

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting and held on Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs. Betts, Humphreys, Miles, Preece & Watchorn (Chair). In attendance Mr Suthers

Apologies for absence Cllr Straw and Mr Cranswick.

Declaration of Interest on items below. None at this stage.

Election of Chairman and vice chair Cllr Watchorn expressed his wish to stand down as chairman. Cllr Betts was proposed, seconded and voted in as the new chairman. Acceptance paper signed and witnessed. Cllr Humphries was voted in as vice chair replacing Cllr Betts. Cllr Watchorn was thanked for his term in office.

Acceptance of Minutes of meeting 9th April 2009. A copy has been circulated and these were agreed a true record and signed.

Matters Arising

Location of three Salt bins agreed. One on the entrance to Old Forge Lane, one on the bend in Sutton and one at the cross roads between Elton and Sutton. Location to be passed onto NCC

Correspondence

Best Kept Village- Cllr Humphreys to submit entry form, cheque for £4.00 agreed. It was decided that the village would not exclude any areas as the village is what it is good bits as well as those needing attention.

RCAN application not renewed.

RBC Small environmental improvements scheme Cllr Humphreys to submit entry for The Garden of Remembrance to take to July meeting completed submission and plan. Submission due by 31st July.

Request for Sloe tree in memory of Judy Cameron by family in cemetery- agreed. Cllr Humphreys to respond in writing. It was agreed that the tree should be planted in a corner plot of the newly extended cemetery with a plaque at a cost of £25.

An unused plot in the cemetery is obstructed by bushes. Cllrs Watchorn and Preece will inspect the problem and report back to the Parish Council meeting

Free tickets for 20/ 20 cricket match on bank holiday Monday. Cllr Watchorn to arrange distribution.

Planning

09/00614/FUL no objections.

Conservation area consultation request a public area in the coffee shop on the first Saturday in June. Cllr Betts to approach Gwen James.

Village Hall

New dehumidifier arrived Cllr Watchorn to investigate the installation of machine.

Curtains for the main room in the Village Hall. Cllr Humphreys presented a choice of fabrics with at a cost of £1602.22 from John Lewis Partnership. A request for new tract and hanging to be quoted for and arranged. Agreed.

First Aid kit agreed. To be purchased

Crockery to be offered to a charity. Gwen James to let clerk know if wanted.

Discussion around the need for new chairs. Query borrow a chair from Plungar as a demonstration piece. Alternatively buy a chair trolley to make movement of chairs easier.

Parish Clerk introduced an extra item on agenda regarding the safety of the village hall in event of a fire when hired out by the Music Hall group recently where concern had been raised by the Clerk regarding the failure of the hirer to follow safety guidelines. Discussion took place and Cllrs supported in principle the concerns raised. During the discussion the Parish Clerk left the meeting unexpectedly. Cllr Humphreys agreed to continue taking the minutes for the meeting.

IT upgrade not discussed

Newsletter should be published and circulated 1st week June.

Village Event no further development to report.

Fund Raising no further development to report.

Village Plan no report.

Insurance Quote agreed for Came & Co £697.34 for one year only then review.

Finance Itemised payments agreed.

Councillors Reports none.

Date of Next Meeting 11th June 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10pm