

WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016 at The Institute

Present: David Webster (Chair), Sarah Sharp, Avril Lane, Sydd Perry, Chris Wade, Julia Hamby (Parish Clerk), 8 Parishioners

1 **Apologies** – none

2 **Minutes of the last meeting – these had been circulated prior to all Councillors following the last meeting.** Item 3g should have read SP and not SS, this was noted. The minutes were then accepted as a true record by those present and duly signed by the Chairman

3 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

- a) All files now back on the village website, JH should be able to upload new files now
- b) Dog bin at Holly Hill, request for some sort of step or steps as it is quite difficult to reach from the road
- c) Pear Tree Farm – Section 215 notice served, nothing has happened since then re tidying up the site, DW to chase this **Action: DW**
- d) Playing Field – see later report
- e) Footpath across the fields to William Webster's pond, a strip has been left that defines the footpath since the fields were ploughed
- f) Quarry Liaison Report from last meeting – since then NYCC have said that Oakwood will probably be discounted
- g) County Councillor Locality Budget Grants – suggestion of a history walk around Well by Jean Skinner, Jean asked to put a proposal together with costs that can be considered. Although the Bravender's have been working on something for the church they are happy to share any information relating to that research, but don't want to extend it beyond that.
Other suggestions were larger 30 signs from Jean Kitching and larger village name signs as the present ones are rather insignificant. JH had checked with NYCC Highways and no planning would be required unless there was a significant alteration in size
A further round of funding after this one expires on 31st March, so may have to put any bids into that one
- h) Roads around Langwith – SS had tried to contact Mr Ambrose Almack several times but couldn't find him in, they have since cleared somewhat

4 **Finance**

No change to the balance - £4734.73 which included the £4144.68 unspent money from the Playing Field. JH had identified that there was a discrepancy of £140.80 between the balance sheet and a recent bank statement, she would need to go back through the accounts and check each item, however this amount was exactly the same as an item of VAT earlier in the year **Action: JH**

5 **Correspondence**

Most correspondence received by email and circulated to Councillors between meetings, other items were: Clerks & Councils Magazine

Letter sent to NYCC commenting on Minerals and Waste Joint Plan on behalf of the village

Parish Precepts letter with info on proposed figures, JH had confirmed no change to the amount we require for 2016/2017

HDC Update Magazine

Big Lottery Fund had asked for some information on the grant for the playing field which JH had supplied, this was satisfactory and now finalises that paperwork

Waste Recycling and Collection Policy – final document

6 Planning

Well Hall Farm Application – this had been received and circulated to Councillors who all found it difficult to comment as not enough information sent out, plus there were some anomalies on the application and plans only A4 so difficult to read, so had therefore not approved. DW had suggested that this go to Planning Committee. A letter regarding the application was read out by the Clerk

Police Crime Report received by email and copies circulated to the meeting, Well was mentioned again – incident of threats between a customer and a local business taken out of context, case now closed

7 Playing Field Report

Helen Kitching and Angela Newton present, Angela gave a report to the meeting as follows:

The grass was last cut on 14th November, and cutting will start again in April and be done twice a month over the summer and end in October

Prickle strips to go up on the top of the fencing bordering the Musgrave's in the near future before the field comes back into more frequent use

No dogs sign now up, although some damage to it as soon as it went up

Committee – currently Helen and Angela, Karen Thompson agreed to join. A note to go in the Parish Magazine asking if anyone else would like to be involved

Thinking of doing a sports day, Easter egg hunt, circuit training etc to try and get as much use of possible out of the facility

Looking at getting more seats – money from the PC/grants residue

Carrying out weekly checks of the equipment to ensure that it is still safe and keeping a written record.

Getting quotes for quarterly and annual checks. DW suggested approaching Tanfield PC via Alison Carter

Approached Nevill's Trust for financial help with annual costs – grass cutting, insurance, inspections

DW congratulated them on approaching the Trust

SP queried the number on the committee, need a minimum of 3, 2 to sign cheques

SP also queried insurance costs which were explained. PFA paid around £450 to cover the equipment, this included some PL insurance, however, the PC as the leaseholder had increased their PL insurance to £10 million as per the requirement of the lease and this insurance also covered the fencing at no extra cost

SS suggested possibly a BBQ and maybe something to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday, the Big Tea Party on The Mall in London is on Sunday 12th June, so could be at the same time

8 Any Other Business

a) JS mentioned that Ruth Graham and herself were organising a litter pick in March, JH said she could put this out on the village email when a date was agreed

b) Footpath through Well Hall Farm Yard mentioned. Agreed to ask NYCC where this actually is supposed to be. Some parts of the yard marked out as a designated pedestrian area, but not all, no other clear walking routes

Action: JH

9 Dates of next meetings – Monday 11th April, Monday 9th May (AGM and AVM), Monday 13th June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed:

Position:

Date: