

DRAFT MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD AND HARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MARKET CANTEEN 7:00 PM TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2015

Present: Vice Chair Cllr A. Norris
Cllr B. J. Ford (John Ford)
Cllr N. White

One resident was in attendance.

APOLOGIES Cllrs Whitaker and Mrs Lockhart were unexpectedly indisposed; GCC Cllr Parsons and CDC Cllr Fowles were committed elsewhere. Cllr Norris took the Chair.

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Cllrs confirmed the draft of the Minutes is correct summary of proceedings.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Norris that: the draft is accurate record of the Parish Council Meeting of September 8th 2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr Norris signed the minutes, Clerk to file.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Norris informed the meeting of Cllr John Ford's demonstration of community spirit by initiating the reinstatement of white lines at the Agricultural Centre entrance/exit. This generosity was necessitated by the reluctance of either Glos or Wilts Highways Agency to act. Cllr Ford confirmed the Agricultural Centre's management were happy to allow the PC to continue convening at the canteen, which was under new control.

Cllr Norris said the latest news on broadband updating from Fastershire was their intention to be in the immediate vicinity by autumn 2016.

REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

There have been no additional functions to attend since the Parish Council Meeting of September 8th, during which time it still remains uneventful on the planning front. On a routine inspection for unwanted billposting I found the Harnhill notice board not properly secured; opened, it seems, for no apparent reason. It might avert possible damage and expense if members, in passing and when convenient, could make an occasional check.

A signed scan and a Microsoft Word copy of the Summons/Agenda for this PC Meeting were emailed on the evening of Wednesday November 4th to all councillors. A signed hard copy of the Summons/Agenda was put on display on both parishes' boards on the morning of Thursday November 5th in compliance with the statutory obligation for public announcement of PC Meetings. A copy of the agenda was also emailed to GCC Cllr Shaun Parsons, CDC Cllr David Fowles and all residents on the email list.

The latest bank statement issued on the 7th October for the Parish Council's sole account shows funds at £2992.62 in credit. This sum includes the PC's receipt on 10th September of the balance of the 2015/16 precept, to amount £575.00, and all issued cheques accounted for; unaccounted as yet is the standing order and electronic payment to HMRC, to total £82.80.

COMMUNITY – RESOLVE

Equip Parishes with Defibrillator Facilities;

Cllr Norris said the equipment in wider community use is not difficult to operate.

Cllr White queried time factors involved in the access to the machine needed analysing. Cllr Ford suggested the most accessible site for the equipment is the Harnhill Healing Centre. In the absence of Cllr Mrs Lockhart, prime mover, the motion was deferred by Cllr Norris.

FINANCE – RESOLVE

(i) Funding for 2016/17 Precept Request;

There were no significant additions mentioned to the foreseen outgoings for the budget.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr White that:

Parish Council agree the amount of £2300 as budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk to submit precept request to Cotswold District Council in due course.

(ii) Clerk Expenses Outstanding;

Cllrs reviewed claim for Clerk expenses to 10-11-15.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr White that:

Clerk's claim for £29.90 expenses outstanding at November 10th 2015 is accepted.

Motion was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs were given correspondence relating to their portfolio responsibilities.

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Norris and, in view of Cllr Whitaker's absence, Clerk counter-signed a cheque pertaining to: (Joint) Clerk salary, nett, for period October/November/2015 and expenses outstanding.

Cllr White raised the subject of the establishment of 30mph speed limit signs for the villages.

Cllr Norris said he would investigate with the specific authorities.

Cllr Ford commented on the formidable amount asked for in the estimate received for repairs to the damage to the wall at the War Memorial and asked if progress has been made about identifying the person responsible for the damage. Cllr White said he and Cllr Whitaker are aware of the parties involved, and the necessary communications are to be undertaken to establish an insurance claim.

Cllr White suggested Members consider review of the condition of the village pond.

Chair declared all business was conducted; confirmed the next PC Meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm, January 10th, 2016, at the Market Canteen, announced the Meeting closed at 7:56pm.