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Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

8.00pm Wednesday 25th May 2016 in St Mary's Church

Present:

Sian Case (SC)
Clive Fidler (CF)
Nigel Walker (NW)
Sara Cichocka (SMC)
Alec Hitchman (AH)

Izzi Seccombe (IS)
Philip Seccombe (PS)

Zbig Cichocki Minute Secretary

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting (February) and matters arising.

Minutes were approved and signed by SC as Chair.

2. Review of donation commitments of the Council

NW presented an outline of recent donations:

British Legion Poppy Appeal (varies but based on cost of wreath annually) last year £25.
Ettington First Responders £50
PCC magazine £25
PCC mower repair (one off) £70

A discussion took place about future donations, but it was decided that there ought to be a process by which applications should be made. Initially, applications should be made by email to NW before the next meeting at which further decisions about the process and donations will be made.

Action: NW

3. Planning

None

4. Financial issues not covered in this evening's annual meeting

It was agreed that the Dell computer be formally written off and securely disposed.

Action: SC

5. Flooding response

CF reiterated the information given at the Annual Parish Meeting last week. CF had talked with neighbours and was suggesting some clearing of ditches and other works to improve the situation. There is to be root survey, however CF considered the issue to be the size of culvert at the Kinton Road near Watery Lane. At this point, IS suggested that no work actual work be done until she and CF have had the opportunity to meet further with WCC representatives and a sustainable way forward could be agreed. CF and IS will communicate to this effect. IS will contact Mark Banning

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at WCC. It was also suggested the Ian Crockett, one of the neighbours, be invited to the next meeting.

Action: CF

6. Update from District Councillor

PS confirmed that he had been elected as Warwickshire's new Police Commissioner and that the role was one with great responsibility and one that gave great opportunity to improve services, particularly in rural areas such as ours. There would be a drive for more police officers, for more visibility and for more awareness of issues and of victims. PS will continue as District Councillor for the time being but this will depend on future workloads.

PS also said that the SDC Core strategy was been prepared for publication imminently and that this would further support local planning issues and control further developments.

7. Update from County Councillor

IS spoke about WCC formally becoming part of the West Midlands Combined Authority in June because of the recent vote. She said that she was not in favour of this very significant move and that she considered that there may be negative impact on Warwickshire, but she also added that she would negotiate in order to obtain the very best arrangements possible. IS talked about the burden an additional layer of government may impose and that she was in favour of Warwickshire becoming a unitary authority without district councils in the future.

8. Correspondence

SC showed some marketing literature received which was not needed. She referred to an email received from Tim Newcombe about the precept arrangements. SC said that she would draft a reply to Tim for approval by Councillors.

Action: SC

9. AOB

SMC asked whether AH had been able to make any progress on opportunities to plant wild flowers on the Village Green. AH replied that the opportunity he had investigated was no longer available.

CF referred to his concern about the growth of weeds on the Leawell Spring and it was agreed to keep a watching brief on the situation.

CF referred to an issue with visiting traffic being directed to the ford on Watery Lane by SatNavs. It was perceived that is an issue of postcode identification. CF will research further.

Action: CF

SC will create an inventory of the Parish Council historical documents that she has in her possession. This should support their future use and management.

Action: SC

The meeting closed at 10.00pm