

Burton- Upon- Stather Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2018

Matters raised by the residents' present There was nothing to report.

Ward Councillors E Marper, R. Ogg, and H. Rowson sent apologies

Present: Cllr C. Allison (Chair), Cllr C. Harber, Cllr A. Craddock, Cllr B. Johnson, Cllr M. Peace, Cllr P. Bell, Cllr P. Faulks, Cllr A. Croft

121.17 Apologies: Cllrs Noel Thorns and Penny Pringle, Parish Clerk Kath Jones

122.17. Declaration of Interest- Code of conduct adopted by the council, There were none.

123.17 Minutes of Meetings: The minutes of the last meeting were not available so could not be discussed. The councillors expressed concern at the lack of minutes and this has been passed to the personnel committee.

124.7. Councillors Forum:

Cllr C. Harber has been speaking to parents in the village who would like their unwanted toys to be passed on to those in need and she wanted to know if there was an organisation in North Lincolnshire that would benefit from donations. It was suggested that Voluntary Action or Womens Refuge could be contacted. Meeting closed at 19:38pm to allow a resident to suggest the toys could be given to local nurseries and the meeting was opened at 19:39pm.

Cllr A. Craddock raised the ongoing installation of superfast broadband in the village. Kim has been in touch with BT to get a quote of the cost, Cllr A. Craddock is to get in touch with Kim to obtain the quote so that a drop-in forum can be arranged.

Cllr A. Craddock has not been in touch with Barrow Parish Council yet as it has been a busy time of year.

Cllr C. Harber reported that incidents of vandalism in the village has reduced and this could be due to an increased police presence in the village. The councillors agreed to ask the community support officers to attend parish council meetings so that the parish council can work together with the police to reduce crime. This is to be advertised to residents so that they can attend the 8 February meeting and raise their concerns. Cllr A. Craddock stressed that all incidents need to be logged to 111

as this will further increase the police presence. Cllr C. Allison suggested that notices requesting residents to contact 111 are to be placed on the noticeboards to highlight this.

125.17 Reports were received from the following:

a. Burton Playing Field Association: Cllr C. Harber requested that the spelling of the PFA is double checked in future as it is often misspelt.

b. Village Hall Committee: Work on the Village Hall refurbishment is due to commence backstage w/c 29th January. The work on the kitchen is due to start on the 19th February to allow the Women's Institute to have their centenary celebrations. The work is due to take around 4-5weeks to complete and the Village Hall will be advertising that Wren have funded the refurbishments. There was nothing unusual to report for the bookings of the village hall. The committee will consider the cost of rent of the hall to users at their next meeting. The committee are now looking to improve the toilets at the village hall. A camera excavation has taken place and quotes for architects work have been obtained and are to be considered at the next meeting. The committee will apply for the North Lincolnshire Community Grant Fund to cover the costs of the proposed work.

c. Thealby Play Area: Cllr A. Craddock informed the council that the grass and hedges need trimming. An item will be placed in the newsletter asking if Thealby residents will be willing to join the committee and to ask if people will be able to help clean up the play area.

d. Burton Hills picnic area: The Heritage Group committee are preparing plans and have been in touch with Normanby Estate about the initial clearing which has been approved. Funding is also needed to provide the equipment needed for the work.

126.17 PFA Grants:

All the grants have been received on time. On Friday 12th January the planning permission for the new pavilion at the Bowls Club was accepted by North Lincolnshire Council.

127.17. Planning:

a. Application PA/2017/2021: The council discussed the planning application and no comment or objections were made.

b. Application PA/2017/2048: The council discussed the planning application and no comment or objections were made.

128.17. Highways: repair and other issues:

a. Stather Hill: Nothing to report.

b. Normanby Hall Wall and road repairs: It has been noted that the road is partially repaired but that it still requires work. No repairs have been observed on the wall and the ward councillors are to be spoken to. Meeting closed at 20:12pm to allow a resident to confirm that the works at the top of the Sather Hill will be from the corner across to Clarks Farm. The pub, Stather road and residents will still have access. Meeting opened at 20:14pm.

129.17 Updates were received on the following items:

a. Village Hall Ownership: Nothing to report as still waiting for information from Solicitors.

b. Grounds Maintenance: Cllr C. Allison has spoken to John White and he has agreed to complete all outstanding work by the beginning of February 2018. Quotes will be needed for the work currently undertaken by John White as his contract comes to and end in March 2018.

c. Parish Office: Cllr B. Johnson has complained to the ward councillors about the amount of time taken regarding the decision of proposed changes to the parish office.

d. Burton Hills Hedge: Cllr C. Allison had a site meeting on Thursday 11th January 2018 with Dave Sanderson and Cllr Ralph Ogg. Letters will go out to residents enquiring of their views on the proposed work.

130.17 Finances:

a. To consider and approve the draft parish council budget 2018/2019: The precept was set at £58,716 at the finance committee meeting. The parish council discussed the proposed precept, Cllr A Craddock proposed to accept the finance committees' recommendation, Cllr P. Bell Seconded and all were in favour.

b. To consider and approve current income and expenditure figures and resolve any necessary actions:

i. The council has not been provided with the requested bank statements. There has been no attempt to claim the VAT back from expenditures and this needs to be carried out immediately. Therefore the income account figures could be approved.

ii. The council were unsure if cheque number 0152 has been sent. With no bank account statement the council did not know which payments have been processed. Therefore the expenditure account figures could not be approved and therefore no payments could be approved.

Meeting closed at 20:34pm.

Holly Scott

Acting Clerk