



Buckminster & Sewstern Parish Council

Parish Council Chairperson Councillor L.Exton

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday the 14th September 2016

Buckminster Hunting Lodge Hall at 7.00pm

Minutes.

Present : Cllr L.Exton ; Cllr G.Arnold ; Cllr K.Bygott ; Cllr G.Exton ;

Cllr E Woodcock. Also present were 10 Parishioners.

18/16-17 : To receive apologies of absence and non attendance.

Apologies received from : Cllr R.Clark ; Cllr B.Rhodes; Cllr M.Graham

19/16-17: The Clerk announced that Cllr R.Clark had unfortunately had to resign from the council for health reasons. She thanked the council for their support but felt that it was only fair that the council look for another councilor to replace her.

The Council thanked Cllr R.Clark for all her work over many years and wished her all the best in her recovery.

20/16-17: To receive declarations of interest both personal and prejudicial on matters arising from the agenda :

There were no declarations received from Councilors.

21/16-17 : To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2016

The minutes of the 6th July 2016 were approved and duly signed by councilors.

22/16-17: Public Participation :

Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to express views on any matters of interest.

Cllr L.Exton explained to residents how parishioner's time worked and then opened it up for residents to participate.

Residents were concerned over several issues that seem to be ongoing they are ,Street lighting and continual flooding in the western end of Sewstern and no matter how many times residents complain ,nothing seems to be done how many more times have we got to complain before something gets done.

With reference to the Culvert flooding 63 years on and still it overflows it is a disgraceful situation and is unacceptable, parishioners are very angry .

In response Cllr Exton explained that the council were continually talking to Highways with reference to the flooding and have actually had County Highways out to inspect. The Council is working very hard to sort the problem out.

Speeding was also an issue through Sewstern and the Police had actually been out and did a speed check on vehicles and that 59% was the ratio of speeding vehicles. This information was news to the Council as they have not been informed of any such action.

The clerk to contact the Police authority to ascertain why we were not informed of this action.

Residents were also very concerned over a number of planning applications that were cropping up and felt that the face of the village would change. Parishioners expressed anger over the way that the applications were being dealt with and that no considerations were being residents that were near to the proposed developments.

Councilors informed residents that they must write to the Planning Authority individually and not as a partition as a partition would only count as one much better to write individually.

Heavy Vehicles are also on the increase and the residents are concerned about the state of their properties (Council is looking at 7.5 tonne weight limit we have already discussed this with our County Councilor.)

Street lighting is also a problem Street light number 2 keeps flashing off and on and number 1 does not work at all.(The problem with number 1 street light is that with all the ivy on the pole nether E-O-N or Western Power will take responsibility for it.)

Clerk is still in discussions with both parties.

Residents stated that they would like to assist the Council in any way they could by being more involved in Parish Council matters as over recent years has not been the case.

Chairman Councilor Exton welcomed their participation and looked forward to moving on and working together.

23/16-17: County Councilors report :

No report received.

24/16-17: Ward Councilors report :

Councilor Graham sent his apologies but unfortunately our meeting clashed with full Council, but stated he would be at the next meeting in November.

25/16-17: Chairman's report ;

Chairman reported that she still had reservations on the way Planning were handling the building of the new build next to 10 Timber Hill. The Permission given by Melton had certain restrictions put on it. The Soak away still has not been installed and the hedge on the road side was still to high. Highways have also been contacted regarding the poor state of the road surfaces within the Parish. Still awaiting a report from highways with regards to water western end of main street Sewstern.

Clerk monitoring the problem but at the present time there is no significant progress but will keep on the problem.

26/16-17: Clerks report :

The Clerk reported that he was still having problems with the Street Light no 1. The problem is that nether Western Power or E-O-N will remove the ivy from the pole as it carries the power supply to properties at that end of the village. I as your clerk cannot sanction nor will I recommend that we tackle the problem ourselves as it could be very costly if we damaged the cable.

At this point Council voted unanimously to remove the street light due to the ongoing problems.

The finances are healthy and we are keeping within the budget that we set ourselves at the beginning of the year.

27/16-17: To receive a report from the Police :

There was no report from the police.

28/16-17: Buckminster Village Information :

Meetings regarding the bus service were still ongoing and progress is being made.

29/16-17: Sewstern Village Information :

The light behind the village hall is broken and is in a dangerous state. (Clerk stated that as far as he knows it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.)

30/16-17: Planning Applications :

A) Applications for consideration :

There were no planning applications to consider.

B) Applications Approved : None

C) Applications Refused : None

D) Applications for Enforcement : Number 10 Timber Hill is still causing concerns as the permission given along with conditions is still being ignored by the applicant and not being enforced by Planning. (Clerk to ascertain why Planning are not enforcing the conditions put on the property)

31/16-17: Finance :

Invoices to the value of £ 201.60 were passed for payment.

Current Balance in Bank Account £4099.10

32/16-17: To approve and sign the bank reconciliation for the period ending the 31st August 2016

The bank reconciliation was approved and duly signed.

33/16-17: Correspondence received no action to be taken : None

34/16-17: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the Wednesday 23rd November 2016 in Buckminster Village Hall.

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