

CROWFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.00pm in the Morris Room of the village hall.

PRESENT

D Brander, Chairman, Parish Councillors Baker, Hart, Scott, Shoote, Roger Williamson, Ross Williamson, L Rowe, Clerk. IN ATTENDANCE County Councillor M Hicks.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from District Councillor T Passmore

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 14th September 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. Copy of Minutes only signed. Minutes in Minutes book to copied in and signed by Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Vehicle Activated Sign

After much discussion it was agreed to purchase a VAS for the village. Regarding the purchase of analytical software, it was decided to leave this at present and to maybe ask at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk to inform Josh White and ask him for an update on the posts, and to confirm details of receiving Grant with Cllr Hicks.

DECISION:

To purchase a Portable Mini Speed Indicator Device from Westcotec Ltd including two additional fixing brackets at a total cost including VAT of £3270. The order would not be placed until the expected grants of £2000 have been received.

REASON:

To improve safety on the three main village roads by reducing traffic speed.

Stonham Barns

The details in the planning application submitted by Stonham Barns in September have yet to be made public by MSDC. A liaison meeting had been held and attended by Alan Shoote and Charles Williamson.

Village Hall Land Registration

A deposition regarding the continuity of ownership of the land since the village hall extension was built in 1989 has been made by Robert Baker. The application has been submitted to the land registry together with a fee of £60.

Recreation Ground Play Area

It was agreed that Sarah Scott, on behalf of the PC would chair a community based project team. The terms of reference to be for the team to secure funds and arrange for the construction of a play area on Crowfield Recreation Ground.

A spreadsheet had been produced by the Chairman showing how a record of all financial transactions could be recorded clearly. Project funds would only be used for the project and would be subject to the PC financial control. Sarah Scott would also be holding a promotion event to gather ideas and opinions.

DECISION:

To initiate a project with the objective of renewing and improving the existing play area situated on the village recreation ground.

REASON: To provide new updated outdoor play equipment for the village

ANNUAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION

The annual safety report has been passed to the Village Hall Management Committee for them to decide upon the need for remedial action.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HICKS

Councillor Hicks gave an informative Report. Issues covered were the application for a free school bus pass for a resident of Crowfield as the walking route was deemed to be unsafe. Cllr Hicks was in communication with the resident concerned and it was agreed that a letters from the PC to the relevant authorities would be helpful.

TRANSPARENCY CODE

This is working well with all relevant information displayed on the website. Thanks were given to Stephen Hart for managing the site.

CORRESPONDENCE

East Anglian Air Ambulance. .Donation requested. Declined by PC.

Information received about events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. VHMC and PCC had been passed the information.

FINANCE

Current Bank Balances; CA £2297.81 DA £1359.16

Cheques agreed and signed; Vertas Grass Cutting. 100375 £144.00. 100374 Blocks Solicitors £60.00 for Land Registry Fees. Cheque agreed and signed on 21st October.

The payment for Vertas is now required quarterly which has proved a problem in getting a cheque signed. Clerk to contact Vertas again to explain situation.

PLANNING

Home Farm. 1155/15. Conversion of two agricultural buildings to domestic dwellings. Ross Williamson and Roger Williamson both declared an interest. This is a Notice under the General Development Order for agricultural buildings. No comment was made by the PC.

Wood Farm Business Centre. A close neighbour had been visited by the Chairman and Alan Shoote to discuss her concerns. She was advised to continue to monitor the activity.

Debenham Road. Nothing had been heard since August when a letter was sent from the PC to MSDC planning. It was agreed to write again.

Community Infrastructure Levy. MSDC to be contacted to ask how local communities are to be involved in agreeing priorities for the use of revenue obtained.

Coddenham 4G Mast. Planning application has been approved.

Preparing for Disruption

The meeting agreed that there would be benefits if the village had outline plans to deal with disruptions from a prolonged loss of utilities or weather related road closures. The plans need not be elaborate. It was felt that a community approach would work best and with this in mind the clerk to write to village organisations asking if they would like to participate in the plans.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We have received communications that indicate there will not be a police presence at future PC meetings. We could make a request for the police to attend if there was a serious issue.

A burglary had been reported in Debenham Road.

Otters have been observed taking fish from ponds in the village.

Next Meeting: 11th January 2016

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.05pm.