



TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday 11 January 2017, Tivetshall Village Hall

Present: Rita Land (Chair), Tony Jollans, Robert Alleguen-Porter.
Bev Spratt (part-time), Martin Wilby (part-time), Christopher Miller (taking minutes).
4 members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Christopher Sadler sent his apologies for absence.

2. TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION

None.

3. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS

None.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

4.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 5.1. A parishioner presented a selection of photographs showing the condition of road signs and highways, as well as a list of enquiries and correspondence from NCC on the matter. He hoped that the Parish Council would be able to resolve these issues more rapidly and out of its own budget. With specific regard to the trod path on the village green Tony Jollans advised that it was already a concern and Parish Partnership funding (£3000) had been applied for, which the PC will need to pay half. Bev Spratt thanked the parishioner for his efforts to report these, and agreed that the condition was poor and needed to be addressed, and service needed to be improved. Martin Wilby confirmed that signage for road names was the responsibility of the SNDC.
- 5.2. Bev Spratt mentioned 1103 children are now in care, and in order to keep budgets under control this needs to be reduced to 800. A second interim manager at Children's Services was now in place. Adult social services have a budget of £4.5 million. Cllr Spratt confirmed the gritting operation was in place and was anticipating the bad weather over the next few days after the meeting.
- 5.3. Cllr Spratt asked for a contact address for the Grapevine to be able to write reports to directly address parishioners. Tony Jollans advised that he was a suitable point of contact, and that a new Parish Clerk would be appointed soon.
- 5.4. Martin Wilby confirmed that the maintenance of the hedge could go ahead now that birds' nests are not likely to be in place. MW also confirmed that the £250 grant has been paid and should be in the PC's bank account.
- 5.5. Another parishioner reported that the school has paid £5500 for obligatory internet access, and noted that several more people have made submissions to the online survey. Christopher Miller confirmed the current status was 33 submissions. Another parishioner made mention of his situation where he is allowed to work from home but the broadband connection made it generally inconvenient, and that he had to commute to his office in Cambridge more often than would have been desirable because of this. Rita Land stated that the council could not apply any more pressure on BT and the authorities, and that greater action could be achieved with more numbers placing pressure on the likes of Matthew Hancock and Richard Bacon. The value of holding another

meeting/presentation with Karen O’Kane was not considered useful, but it was agreed to proceed with the online survey and increase the coverage and awareness of this survey. The parishioner reported that he has received some budgetary quotes from B4RN which can form the basis of an application for a government grant.

6. REPORT FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

6.1. Training update: Robert Alleguen-Porter will be going to Long Stratton on Monday 27th Feb.

6.2. Prior to the meeting Chris Sadler would like to have an “any other business” feature on the agenda, but Tony advised you could only discuss items to be included for the next meeting, but formal decisions needed to be deferred.

7. PLANNING

Deadlines for responses to the planning for the bungalow had passed, but no comments or objections were made.

8. TO SET PRECEPT

It was agreed that the precept did not need to be increased. An estimated expenditure of £11500.00 could be covered by the new precept, plus funds available in the PC account.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A renewal invoice from the ICO was received and it was agreed to pay this.

An email from NALC regarding ICT courses for adult learners. Details to be made available on the website.

Email received regarding community litter picks

Invitation to a Community Governance Review Meeting to be held on 30 January 2017.

10. MAINTENANCE

A security bar on the doors on the pavilion was to be provisioned, as well as other structural repairs. Prior to the meeting Chris Sadler agreed he would look at the work required and quote accordingly.

A means of disposing of the Christmas tree and other waste items near the pavilion was considered, and council would look into hiring a skip to help clear the site.

The bolts on the gates to the playing field also need to be looked at.

11. TO APPROVE ANY PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING

£10.50 for the Community Car Scheme.

12. NEW CLERK POSITION (MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND DEFERRED TO END OF THE MEETING)

It was agreed that Rosalie Hill would be hired as the new parish clerk, and would begin employment on 15/16 January 2017.

13. TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as 7:30 pm on Wednesday 8 February 2017.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.