

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday April 14th 2022 at 7.19pm following the Annual Parish Meeting

Apologies

Mr Bevans, Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Simmonds
Cllrs Harris and Laughton

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mr Subramanian, clerk Mr Rickett,
FO Mrs Rickett
Cllrs Rainbow and Brock
2 members of the public

Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record

Declaration of Councillors interests

Mr Subramanian

Village Hall

Internet – up and running, agreed to put the password on the notice board in the passage and by the heating control in the hall
Outside wall – awaiting quote
Emergency lighting – in hand
Overhead heaters – 2 new ones agreed to replace the others as they stop working

Insurance

The FO and Mr Paris had looked through the quotes received and advised the PC that BHIB would be the better deal, this and Zurich quoted almost the same price, but Zurich would not insure unlocked defibrillators - agreed to go with the 3 year contract

Allotments

The PCllrs had been to look at the allotments and came up with the following
Cut the hedge, possibly have it laid, no post and rail
Need better parking, possibly put down roadstone
A bridge is needed
Dykes need clearing
Water supply needed
The Chairman asked the 2 parishioners present for their views as they are allotment holders. They also felt that a water supply was needed, and that rubbish left by a previous tenant needed clearing
Agreed that the clerk would look into the price of a water supply – see if the quote still holds, approach Brackenhurst College about laying the hedge and the cost of a bridge, metal gate and parking
Mr Paris pointed out that this has been a Parish facility since 1779

Roads and hedges

Willow Tree – The Chairman had spoken to 2 people about this – one would pollard it at anytime of the year for approx. £600, the other when it was not in leaf, but had to come back with a price
School Lane – no news on the resurfacing

Jubilee

It was agreed that strawberries and prosecco would be served in the Village Hall, when the beacon is lit at 9.45pm in Mrs Godfreys field behind the Hall on Thursday 2nd June, Mrs Herbert to arrange the catering, Mr Paris and Mr Bevans to organise the photos and Mr Paris to hand out the mugs

The events committee will organise a street party on the Sunday

The Waggon is holding a royal quiz on Thursday

Marquee – Mr Subramanian informed the PC that 2 x 12m x6m marquees had been purchased

Union Jack – the Chairman informed the PC that the Union Jack had arrived and the Platinum Jubilee flag would arrive soon and are the event would be framed and hung in the Village Hall with the Millennium tapestry

Open meeting

Cllr Brock informed the PC that a cabinet system was coming in at NSDC in May 2023 for a 5 year trial

Planning

None

Planning decisions

Little Oak Radley Road – TPO work approved by NSDC

Finance

Agreed to pay the following unanimously

NALC subs 102.90

Ongoing website payments 59.94

Agreed to pay 3 for

Grant to Events Committee under Sect 137 (£401.78 remaining) 2500.00

The PC were informed that we had received a Jubilee grant from NSDC for £150.00

Items for the next agenda

Allotments – water supply , hedge laying

Willow tree

Distribution of mugs

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm APCM

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm