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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons Chairman
Mr R Holder
Mrs M Scott
Mrs R Spencer-Jones
Mrs S Hackett

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents in attendance.

2017/020 Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs George, NCC Cllr. Heather Smith

2017/021 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of agenda items.

2017/022 Public Time

Mr Barrie Galpin spoke of North Northants Joint Planning Unit's designated Area of Tranquillity based around Kings Cliffe and includes Fineshade. It was agreed to address light pollution in the Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: SH**

The use of low noise surfacing material is to be recommended when work next becomes necessary on the A43. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Mrs Hackett raised a number of queries over the council's finances on behalf of Mr & Mrs Edmunds. The Clerk will respond direct and send copies of the relevant documents. **Action: Clerk**

2017/023 Police Matters

The Clerk continues to forward Police messages as they are received.

2017/024 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07.02.17

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Hackett and seconded Cllr. Mrs Scott. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

2017/025 Matters arising

Schoolscapes response to the recent playground inspection report was considered and it was felt that it was unacceptable as some of the equipment is not to BS standard and needs to be corrected. The Clerk is to liaise with Cllr. Maunder Taylor in respect of this matter. **Action: Clerk/JMT**

2017/026 Election to Fill Vacancy on the Parish Council

As there had been no requests for an election, the Parish Council was free to co-opt. Nominations are to be declared at the May meeting. **Action: All**

2017/027 Estate Matters

Mr Farnsworth's response in respect of the Jackson Education Charity was discussed and the Clerk was asked to get clarification and details of the available funds. **Action: Clerk**

2017/028 Neighbourhood Plan: Working Group Update.

Cllr. Mrs Hackett presented her report on progress and the arrangements for ACRE to attend the public meeting. It was agreed that ACRE gives a presentation from 7-7:30pm followed by the history talk. Cllrs. Mrs Hackett and Mrs Scott to liaise over the arrangements. **Action: SH/SC**

2017/029 Defibrillator

Cllr. Mrs Hackett gave an update on progress. Given the situation over the telephone kiosk, it was agreed to go ahead with locating the unit at the Village Hall pending consideration to re-site in due course. The unit would be unlocked and wired into the Village Hall. Cllr. Holder said that he would arrange for an electrician. **Action: RH**

2017/030 Review of Cemetery Fees

The Clerk had previously circulated the revised Cemetery fees based on a doubling of the present rates. The fee for non-residents is twice that for residents. It was proposed by Cllr.

Chairman

Date

Mrs Scott and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Hackett that the new fees be implemented. **Action: Clerk**

2017/031 Correspondence

The Clerk had received the updated Definitive Map together with details of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and associated questionnaire. Councillors are to consider the top 10% of RoW and the lowest 10% as far as appeal for users goes and let the Clerk hve their comments. **Action: All.**

2017/032 Planning issues

- a) The following application was considered:
17/00465, Monkton Sidings. There was concern over the need for such a development but if approved the parish Council wanted the building to only remain for the duration of the business after which it should be removed and that it would be restricted to the applicant's use only. **Action: Clerk**
- b) 17/00291/FUL & 17/00291/LBC had been considered since the last meeting but no comments were submitted.
- c) Members considered the pre-application enquiry regarding the Stamford Road property was acceptable.

2017/033 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of the accounts. A £500 contribution from ENC MEF towards the defibrillator and £0.24 in interest had been received since the last meeting.
- (ii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Mrs Scott proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Holder:
E.ON Street light maintenance £8.21 Cheque No.100848
Northants CALC £165.43 Cheque No. 100849
D Bates £100 Cheque No. 100850
- (iii) The Clerk had received the Annual Audit Return documents.

2017/034 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

- (i) Further to the suggestion from Cllr. Mrs Spencer-Jones for memorial for Marcus Gilman, it was agreed to speak to Mrs Gilman.
- (ii) The gullies on the A47 either side of the quarry entrance were blocked. A report is to be made to The Street Doctor. **Action: Clerk. Subsequent note: Ref. 866111**
Cllr. Mrs Parsons is to speak to Bullimores about the need to ensure the wheel wash is used and the need for prior notice of blasting. **Action: SP**
It was noted that the quarry weighbridge number is 01780 353444 and concerns should be reported direct.

2017/035 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd May April 2017 commencing at 7:30pm. **This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM.**

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.