

Annual General Meeting

Minutes from meeting held on 14th May 2012

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BW)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)
		Cllr Peter Morris (PM)
		Clerk – Jim Leach (JL)
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No members of the public were present.

Item	Notes	Action
1	The Chairman welcomed all present.	
2	Apologises – Cllr John Pickard (JP), Cllr John Smith (JS), Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC), Councillor – Debbie Wren	
3	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>JL asked all present if there were any objections to BW standing on as Chairman or if anyone else wished to stand. BW wished to continue as Chairman. MD proposed BW and this was seconded by BH. BW accepted the position and was therefore duly elected for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>JL then asked for proposals for the role of Vice Chairman. He said he had received an email from JP saying he would be willing to stand if members wished. BH proposed that JP continue as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by PM.</p> <p>JL asked all other PC Councillors if they were willing to continue to stand. All said they were.</p>	
4	Declarations of Interest - none	
5	BW read the minutes of the last Parish Meeting and these were agreed and signed. Proposed MD and seconded BH	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>No information was available on the proposed oil buying scheme as JP was not at the meeting. This will be included as an Agenda item for the next meeting. PM said he also had some information on a scheme that was already up and running locally and this would be fed back at the next meeting. Some concern had been raised that the PC had already agreed to use Chandlers as there was a poster in the PC notice board. The PCF wish it to be known that no decision had yet been taken and would remove the said poster from the notice board. JL will do this.</p> <p>All other action points had been cleared.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
7	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>There was nothing to report apart from the fact that Lionel Fisher had commenced maintenance duties for this year.</p>	

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8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>There had been another attempted theft of a catalytic converter in the village. Residents were reminded to be extra vigilant especially with regard scrap metal thefts and scrap metal collection vans passing through the village.</p> <p>JL will update the crimes list</p>	JL
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.</p>	
10	<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>No update was available as JS was not present at the meeting and the results of the Housing Needs Survey were not available yet.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>4 street lights in the village were not working. These had all been reported to Highways several times already but had still not been fixed. BW will report these again.</p> <p>The new drains that had been installed last year had been well and truly tested by the recent heavy rain and had coped admirably. BW was congratulated on his tireless work in getting this work completed.</p>	BW
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>A number of invoices had been received: Village Hall Hire - £120.00 Skip Hire - £216.00 Britten's – grass cutting - £170.00 Ladywell – Tax returns – Clerk - £25.00 LPS – Footpath maintenance £98.00 Community Consultation Ltd – Insurance - £144.59</p> <p>All the above were approved and JL will issue payment.</p> <p>Highways had issued payments for the reimbursement of the grass cutting and footpath maintenance and these cheques had now been banked.</p>	JL
13	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>FC said that Grantham would be holding another Festival this year all around gravity and inspired by Sir Isaac Newton. This will take place from 21st – 28th September.</p>	
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A list of correspondence was passed round. All that required action had been cleared prior to the meeting.</p>	

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15	<p data-bbox="352 232 416 255">AOB</p> <p data-bbox="352 297 1222 763">JL said he had received information about timings for lighting the village Queens jubilee beacon, However as there had been a distinct lack of interest from villagers in Jubilee celebrations it was unlikely the a beacon would be lit. As no interest had been forthcoming the PC had taken the decision to include celebrations within the annual village fete. As the PC will not be paying for any celebrations a decision was taken to purchase a commemorative coin for all children in the parish under the age of 16. These will be distributed during the Bank Holiday Jubilee weekend. Also it was proposed that the PC should look in to buying a commemorative bench to be placed by the new village notice board so that those with young children waiting for the school bus had somewhere to sit. JL would look in to this and would also look into having a shelter erected in the same spot.</p> <p data-bbox="352 801 1222 1131">PM and BH raised concerns about recent activities with regards employees and managers at Laughton Manor. The goings on had been reported in the national press and they felt that we as a PC should seek re-assurances from Laughton Manor Trustees that nothing like this would happen again and that they should keep the PC informed of future development's and proposals. A healthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of requesting such assurances but the end result was that a letter would be sent to the Trustees and possibly the Dept. of Education. JL will do a draft letter and seek approval from all PC members before sending.</p>	<p data-bbox="1302 701 1334 723">JL</p> <p data-bbox="1302 1070 1334 1093">JL</p>
16	<p data-bbox="352 1144 788 1236">Date of next meeting 09th July 2012 – 8 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 08.40pm</p>	