

Furneux Pelham Parish Council Meeting

05/03/2015
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 January minutes

4) Finance

1. To approve expenditure on "Tap" Bus Shelter
2. To decide FPPCC donation for 2015
3. To approve Subscription to SSE

5) Village Hall Noticeboard

To hear a proposal from the Village Hall Committee (Linda Bratt)

6) May AGM & Parish Meeting

To decide 2015 Format

7) Correspondence

Minutes

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from M Watson and J Birch.

2) Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Minutes from the January Meeting were adopted unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

- H Smart confirmed that he had met with A Brunner concerning the documentation provided by C Haggar regarding the Pallets Yard. They had agreed that the first action should be to apply, under the Freedom of Information act, to EHDC for a status update on all the breaches reported to them to date. In view of the significant likely cost of taking any legal action in the future, H Smart also requested a view from the Council as to how significant the Pallet Yard issue is currently, compared to other matters of Council business. Council members agreed to informally test this with parishioners.
- C Cantes reported on his tour of the local village roads with R Noakes from EHDC. The additional money reportedly available from central government for pothole repair has been swallowed up in the EHDC general budget. Unfortunately some of the works originally earmarked for the summer repair season have been dropped (including the repair of the road through the Wash). It was emphasised that the Council is strongly influenced by the use of the "Pothole Repair Hotline" on the Council website, so the Chairman urged every parishioner to use this facility whenever they needed to report a road in poor condition.

4) Finance

- The council approved the expenditure of £2600 to repair /renovate the bus shelter outside the Brewery Tap.
- The council approved a donation of £800 to FPPCC for the continuing upkeep of the Churchyard.
- The council approved the membership subscription of £25 for "Stop Stansted Expansion"

5) Village Hall/Noticeboard

Linda Bratt, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, made a presentation requesting that the Village Hall be allowed to use half the Parish Council noticeboard outside the village hall for Village Hall notices. The Council agreed this request.

In addition the council agreed that the new noticeboard destined for use outside the School should instead be used outside the village hall (as it is larger) and that the existing Village Hall noticeboard be moved to outside the school instead.

The village hall agreed to make a financial contribution towards the cost of erecting the new noticeboards, estimated at £295. For Insurance and liability reasons the Council felt that this work should be done by a commercial operation rather than by volunteer labour.

It was also agreed that D White should become the new Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Committee as at their Annual meeting in April.

6) May AGM and Parish Meeting

The format of the May 14 meeting was discussed. It was agreed that each council member would make 2 suggestions as to how the event could be improved to the chairman within the next 14 days. It has subsequently been agreed that the meeting should feature the new defibrillator installed in the village hall, with, in particular, some form of training for parishioners who might have to use it.

7) Correspondence

- The chairman expressed special thanks to Jane Crossley for her litter picking efforts in the village.
- The Chairman requested an update on the number of cars using the village hall car park overnight on a regular basis who had not paid the requisite fees. The clerk agreed to post notices.
- D White updated the council on the Allotments AGM. There are currently three and a half Allotments vacant, but it is hoped that the reduction in fees will help new users to be found. There are concerns about the path which gets very slippery when wet. There will be a mid summer BBQ following the success of the event in 2014.

The meeting ended at 20:56.

The next meeting will be on **May 14 at 19:30** in the village Hall. It will start with the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.