a. with effect from 1st April 2017. A notice will be placed in the Church newsletter informing residents that the Precept will remain unchanged at 2016/7 levels.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications

There were no new applications.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Claybrooke SRV status

Cllr Butcher had put together a summary of the Parish Council's arguments against

Statutory Rural Village status which was being proposed by HDC. This summary was to be sent to selected barristers in order to obtain an opinion as to the next steps to be taken by the PC, and to ascertain a cost for this service. Various documents were being collated and would be sent to the chosen barrister, to be determined by the PC. The cost is estimated to be approximately £1500.

Neighbourhood Plans

No further action was envisaged at the present time.

Correspondence

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

Parish Events

Cllr Lenihan informed members that there were no events being planned for the near future. Attendance at village hall events during the last year had been disappointing and this was being assessed.

Village Hall

Cllr Lenihan reported that grants were being sought for the work at the rear of the hall. HDC would make a decision in January and seven or eight other charities were being approached. Cllr Allcoat suggested that Cllr Lenihan include the Co-operative Community Dividend Award and this will be followed up.

Playground

Cllr Deacon will order some additional bark and arrange for the repair of the gatepost.

Any Other Business

The Chairman said he wished to be relieved of his responsibility for keeping the notice board up to date. Cllr Lenihan agreed to take over responsibility. It was noted that the Notice Board is showing its age and should be replaced at some time.

The Chairman also observed that the pavement between Parva and Magna had received some attention by HDC, and he had been informed that this had been done at the request of Claybrooke Parva PC. He felt that it would be beneficial for both PCs to exchange copies of their minutes on an informal basis, in order that both councils could be made aware of happenings in the vicinity. This was agreed.

Date of next meeting: 9th February 2017

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.