

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 11th May 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Mr Brian Fowler and Mrs Margaret Milnes, Residents

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

Disclosure of personal interests. There were no disclosures.

Minutes of the last meeting,

As the meeting due to be held on 13th April was inquorate, there were no minutes.

Matters Arising from the last meeting

Parish Council Website

The website is now live with agendas, minutes and other news items added. The Chairman said he would take photographs of members to put on the site.

Mr Brian Fowler requested that a link be put on to the Parish Newsletter website.

Resurfacing of Laurel Fields

It was decided to await further developments and/or requests from the residents.

Dog Warden Patrols

The dog warden has been patrolling streets in the village and has put up notices, although it was considered that these were too small.

Village Newsletter

Cllr Allcoat had produced a newsletter which had been despatched to all residents and has been put on the website. This was favourably received by residents and Cllr Allcoat was congratulated on her hard work. It was hoped that as and when necessary the exercise will be repeated.

Skateboard Park 2017

Dates had been agreed for 8th and 27th July and the 10th and 22nd August. Posters/flyers will be produced.

Village Signs

The new village signs had now been erected and had been well received. Highways had however commented that they had had an issue with the spacing of the words.

Matters raised by District/County Councillor

D/Cllr Page suggested that the Village Hall Committee apply to the Community Fund for grant aid for work on the Hall, and that the playground was also eligible.

Matters raised by Residents, at Chairman's discretion

Clr Butcher had photographed an HGV about to enter a weight limited road off the A5. The weight limit on this road was 7.5 tons and this vehicle appeared to exceed the limit. The Clerk had sent copies to LCC Highways but Cllr Butcher would also report it to the appropriate authorities.

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 Jan – March 2017 : £323.07

RCC Annual Subscription : £50

Claybrooke Joint Burial Board – Precept 2017-8 : £342

Cllr Allcoat: cost of distributing the Newsletter via the Swift Flash : £33.66

Signs of the Times Ltd: Village Name Signs : £3,600

Signs of the Times : balance of invoice - £72.00

NALC/LRALC Subscription: £196.03

British Legion – Poppy wreath 2016 - £20

Griffindale printers – printing of flyer : £19.00

Clerk's Income Tax – HMRC - £57.40

CPA Horticulture – Playground bark : £199.00

Andrew Latham – grasscutting - £140.00

Cllr R Deacon – purchase of items to repair play equipment: £42.30

Monthly Budget Report:

The Parish Council had spent approximately 55% of its Precept in the current financial year. This was due to the purchase of the new nameplates for the village. This was noted.

Bank Mandates

These had now been submitted to the bank, giving all current members plus the Clerk authority to sign cheques.

Audit

The Annual return for 2016/7 had now been completed by the Internal Auditor. Section two was signed by the Chairman.

Planning

New/Unresolved Planning Applications (all papers in circulation)

17/00511/FUL – 3 Woodland Avenue – demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey extension.

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

17/00561/FUL – 2 Holly Tree Walk – erection of first floor side extension

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

17/00589/FUL – The Cart House, Manor Road – erection of single storey side extension, balcony and rooflights

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

17/00593/FUL – erection of 38 houses etc, land west of Main Road (including Sec 106 proposals)

The Parish Council intended to object to this application, and a draft of the objection was now being prepared. To date there had been over 35 other objections submitted by residents but Cllr Butcher said that it was important that more individuals submit their own comments. It was intended that the Parish Council would seek leave to speak at the Committee.

As far as the Section 106 submission was concerned there was a submission of £500 for repairs and maintenance to the playground for restoration and repair and £300 for a brush cutter to carry out maintenance to the playground, together with a requirement of funds by the Village Hall for repairs and maintenance.

Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

Claybrooke SRV status – local plan – School traffic survey

The Survey has been carried out and its results incorporated into the submission in respect of the above application (17/00593/FUL)

Correspondence The Clerk produced items of correspondence, some of which were distributed amongst members. A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee asking for £2,000 in respect of urgent repairs to, or replacement of the rear wall . This was approved (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Deacon)

Village Hall

Cllr Lenihan advised members that the overall costs of the repairs to the back of the Hall would be £8800, of which grants had been promised by HDC and other bodies to cover the whole costs. Work had already started and the wall demolished.

Playground

The bark had been laid and the gate fixed. Cllr Deacon reported that there were overgrown weeds in a part of the playground, and Andy Latham would be asked to clear this. Cllr Deacon also asked whether the mowing from the playground could be put into the Hall's green bin, and this was agreed.

The memorial bench in the playground which had been donated by the Woodyard now needs replacing and Cllr Lenihan will approach the woodyard to ask if they would replace it.

Christmas Tree on Green

Cllr Deacon suggested that the existing tree on the Green be decorated at Christmas and this was agreed. Deferred to next meeting.

Any Other Business

Cllr Deacon reported upon his attendance at the Claybrooke Parva meeting the previous evening which he had attended.

The Chairman suggested that litter grabbers be made available for dogwalkers who expressed an interest in collecting litter as they walked their dog, Deferred to next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 13th July 2017

The meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.