

Furneux Pelham Parish Council Meeting

06/03/2014
20:00
Village Hall

Note taker: Clerk

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

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Adoption of Previous Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
Follow up from the Chair on action items in January minutes
Report from C Cantes re Highways
- 4) Finance
Council to consider Financial request from FP Toddler group -Clerk
- 5) Allotments
Update from Janet Birch -Collection of fees
- 6) Election of Councillors
Council to decide further action following advertising
- 7) AGM
Council to decide format for May AGM/Parish Mtg
- 8) Correspondence
District plan documents

Minutes

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael Watson

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the January meeting were adopted unanimously

3) Matters Arising

- The chairman confirmed that the School noticeboard renovation had now been completed, including the provision of new backing paper.
- H Smart advised that he had looked into the cost of hiring a barrister to advise on the Pallets field issue, and that it was likely to be in the region of £1000 -2000. The council debated whether such a cost could be justified, especially as there now seemed to be less passion about the problem from the residents of Barleycroft End. Janet Birch advised that she was in regular contact with EHDC planning concerning the activities in the field, and especially the pipes being used to drain the field into the road. C Hadley suggested that the council should attempt another meeting with Janbor to see if resolution could be achieved without going to court. **Action C Hadley to arrange and advise the PC at the next meeting.** In addition, the chairman undertook to organise a meeting between himself and EHDC planning and enforcement.
- The Chairman updated the meeting about the outcome of his trip with R Noades to review the state of the roads in the village. R Moss was also present. It was confirmed that EHDC are planning to resurface the road from Duck st cottages to the centre of the village, as well as the poor areas between the village centre and the Wash, down as far as Clay Chimneys. D Pigg expressed disappointment that there was no plan of work to resurface the Braughting road.

4) Finance

The council agreed to donate £200 to the Toddler group for the provision of shelves in the Village Hall hut for the storage of their equipment, and to replace their floor mats. **Action -Clerk.**

5) Allotments

D White (in the audience) gave a brief report. One of the vacant plots have now been taken, in response to the advert in the parish magazine. The Council decided to offer a reduced annual fee of £35 to any plotholder who introduced a new member to the Association. The AGM will be on Thursday April 10. J Birch/ D White expressed concern over the welfare of the chickens on the allotments. **Action J Birch to look at the guidelines adopted by the National Allotments Association, and to amend the Allotment agreement if necessary.**

6) Election of Councillors

The clerk advised that there had been no response from the advert in the Parish Magazine.

D White expressed an interest in being a councillor during the meeting, and kindly agreed to join the Council as a co-optee until the next Parish Councillor election in 2015.

7) AGM

The AGM is scheduled for May 8, and the council debated as to whether the format should be changed to make it more attractive for parishioners to attend.

Following further debate after the meeting it has been decided to offer refreshments, and C Hadley has kindly agreed to make a video chronicling the activities of the village during the last year, to be shown at the meeting. The AGM will be publicised in the May Parish Magazine.

8) Correspondence

- The chairman advised that he had reviewed the East Herts Waste Site Allocation document, and confirmed that there were no proposals that would affect the village.
- It was decided not to spread poppies in the hedgerows as a tribute to the fallen in the Great War, as it was unlikely that this would be popular with local farmers.
- H Smart advised that he would look into the procedure for alerting EHDC to overgrown hedgerows in and around the village, and advise the clerk.
- The Council nominated Linda Gale as the Parish Council representative on the Village hall Committee
- The Clerk handed over one full copy of the East Herts District plan to Harry Smart, for his role as planning expert on the council. Harry commented that the village is classified as Category 2, and essentially split into 2 halves on the planning map, and that only applications for infilling will be allowed under the plan

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

The next meeting will be on May 08, following the AGM/ Annual assembly.