

BUCKMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Due to the resignation of Alan Noble (Clerk/Finance Officer) the minutes have been compiled by Councillor E Exton.

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for non-attendance**– All council members present.
2. **Apologies for absence** - County Councillor Rhodes and Police representative.
3. **Approve Minutes of the meeting held 23rd November** – These were duly signed.
4. **Public Participation** – No public present.
5. **To receive reports:-**

County Councillor Rhodes

Talks in progress of possibility of speed cameras being introduced on the B676 and 50 mph between villages.

Borough Councillor Graham

Refuse contract coming to an end.

Local Plan has got the go ahead.

Increase of 4% on Council Tax – Which equates to approx. an extra £5 per month for a band D.

Chief Executive retiring in July.

Police

No report received.

Clerk

Reported that he was attending training in the next few weeks for the new PC Webb Site.

New forms had been received from Grant Thornton's of which the clerk had never seen before and was unsure which or how to complete. Guidance to be sort from Grant Thornton's.

Chairman of the Council

Chair has now received a reply with regards to the flooding issue in Sewstern:-

I visited the resident who reported this flooding, Mr Hart, in late January to gain a clearer understanding of the flooding impact in Sewstern. From this visit I clarified that resulting from the flooding incidents:

- ***There is no internal property flooding***
- ***There is no foul sewerage in the flood water***
- ***There is no critical infrastructure affected by the flooding (Main Street, Sewstern remains passable by vehicle, and there are other routes available to leave the village).***

In line with current policy, staff time and other resources is being directed to resolve other flooding incidents across the County, where one or more of the factors highlighted above have been met. Nevertheless, as the reported flooding has been to be very close to Mr Hart's front door, I am not dismissing this concern, and it will remain as a matter to be addressed when other higher priority issues are resolved.

***Bernard Evans
Infrastructure Planning Manager
Environment & Transport Department
Leicestershire County Council***

Update Chester Charity

Alan Noble reported he was no longer a trustee to the Chester Charity.

6. Update Highway Matters

Chair reported of a near miss she had had with another vehicle because of the missing white lines on the junction of Hall Road and the B676. Clerk to again bring this to the attention of Highways and contact the local police. Chair now to look into this.

Discussion was held with regards to switching off street lights at 23:00 to save on rising costs of electricity. Chair now to look into this and report back to council.

7. Planning Matters

No new applications received.

One application waiting to go to committee – 3 houses on the corner of School Lane and Main Street, Sewstern.

Enforcement

12 Timber Hill - Still waiting to hear from planning

8. Invoices for approval

EON Maintenance Contract - £100.80

Kwiktrade – Web Site annual fee - £180.00

HMRC - £400.00 – Not Approved. Clerk did not offer a satisfactory explanation to this and could not offer any written evidence.

9. To approve and sign attached bank reconciliation

Current account - £2591.17

Deposit Account - £1152.28

10. Audit

We have to date still not received our certified accounts 2015 – 16

Grant Thornton's have raised quite a few issues to the clerk and have not received adequate/any replies. Alan Noble was asked to supply Grant Thornton's with the relevant information as the finance officer responsible for this. Councillors Arnold and Exton emphasised how important it was to fully cooperate with the auditors.

One issue Grant Thornton's raised was a maintenance contract, standing order as per the spreadsheet Grant Thornton had received from Alan Noble. It was decided by the council that this would be cancelled until Alan could provide further paperwork to what exactly we were paying as the explanation given was EON maintenance and we already have in place a direct debit to EON. Alan to provide before the next meeting.

Council assets were also questioned to which Alan Noble did not provide Grant Thornton's with an adequate explanation.

Clerk told to provide Grant Thornton's forthwith all information they require.

11. Correspondence – None to discuss

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – To be advised