

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009

Present: Cllr N Tidey (Vice-Chair) (NT)
Cllr Mrs M Round (MR)
Cllr Mrs L Spikesley (LS)
Cllr Mrs J Waldock (JM)
Denise Shiels (Clerk) (DS)

Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th March 2009

29/09 Signed as correct by the Chairman.

Resignations

30/09 Due to the resignation of the Chairman, Cllr Anthony Briggs (Tony) on 18th April 2009 the Vice Chair Cllr Neil Tidey assumed the role as Chair. The Clerk to the Parish Council resigned on 27th April 2009. The Chair thanked Tony and the Clerk for the service they have both given to the Council over many years in the past. He went on to say that Lesley Smith, who is the Clerk to Chalgrave Parish Council and also GAPP would be taking over as Clerk. A meeting to be set up to handover parish records.

Signatories to the bank account

31/09 The Chair reported that a form had been completed by authorised signatories to the account.

Parish Elections

32/09 The Chair reported that he, MR and JW had put their nominations in. LS had not put here nomination in as she had been away on holiday. NT suggested co-opting her at the next meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

33/09 It was reported that gates has been installed on Mill Road. The 'Stanbridge' sign has not been reinstated.

Village Hall – Lighting works to car park completed.

Village Green – Mowing to the Green has been started.

Hedge – St Johns Close – Central Beds Council may be responsible for the cutting of the hedge and John Askew is to look into this and possibly refund the Parish Council for works done.

Notice Board – Is in Pete Smith's garage and needs to be sited.

Dog Fouling – Central Beds Council said that there is nowhere suitable to site a further dog bin on Peddars Lane. Mr Joe Pitt to contact MR. It was noted that it is the Parish Council's responsibility to put notices up.

Play equipment – MR reported that an application for funding is in progress and has to be in by June '09. She has met with the School Council and they have agreed on a couple of 'key' pieces of equipment.

Public Participation

34/09 Jo Rylett and Paul Tingey.

Parish Accounts

35/09 Where received by the Members. The Chair (NT) wanted to defer the signing of the Annual Returns form to the next meeting.

Highway Matters/ Partnership Scheme

36/09 NT met with the Highways representative recently. £7,500 available to Parish Council for repairs to Station Road footpath. Resurfacing of Mill Road planned for 2011. Petition to have a 'Lollipop Lady' for school crossing received from pupils at the lower school.

Bus Shelter

37/09 Funding for new bus shelter available from BRCC.

New Council

38/09 NT mentioned that when the new Council is formed Members can co-opt. He mentioned getting more people involved in the Parish Council activities and getting more people to the AGM.

Website

39/09 MR suggested investigating the Central Beds Council website for Parish Councils.

Emails

40/09 LS queried why all Members are copied into out of meeting emails. She also said that some of the content in the emails made her feel uncomfortable.

Village Green

41/09 MR raised the matter of the cutting of the grass on the village green being done more often during the growing season. The cost per cut is £126.00. It was agreed to look at the budget.

Planning

42/09 No planning matters received.

Payments

43/09 As mandate for changeover to new signatories would take 10 days to complete it was agreed to defer the paying of bills to the next meeting.
