



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Rockbourne Parish Council held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.20pm in Rockbourne Village Hall Committee Room

Present

Cllr K Kirkcaldy – Chairman
Cllr J Hall
Cllr N Broadbridge
Cllr T Ash
Cllr J Carmichael

In attendance

Mr P Thompson – Rockbourne Church Warden
Mr E Hale – Parish Clerk

Cllr Ash said he had invited Mr Thompson to attend the meeting to discuss ways for the Church and Parish Council to work together. It was agreed the Church could publish documents on the new village website. Mr Thompson has written to request a grant towards Church running costs and organ repairs, which he will forward to the Clerk

Mr Thompson spoke about Churchyard maintenance as there had been concerns about this previously. The PCC are no longer using the Probation Service and have appointed Simon Colborne for grass cutting and strimming around headstones

The Councillors thanked Mr Thompson for attending and he left the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Watt
HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman

4. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr E Heron

No report this month

5. Approval of Payments for the Current Month

The balances in the Parish Council accounts have not changed since the last meeting and are £12,039.49 (deposit) and £5,625.19 (current). This does not include the £4,000 which the Council has loaned to the Recreation Ground. The Clerk asked for a payment of £297.00 for Clerk duties from December to March, which was approved

6. Planning and Tree Applications

Applications 17/10158 and 17/10159 for Replacement Windows at Cruck Cottage

Councillors discussed the details submitted with the application and were unsure if listed buildings could have double glazed windows installed. There was no Case Officer Review available yet. Cllr Ash proposed the decision was referred back to NFDC under Option 5 as this decision required specialist information, which was seconded by Cllr Broadbridge and agreed by all Councillors

Application 17/10250 for Window Alterations at Malthouse Farm

Councillors were unsure if the windows on a listed property could be altered and there was no Case Officer Review available yet. It was agreed this application should also be referred back to NFDC under Option 5 as Councillors were not aware of the legal requirements on this

7. Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Heron about works to tree on the footpath near the Church. The Lengthsman will be asked to clear the village footpaths again from April onwards

8. Speedwatch and Speed Reduction Measures

The Clerk was asked to check if the painting of lines on road edges would still be going ahead, and also to contact Cllr Heron about a proposed inspection of village roads by a Highways Engineer. Councillors agreed the village improvements should include new gateways at village entrances, new village signs, and better school signage. They would also like to discuss removal of chevrons near the Rose and Thistle, and changed priorities at the Damerham junction. These need to be reviewed before any application for Community Funded Initiatives could be submitted

9. Village Website

It was agreed the website details should be advertised on the Parish Council notice board

10. Maintenance of The Bourne

Cllr Hall is investigating options for bank restoration

11. Other Meetings Attended

No other meetings attended

12. Correspondence and Any Other Business

The Clerk had received notification of the HALC Annual Conference on 22nd March, a Licencing Application at the Rose and Thistle for 25th March, and closure of the Funquest charity

Following discussions about Rockbourne Knoll at the last meeting, Cllr Hall had passed neighbour contact details to the HCC representatives, but had not had any response

Cllr Ash suggested the new pavilion could be advertised as available to hire for events in the future so it would be used by other villagers and bring in additional income

Cllr Broadbridge reported there had been some attempted burglaries in the village that day and a man had been entering gardens saying he was offering tree cutting services

Councillors agreed the speaker at the AGM in May should relate to the proposed Community Funded Traffic Measures, and meetings after then could be held at the new pavilion

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 7.15pm on Monday 10th April 2017.
The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Edward Hale. 15.03.17