

Furneux Pelham Parish Council Meeting

06/11/2014
20:00
Village Hall

Note taker: Clerk

Councillors: D Pigg, H Smart, C Cantes
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 September minutes
- 4) Finance
Request to fund a Xmas tree outside Village Hall
- 5) Allotments
Update from Janet Birch/Debbie White
- 6) Defibrillator
Discussion on whether (or what) additional assistance is needed from the PC
- 7) A 120 Bypass plans
Council to debate degree of involvement, following request from Albury PC
- 8) Correspondence

Minutes.

1) Apologies

M Watson was not present.

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the September meeting were adopted unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

- The clerk advised that he had been unable to find a local builder to quote for repairing the bus shelter close to the Brewery Tap. D White advised that she might know someone who would be interested and agreed to give their name to the clerk. In addition, C Cantes promised to provide a copy of the Puckeridge and Standon Magazine for the clerk to use to reference names in a wider area.
- H Smart advised that he had now received the file on Pallets Unlimited from A Brunner.
- J Birch confirmed that the water running down the road close to where the allotments water pipe was connected to the mains was **not** mains water. Affinity water have still to provide a bill based on the last meter reading - J Birch to chase. Once a water bill is received it was agreed that the clerk should set up a direct debit to handle all future bills.
- C Cantes advised that the PC would continue to remain in contact with EHDC Highways concerning the state of the road in the Wash.

4) Finance

The Council agreed to donate £40 to the Village Hall Committee for the purchase of a Christmas tree for erection outside the village hall.

The clerk advised that it would be necessary for the council to agree the level of Precept for 2015/16 at the January meeting. Councillors agreed to discuss the matter informally with parishioners ahead of this meeting.

5) Allotments

There is one badly overgrown plot that will need attention over the winter. Water to the allotments has been turned off, and there is a leak in the pipe which will need attention before the spring. Paving slabs have been delivered to the site for laying in the pathway.

6) Defibrillator

C Cantes agreed to contact E Bonner to see whether any further assistance is required from the Parish Council. It was agreed that it seemed sensible for E Bonner to continue to lead the project, and for the Council to only provide assistance if and when required.

7) A120 Bypass

The council debated the approach made by Albury PC with regard to the proposed new Little Hadham bypass. It was concluded that there was likely to be very little immediate environmental impact from the proposals to Furneux Pelham parishioners, and that the Council should not get involved.

8) Correspondence

- C Cantes advised that he had received several phonecalls, critical of the Parish Council, concerning recent in- fill planning applications in the village. He wished to make it clear that the Council has very limited powers with regard to the consideration of planning applications, and that the Councils view ranks equally with other views sent in by members of the public. The Council can only comment on planning applications within pre established policies and criteria. If parishioners feel strongly about a particular application, they are encouraged to write directly to the Planning Dept at East Herts District council.
- C Cantes read out a letter from Hilary Davidson thanking the Council for their support in providing the funds for the flowers in the Church during the Furneux festival.
- The clerk advised that EHDC are carrying out a housing needs survey and that some 9600 survey forms are being sent out to electoral roll members over the next few weeks. It is quite likely that some parishioners will receive one of these forms, that the council would like to encourage participation by village inhabitants.

The meeting ended at 21:10.

The next meeting will be on Jan 08 at 8pm.