

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009 at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllrs. Betts, Humphreys, Lineker, Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn (in the Chair).

**Apologies** for Absence Mr Suthers

**Declaration of Interest** on items below. None

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 11th December 2008. A copy had been circulated.

These were agreed a true record and signed.

**Matters Arising** none Parish Plan missed from agenda.

### **Correspondence**

RBC offer free advertising for community events details passed to Cllr. Betts

East Midlands in Bloom seminar 25th February 10am to 3pm Bosworth Hall Hotel details to Cllr. Humphreys

NALC questionnaires Data capture + training forms completed, planning training requested.

E.on gas supply changes 9/1/2009 clerk read meter and sent to E.on as requested.

Play Safe reminder for play inspection. It was agreed to request an automatic annual inspection this year costs £63.00

**Planning** Decisions: Bunny Barn garage granted, Chairman read out letter to explain why it had been granted.

**Newsletter** (standard item) Waiting for outcome of Parish Plan meeting on 17th before going to press.

### **Village Hall**

New curtains? No progress. All set for floor sanding, nail punching has been a challenge.

Clerk reported on damage to clips on external gas pipe. It was agreed to have this repaired together with pipe clipping to stop noise on cold water. Also investigate damage to soil pipe. Clerk to find plumber.

### **Consider grass cutting costs for 2009**

Quotes from Hempstead, Britten and White Lodge were considered.

It was agreed to continue with White Lodge and to increase areas where grass is collected. Total cost for 2009 £2,683.00

**Review of Clerk's Salary backdated to 1st July 2008** Cllr. Straw had approached NALC for guidance but it has not yet been received.

**Consider draft budget and agree precept for 2009-10** the clerk had prepared a draft revenue budget minor changes were made to this. It was further agreed to budget £5,000 to implement findings of the Parish Plan. This resulted in a precept of £12,000 for 2009-10.

**Village event for 2009** update. Cllr. Betts hopes to receive offers of help at the PP on 17th January.

**Parish Plan** update.

Cllr. Straw apologised that at the December PC meeting the Parish Plan should have been presented rather than the draft being circulated as it was.

Giving an overview of the process to date Cllr. Straw felt that it had gone quite well. It had met the three objectives set.

- Identify things to do - more than one had been identified.
- Involve people - 50 at original meeting, 20 originally on steering group.
- Support funding applications.

Next stage leads to the production of the glossy document to be presented on 21st March. PC, steering group and others will then need to agree who takes different aspects forward. PC needs to acknowledge the work done which is estimated to be in the region of 400 hours.

**Fundraising activities** (standard item) No report.

### **Finance**

Current acct. Bal. £14,630.83 (at 31/12/2008) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,161.65 (at 31/12/08) Third quarter reconciliation with bank statements was circulated in the folder. Elsie Smith Bequest £1,447.37 S&E Smith Trust £118.27

Accounts for payment

1056 Mike Lambert (VH windows) 10.00 no VAT

It was agreed that the above account be paid.

**Councillors Reports** Cllr. Watchorn asked about the replacement of crockery. The clerk reported that the WI were having further discussion but had assured us that this would not result in any changes to design, colour or quantity of items agreed for purchase. It was agreed to leave the donation in the hands of the WI. Coffee Shop have some funds and ask PC what project it can be used for. Water filter to improve taste of water was suggested. Cllr.

Miles reported that the replacement trees promised at the site of the felled trees on Sutton Lane had been planted and looked good.

**Date of Next Meetings**

12th February 2009 add Parish Plan, VH Water Filter.

12th March 2009

Meeting closed at 9.05pm