

Furneux Pelham Parish Council Meeting

08/01/2015
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 November minutes
- 4) Finance
 1. Update on Financial Position
-Clerk
 2. Council to set Precept for 2015/16
- 5) Parish Council Elections
Councillors to indicate whether they will seek re-election in May 2015
- 6) Wheatley Charity
Appointment of PC Trustee for 2014-18
- 8) Correspondence

Minutes

1) Apologies

Apologies received from D White

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the November 2014 Meeting were adopted unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

- H Smart advised that he was due to meet shortly with A Brunner to discuss the Pallet yard, having in the meantime reviewed all the literature. He cautioned that, based on actions taken by other authorities around the country against other sites, the chances of success in this case were probably low.
- J Birch confirmed that a water bill for the allotments had finally been received, and has since been paid.
- C Cantes advised that he had been in contact with E Bonner re the defibrillator. Progress appears to be slowly being made, and it is likely that a unit will be fixed to the wall of the village hall.

4) Finance

The clerk updated the council on the current financial position. The Council currently has a surplus balance of £13400 which should cover predicted expenditure during 2015/16 whilst leaving enough for a prudent contingency budget. The Council therefore agreed to maintain the precept at last years figure (£3000), which in itself is substantially down on the precept requests made in 2012 and 2013 years.

In addition the Council agreed to reduce the allotment fee for the coming year to £35, taking into account the progress that has been made in recouping the initial expenditure in creating the plots, as well as the charges made by other councils in the area.

The council also approved the expenditure of £1500 to replace the Noticeboard outside the School.

5) Parish Council Elections

All the Councillors present confirmed that they would be seeking re- election at the upcoming Council elections in May 2015.

6) Wheatley Charity.

M Watson was re- elected as one of the two Parish Councillor Trustees to the Wheatley Charity. The term of office is 4 years.

7) Correspondence

- C Cantes advised that he will be following up with EHDC following the news that additional Government money was being made available to District Councils for Pothole repair. In particular, he wished to see if work could be bought forward to repair the road out of the village to Braughing, and the road section through The Wash..
- C Cantes offered to provide a new spotlight for the Village hall carpark, to supplement the existing lights.
- R Moss (in the audience) advised that there had been two recent cases of the sewer blocking in the road outside "Quainty ", with raw sewage running down the road. In both cases the blockage had been caused as a result of debris washed into the system following the road resurfacing last year. Thames Water dealt with the blockages promptly, but there is a concern that it may happen again. R Moss undertook to advise the Clerk if there were any further problems, as the Council will then contact Thames water directly to ask for additional measures to be taken.

The Meeting ended at 21: 05.

The next meeting in on **March 5 at 8 pm.**