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Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 29th November 2016 in Village Hall

Present:

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

Philip Seccombe (PS) present from 7.45pm

Zbig Cichocki Minute Secretary

Apologies were received and accepted from Clive Fidler and Izzi Seccombe

1 parishioner in attendance

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Minutes were approved, and signed by SC as Chair.

2. Matters arising

A vote was taken about permitting planings on the track on the village green. After a discussion, including that of setting precedent, the council voted against this with one councillor abstaining.

There has been no contact from the Scout Organiser about funding. NW will write something in the newsletter suggesting contact from organisations seeking funding.

SC completed Police Commissioner's survey. SC was not able to attend the WALC area meeting.

SC showed the pack received from the Rural Crime Co-ordinator and it was agreed the she should contact the church with a view to holding the necessary public meeting and publicity session so that the scheme can be adopted. This meeting will be planned for the spring.

Action: SC

SMC had not been in contact with broadband representatives and some discussion took place about the improved provision in some parts of the community. It was decided that further investigation was not appropriate at this time and that the situation may improve in the future if government plans come to fruition. There is a link that allows residents to check whether Faster Broadband is available at their house is: <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx>

SC reported no further actions regarding registering the village green.

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SMC reported that no action had been taken in regard to publishing parish activities in the Stratford Herald Parish Pump. It was decided that the Crime pack meeting in the spring may be an ideal activity to publish.

SMC reported that a banner notice with the Parish website was now in place on the noticeboard.

3. Flooding Prevention Progress

There was good news to report in that, following considerable work by the council, the culvert causing concern will be replaced by WCC in this financial year. A parishioner's concern about clearing under the bridge by the postbox was passed onto WCC by CF and we are awaiting a reply. AH will contact CF about his concerns about the culvert further up the Kineton Road (towards Kineton).

Action: AH

4. Road signs with particular reference to the ford, anti-speeding and child safety

The sign for the ford at the Kineton Road end is now visible. The damaged chevron at the bend towards Pillerton Priors has been replaced. Following meetings, we are awaiting further advice and action from WCC about the ford itself as it is their highway to maintain. SC expressed concern in that there are now more younger children in the community and that safety, in particular speeding, are considerable issues. There was also some discussion about the need to rationalise and improve signs for safety and clarity. This would be best done with advice from WCC road safety department whom SMC will contact.

Action: SMC

5. Planning

Staddlestones tree felling - no comment to be made.

Lower Fosse Farm - no comment to be made

It was noted that the enforcement order at Springfield Farm is being adhered to.

6. Finance

It was decided and agreed unanimously that the precept for the next financial year continue to be set at £1000 as last year. This figure appeared to be appropriate and sufficient at present.

NF reported that little movement had taken place in the accounts since the last meeting.

Starting balance		£2688.51	
Income	16 Sept 16	£31.00	Land Registry refund
	26 Sept 16	£500.00	SDC Payment
Spend	15 Sept 16	£80.00	WALC annual subscription
	25 Nov 16	£30.00	Poppy Appeal donation
Current balance		£3109.51	

7. Update from District Councillor

PS sent apologies from IS who is engaged on national and county issues. He said that the district core strategy had now been adopted and should make dealing with planning issues clearer. PS

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reported that his role of Police Commissioner was extremely interesting and that he had learnt a great deal about the challenges facing the police in this area. He reported the cyber crime was becoming a particular concern (along with a number of other issues) and felt that this was an area that some action by informed individuals could improve their own security. It was suggested that one of the cyber crime advisers could be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting and this was considered a very good idea. PS also said that it is helpful if all crime is reported, even if individuals think that little action might take place, as this helps with prioritising resources. PS was thanked for his continued attendance at the council meetings particularly with his busy agenda.

8. Opportunities for parishioners to speak at meetings

A discussion took place about providing structure for more parishioners to take an active part in the parish meetings. SC reported that when meeting with councillors from other parishes she noted that they all had processes to allow for contributions to be made in an appropriate manner and that there was surprise that we did not. SMC reported that in her past experience of serving as a parish councillor in another area this was essential, particularly when it came to more contentious matters such as certain planning issues. PS said that all other parish council meetings he attended had such a process and this encouraged wider contribution yet allowed for meetings to remain on agenda. It was suggested that such a process be adopted. It was considered that a maximum period of 15 minutes after apologies (similar to the policy of Loxley PC) be adopted. AH was of a view that this was too formal for this council and that it would limit contributions during agenda items. A vote was held with SC proposing, SMC seconding. The position is to be reviewed after twelve months. The vote was carried with one councillor voting against. An opportunity for public contribution will be an item on the next agenda, after apologies.

9. AOB

The matter of bonfires was discussed and although it was considered an issue of good neighbourliness there was little that could be done officially. SC will write regarding this matter in the summer newsletter asking for co-operation with the community.

SC reported that little had changed with regard to the actions of dog owners and clearing of their pet's mess. The option of bins for the mess was not considered appropriate in that several may be needed and there is little guarantee of their use.

10. Next meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 15th February 2016 in the Village Hall

All parishioners are most welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm