

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2012

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr - Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins – Vice Chairman
Cllr John Nicoll
Cllr Simon West
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Peter Collins
Cllr Bob Newell

Elizabeth Pendered – Clerk
D/Cllr Graham Bull
Karen Holley, Natural Woodhurst

135. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from C/Cllr Steve Criswell

136. Declarations of Interest – none received

137. Public Forum – a report was received from Karen Holley, Natural Woodhurst.

138. Clerk's report –

The clerk reported that she has an additional part time job and has investigated the PAYE implications for the Council. There is no further action required from the Council as it will all be handled through the one employer.

139. Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November 2011 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting

140. Public Footpaths – Cllr Peter Collins said there was nothing to report. It was noted that there is a fallen tree obstructing the path in Butt Lane which is too large to be removed without machinery. The Clerk will contact the footpaths officer to alert them.

141. Countryside Watch – Cllr Bob Newell said that in many surrounding parishes, businesses, farms and domestic property have been subject to thefts of metal and fuel, especially over the Christmas holiday period. Suspect vehicle calls received daily, especially panel vans. Several reports of horse tack and hay being stolen and church roof lead.

142. Village Plan – Cllr Andy Notman reported that they are half way through inputting data and should be ready by mid-February.

143. Natural Woodhurst – a report was received covering future events and meetings.
[More information is available from Natural Woodhurst]

Cllr Terry Huggins asked how much grant funding was available for the Interpretation Board and whether some could be put towards building a new fence behind Ridges Pond. It was confirmed the amount of £900 was to be used for the sole purpose given. Councillors then discussed the issues over the siting, design, maintenance and overall responsibility of the board.

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Cllr Alistair Marr offered assistance with the hedgerow at Clay Pits Conservation area but needs to be done in the next month due to the bird nesting season.

- 144. Quality Council** – Cllr Notman distributed a sheet of qualifying criteria to the Council to be discussed in more detail after he has assessed whether we are eligible.
- 145. Queen’s Jubilee** – The Clerk reported that she sourced quotes from 3 companies providing commemorative mugs and estimated the costs to be around £2.25 each for a quantity of around 72 mugs. She will now investigate how many children there are in the village to get a more accurate costing.
- 146. 2012 Olympics** – it was believed there was no particular interest in the village organising an Olympics themed event.
- 147. Abbots Close** – Cllr Terry Huggins reported that the general state of repair of the road and pavement in Abbots Close was very poor, it was also stated that Church Passage and St John’s Close were also bad. The Clerk will contact Highways to advise them.
- 148. Correspondence:**
- Huntingdonshire Holocaust Memorial Day Service
 - Clerks & Councils Direct
 - The Clerk Magazine
 - Huntingdonshire Health Walks Magazine
 - Luminus News
 - NHS keeping in touch
 - P3 event
 - Ramsay Neighbourhood Forum
- 149. Finance**
- Q3 report received and approved
- 150. Planning** – Ref 1101920FUL, Wheatsheaf House. It was agreed by all that the Council had no comments to make. D/Cllr Graham Bull reported that Planning Application at Five Acres Field was granted for 4 new traveller sites bringing the total to 8.
- 151. Items for next meeting** – none and date of the Annual Parish meeting was changed to Tuesday 3rd April and all agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

These minutes are unadopted by the Council