

**Repeat of May
Furneux Pelham
Parish Council
Meeting**

03/06/2015
20:30
Village Hall

Note taker: Clerk

Councillors: H Smart, C Cantes
D White, S Bratt

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Adoption of Previous Minutes
- 3) Matters Arising
Follow up from the Chair on action items in March minutes
- 4) Finance
1) To approve 2014/15 Balance sheet for submission to Auditors
2) To appoint new cheque signatory
- 5) Co-Option of Parish Councillors
To review submissions from parishioners prepared to fill 2 vacancies on the Council
- 6) Dates of 2015/16 Meetings
To decide dates
- 7) Correspondence

Minutes

At the preceding AGM , C Cantes was elected as Chairman and S Bratt as Vice Chairman for the 2015/16 year. C Cantes stated that it was his intention to resign as Chairman towards the end of the 2015/16, and it would therefore become necessary for the Council to elect a new chairman for the remaining part of the period, ahead of the normal new election for Chairman in May 2016.

1) Apologies

All councillors were present

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the March meeting were adopted unanimously.

3) Matters arising

- H Smart reported that, in his view, the review of papers concerning Janbor (as previously Minuted) had not resulted in the identification of an obvious way forward on the issue. S Bratt reported that there were still replies outstanding to FOI requests made by A Brunner , and requested that he be allowed to follow this up with him. H Smart agreed to provide S Bratt with his background file as part of the transfer of the whole matter to S Bratt. **Action H Smart**
- C Cantes reported that he had requested some further action from EHDC to repair village roads, especially those affected by the upcoming Cambridge cycle race . It was noted that some potholes had been recently filled in, but no action had yet been taken to remove surface debris from the Wash cross roads.
- Following the placing of notices on cars, the Clerk reported that one additional resident had requested an overnight parking permit for the Parish Council car park.

4) Finance

- The council approved the accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2015, subject to two small narrative changes to remove references to the village hall.
- The council approved the Annual Return and in particular the following sections. a) Section 1 Accounting Statements 2014/15. b) Annual Governance Statement 2014/15
- The Council agreed that the four formally elected Councillors should have Cheque signatory authorisation. C Cantes agreed to contact Barclays bank to source the appropriate forms. S Bratt requested that previous cheque signatories who are no longer Councillors should have their authorisations withdrawn from the Bank at the same time. **Action C Cantes**

5) Co-option of Parish councillors

- The chairman formally advised the Council of the resignation of the clerk , who had resigned as of May 1 but was continuing to provide support to the Council until August 1, by when it was

hoped to have a new Clerk in place. The chairman thanked the clerk for his unpaid service to the Council over the last 10 years.

- The clerk confirmed that he had received no written formal applications for parishioners to join the Council as a result of advertising the posts.
- The Council voted unanimously to Co-opt R Gale as a councillor. R Gale accepted the nomination.
- The Council discussed further potential Co-optees. It was agreed that 3 parishioners would be approached to see if any of them would be prepared to fill the remaining Councillor position, with a view to completing the process by the July Council meeting. **Action Councillors**
- It was noted that as M Watson was no longer a Councillor, the Council had no representative on the Mary Wheatley Trust. S Bratt agreed to take on this role, effective immediately

6) Dates of 2015/16 Meetings

The following dates were agreed:

July 9 2015

September 3 2015

November 5 2015

January 7 2016

March 3 2016

May 5 2016.

7) Correspondence

- S Bratt requested that the Council look at publishing the Minutes ,even if unapproved, more promptly following the meetings. The Council accordingly agreed the following: a) The clerk would write up the Minutes within 7 days of the meeting and circulate them to Council members. b) Council members would have 3 days to approve the Minutes (no comment = approval). c) The clerk would endeavour to get the approved draft Minutes to St Mary,s Review in time to make the print run for publication in the next months magazine.
- D White confirmed that she had met with C Hadley for a hand over session concerning parish paths. C Cantes agreed to contact C Hadley re the transfer of the A3 parish Map and way markers. **Action C Cantes**

The meeting ended at 21:10

The next meeting is on July 9 at 8 pm.