

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th March 2017, at Styrrup Village Hall, commencing at 19.15hrs.

Present :- Cllr Paul Weldon (Chairman) with Councillors David Bland, Liam Browne, Peter R Browne, George Earle, A. Morton, Martyn Reynolds, David Smith and John Woffinden. With District Councillor Barry Bowles also present.

01.28.03.2017 POLICE REPORT

A written report for the period 1st February to 24 Mar 2017 was given by PCSO Parker showing no crimes reported in Oldcotes and 3 crimes recorded in Styrrup (two down from last period). The officer was thanked for her report.

02.28.03.2017 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

03.28.03.2017 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 31st January 2017 previously circulated were agreed and approved.

04.28.03.2017 MATTERS ARISING NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Fence at 25 Pagdin Drive, Styrrup. No further response had been received from the District Council. The Clerk to escalate the complaint and seek referral to the LG Ombudsman as a case of Maladministration if satisfactory outcome is not received.

On the question of Seasonal Decorations, a contact at VIA East Midlands had now been received and further information would now be sought from Cllrs Browne and Smith as to Christmas lights and power take off.

Cllr Browne was asked to pursue the payment of the Community Infrastructure Levy award due to the Parish. The deed had been signed off in January by the Parish Council.

5.28.03.2017 STYRRUP VILLAGE HALL

The Beacon conversion to gas fired. Initial comments from a Fire Officer in an official capacity were not forthcoming. However information advice was given and provided gas cylinders were stored in a cage away from the building the arrangements were deemed satisfactory. Further opinion was to be sought from a fire officer known to Cllr Bowles or the Clerk. The Councils insurers would require to be notified and Village Hall risk assessments updated.

Styrrup Playing Field top entrance. It was agreed to close the top pedestrian entrance to field on a trial basis for 6 months. Following representation from residents.

A quotation was to be sought regarding the possible scarifying and rolling of the Styrrup field which had become very bouncy and difficult to walk on.

6.28.03.2017 STREET SWEEPER / HANDYMAN REPORT

Nigel was to be asked to carry out minor fencing works to close the top entrance to the Styrrup Playing field on a trial basis for six months. Retaining the dogleg run out in case the gate is reopened at a later date.

7.28.03.2017 PLANNING MATTERS

Clay Shoot Local resident Mr Weighill had escalated the treatment of the site as a formal complaint, but promises made by the Council CEO had not been delivered. A referral to the Ombudsman was now being sought. A new planning application was also received for comment after this meeting and comments sought. Cllrs Bowles circulated photographs of the site that appeared to show abandoned "clays", waterlogging and environmental nuisance.

8.28.03.2017 WAGES AND SALARIES 2017'2018

The Parish Council approved the statutory wage increases from the 1st April 2017 to £7.50 per hour in respect of members of staff xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Thus remaining compliant with the National Living Wage. It was also agreed to increase the salary of the Clerk in accordance with the National Agreement reached in 2016 to xxxxxxxxxxxx per hour in respect of 4 hours per week.

9.28.03.2017 VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

Speed Gates and signs were to be erected on the 30th and 31st March 2017. The Council was reminded that these would remain the liability and responsibility of the Parish Council. A subsequent inspection found these were installed satisfactorily.

10.28.03.2017 INTERNAL AUDIT, ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Mr Jim Neil had agreed to act as Internal Auditor in respect of the 2016 2017 accounts and the Annual Governance Statement was agreed. The Annual Accounts would be approved at the next meeting.

11.28.03.2017 MEMBERS ITEMS

Cllr Earle reported that the agricultural land which had been the subject of previous planning applications for a Showman's was advertised for sale. He agreed to seek out the valuation for information and future consideration.

Cllr Reynolds raised concern that unofficial signs for Langold had appeared attached to Official Oldcotes signs. Local action to remove these as necessary was suggested.

Cllr Reynolds was also updated on the failed local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Cllr Bland raised the issue previously debated seeking support for funding in respect of the 50 years Anniversary of the Oldcotes Village Hall. After some debate it was agreed to make a Section 137 grant of £500 in support of the all age celebrations planned. (Cllr Peter Browne asked that his objections to the grant be recorded).

Cllr Bland asked that the grit salt stored at the Oldcotes VH Carpark be removed. As this was a Parish Council responsibility it was agreed to pay for the hire of a Skip and the Village Hall Committee would organise a working party.

Cllr Smith raised the issue of a proposal to upgrade the A634 highway to Maltby. This was supported in principle but only if an upgrade and repaint of the Oldcotes Mini-Roundabout was achieved. There had now been 9 accidents in or near the roundabout due to the lack of maintenance. **County Cllr Place** was to be asked to pursue this as a road safety priority.

Cllr Weldon raised the issue of an Honours Board or an extension to the Chairman's Chain of Office to honour the service of those Chairmen that had gone before in the last 123 years since 1894. Mixed views were expressed. This would be the subject of a debate at a future meeting.

Cllr Bowles then gave an update on matters with which he had recently been involved.

12.28.03.2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on TUESDAY 30th May 2017 at the Village Hall, Oldcotes commencing at 7.15pm. This would form the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.

Chairman 30th May 2017