

EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on 3 March 2016 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs M Grimes (Chair), D McAllister, R McAllister, Jacky Dickinson, J Curry

Also in attendance – Angela Foster (Parish Clerk), Ivan Scot, caretaker and County Councillor Wilson

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Jon Dickinson - noted this is the 5th meeting missed.

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

No members declared an interest

3. Questions from members of the public:

- No questions raised

4. Police Report:

PCSO Turnbull attended the meeting. 1 theft from motor vehicle and gardens broken into.

Motorbike nuisance was mentioned, 2 males are riding around the village on footpaths. It was suggested asking residents to contact the police when the incidents happen. Take as much info / photos as possible.

PCSO Turnbull to carry out speed watch outside the school with the children (mini police). Other statistics from previous speed watches to be forwarded to the council.

5. Minutes of Council meeting:

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerks report:

No clerks report

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a. **Planning applications**

- *No applications received*

b. **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was published.**

- *No applications received*

c. **Future events –**

- *No events planned*

d. **Accounts** - The Clerk distributed the bi monthly accounts

Resolved: *Cllr Julie Curry signed the bank statement, reconciliation and cash book*

e. **County Councillors Report** – County Councillor Wilson attended. He gave an update to the parking spaces at the school. It is at present with the land registry, and the legal department. Cllr Wilson to inquire if Edmondsley school could be part of the 20mph speed reduction.

f. **Risk Assessment** - The annual policy was distributed

Resolved: *The policy was accepted and adopted*

g. **Audit – Review of Effectiveness of Internal Auditor** – There is no cost of audit this year from Mr David Stephenson. Members carried out a review of effectiveness of the internal audit. It was noted this review is an integral part of continually improving governance and accountability and forms part of the annual governance statement which is Part 2 of the Annual Return. The review covered independence, competence, relationships with clerk and councillors, audit planning, audit scope and audit reporting.

Resolved: *It was agreed to invite Mr Stephenson to be internal auditor. To accept the evidence of achievement from the review.*

h. **Audit arrangements for 2017** - To consider whether the Parish Council should opt out of the external audit arrangements that Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) are putting in place with effect from 1 April 2017.

The Clerk advised that the SAAA had been set up following the demise of the Audit Commission to make audit arrangements for smaller authorities. From 1 April 2017 authorities will be able to opt out and appoint their own external auditor. Authorities opting out will need to appoint an independent audit panel to make recommendations on the appointment of an auditor and agree fee arrangements.

Resolved: *The Parish Council agreed not to opt out and to have its external auditor appointed by the SAAA for the period 2017 to 2022*

i. **May meeting** - As the hall is being used for the elections, it was suggested changing the meeting date to the week later

Resolved: *It was agreed to hold the meeting on 12 May. This will include the Annual Meeting of the Council and following full council meeting will be the Annual Parish*

Meeting.

j. Correspondence

- Nothing received

k. Correspondence since agenda was published:

- Nothing received

l. Urgent issues for noting (the Clerk to use delegated powers) and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting

8 Financial Matters

(a) Payments

Resolved: That the following payments be agreed:

- (1) That the sum of £480.32 be paid via S/O to Mrs A Foster (January/February)
- (2) That the sum of £120.00 be paid direct from clerk to HMRC (January/February)
- (3) That the sum of £108.00 be paid via S/O to E-on - electricity
- (4) That the sum of £100.00 be paid to young allotment association as bi monthly grant
- (5) That the sum of £150.00 be paid to young allotment association for plants

(b) Receipts

Resolved: That the following receipts be noted:

- (1) That the sum of £80.00 was received from Judo
- (2) That the sum of £120.00 was received from Dogs

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12 May 2016 to commence at 6.00pm - Annual Meeting of the Council followed by full council meeting, followed by Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.50 pm

Chairman

Date