

Furneux Pelham Parish Council Meeting

10/07/2014
20:00
Village Hall

Note taken: Clerk

Councillors: D Pigg, H Smart, C Cantes
C Hadley, M Watson, J Birch, D White

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Adoption of Previous Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
Follow up from the Chair on action items in May minutes
- 4) Finance
Council to review future funding suggestions made at the May AGM
- 5) Councillor Responsibilities
Council to review individual responsibilities following changes
- 6) Allotments
AGM update from Janet Birch
- 7) Highways
Chairman to comment on latest situation re EHDC work on local roads
- 8) Correspondence

Minutes

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from C Cantes. D Pigg chaired the meeting.

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the May meeting were adopted unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

- H Smart advised that A Brunner had offered his services to help Barleycroft End residents re the Pallet site pollution issue. H Smart will meet with A Brunner before the next meeting.
- D White confirmed that a copy of the RSPCA document entitled "Welfare of Animals kept on Allotments" has now been made part of the allotment holder agreement.
- The clerk confirmed that the external auditors had approved the Councils accounts for 2013/14 , without comment or modification.
- There was general concern expressed about the number of overhanging hedges in the parish. The clerk agreed to repeat the information about the "Hedges Hotline" in the next edition of St Marys Review.

4) Finance

The council considered the various ideas put forward for local funding at the last AGM, and came to the following decisions:

- Flood concerns Old Brewery/Bridge. The Council felt that improvements to the infrastructure requested by residents were beyond their area of responsibility and competence. The council would however offer written support to the residents association in any future communication that they may wish to have with the Environment Agency.
- The Bus Shelter by the Brewery Tap. The council will go out to tender to for the work necessary to bring the shelter back to its original condition, especially concentrating on renovation to the plaster work and roof. Improvements will also be made to the poster display area.
- Playground . The biggest issue is the availability of suitable land in the village. To this end, the Council agreed to contact Greene King again to see whether they might be prepared to donate the plot of land adjacent to the village hall car park, given that it is unlikely that any other form of planning permission is ever likely to be granted. Action C Cantes
- School Parish Noticeboard. The council agreed to replace the existing Board which is now in a sorry state, in spite of recent maintenance.

5) Councillor Responsibilities

D White agreed to take over C Hadleys responsibilities for footpaths in the parish. D White to liase as appropriate with C Hadley re Grants etc.

The other councillors all reaffirmed that they were comfortable continuing with their existing roles.

6) Allotments

- One holder has not paid their fees for the last 2 years and will be asked to leave the Association
- D White is planning to put together a small working party in order to tend the unused plots.
- There is a water leak in the road close to the connection for the Allotments. J Birch will get the water tested to see if it is Water Board (Affinity) or natural, source.
- D White reported that the summer BarBQue was very successful

7) Highways

The clerk summarised the outcome of the discussions that C Cantes has had with Highways. It was noted that the road from the Brewery Tap to the Wash would be resurfaced before the end of July. However the road through the Wash to Clay Chimneys will not receive attention this year , but is on the schedule of Works for 2015.

8) Correspondence

- The clerk advised that he had received a letter from Jo Woodcock asking if the Council would agree for one of her sons cars to be parked in the village hall car park, subject to the payment of the fee. The Council agreed to the request.
- M Watson advised that there was now a defibrillator kit on site at his farm, which could be available to anyone for use in an emergency.

The meeting ended at 20.54.

The next meeting will be on September 11.