

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 9 November 2015 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop (Chair), Brunt, Cripps, Holmes, Wakely, Jo Fryer (Planning Agent), PCSO Ceara Sturt and 8 Allotment Holders.

APOLOGIES Cllrs England, Lillywhite, Tevendale, Messrs A Dance (District Councillor), C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the Allotment Holders to the meeting and spoke of plans to make improvements. Concern had been expressed about the ragwort growing on the vacant areas and it was felt that the best way to keep the area in order would be to ask three of the Allotment Holders to move to a different plot so that all the cultivated area is in one place. The Parish Council would arrange to clear the area they would move into with Nigel Chapman's help. The vacant area could then be used by the neighbouring farmer on the understanding that it will be handed back should it be needed for Allotments in the future. The Parish Council is aware of other issues, such as the need for fencing, water and parking and these will be investigated.

The Allotment Holders were asked to give their views and they expressed concern about dog owners allowing their dogs on the Allotments and spoke of the lack of advertising of Allotments. They would like the Parish Council to arrange to mow the paths around the plots and would prefer weed killer not to be used to clear the weeds.

The Chairman thanked them for coming and they left the meeting.

The Parish Council felt that fencing would be the first priority and Cllr Wakely wondered if a borehole would be the answer to supplying water. Cllr Holmes will enquire whether a borehole pump could be operated by solar power. Cllr Bishop will speak to the Water Authority again and Cllr Cripps will investigate grants from Tesco's Community Fund from the 5p plastic bag levy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jo Fryer, as Agent for the applicant, spoke about the planning application to erect two single storey dwellings to the north of Fair View, Lambrook Road.

POLICING

PCSO Ceara Sturt warned of rogue traders offering to lay tarmac driveways and suggested only answering the door to known visitors. Strangers should not be allowed in unless their identity has been checked by phoning the Company they say they are representing. If they refuse to leave, a 999 call should be made to the Police. The non urgent number for the Police is 101 and the number to phone to be tracked in cases of accidents is 112.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CC REPORT

The County Councillor's Report had been emailed to the Parish Councillors. He said the 20 mph speed limit and flashing lights near the School would soon be in place. Bids for funding from the Health & Wellbeing Fund will need to be decided at the next meeting.

PLANNING

No objections were raised to an application to erect two single storey dwellings with associated access and parking on land to the north of Fair View, Lambrook Road, although there was some concern about access into the lane.

Permission has been granted for the replacement of existing softwood timber framed windows and doors and replacement with double glazed black aluminium framed windows at Washcross Barn, Littlefields Lane.

ACCOUNTS

A cheque was drawn for £452.88 for the District Council Parish Ranger.

PARISH PLAN

The Bonfire and Fireworks Display was a great success and very well supported. Letters of thanks will be sent to Mr and Mrs Dennis for hosting it and the Events team for organising it.

The Events Committee are also commended on the publication of their very useful 'What's On' leaflet.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk will report potholes at Boxstone.

Cllr Cripps said the Love Lane sign had been taken to the Highways Depot by the Lengthsman about two years ago for the bracket to be repaired so the Clerk will follow it up.

In response to the request for a sign stating that the lane opposite Brickyard Cottage is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles, the Highway Authority would prefer the Parish Council to ascertain the destination of the lorries and address the issue locally.

COMMENDATION

The Councillors were pleased to hear that John Hallett had been presented with a very well deserved County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.