

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2016 AT 7:30PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, MEARS ASHBY.

Present: Cllrs K Payne (Chairman), N Wookey, V Smith, C Stockdale, M O'Halloran, D Payne and A Palmberg (Clerk) + 4 residents

073/16 Opening Procedures

a) Apologies: Apologies were received and approved from Cllr T Graham, Borough Cllr J Bone and Borough Cllr C Hallam.

b) Declarations of Interest from members: None

c) Approval of Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting: Members approved the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on Monday 12th September.

d) To discuss and where possible resolve matters arising from the meeting held on 12th September. None

074/16 Public Time

a) To receive comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

Ms Lorna Bell advised the meeting that a maximum of two pages would be allowed for Parish Council content. The Chairman replied that the item would be discussed further as item 78/16.

Mr Dawson Lillywhite expressed concern over the damaged signpost on the junction of Glebe Road and North Street. The Clerk advised him that the matter has been referred to Northamptonshire Highways. It was also requested that an example of the proposed new signpost would be made available for prior approval by the Parish Council. Mr Lillywhite also confirmed that the damaged fingerposts have been retrieved by a resident for safekeeping, as they could possibly be recycled. Cllr Smith proposed that the Parish Council consider a request for a contribution towards the signpost from Town Estates charity.

Mrs Judith Callis asked why the proposed site meeting had not been included in the minutes at the previous meeting? The proposed date is Tuesday October 11th at 11am. The Chairman responded that as the date and time was not confirmed, the Parish would be notified separately of the confirmed time.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways to inform them of the situation and request for a similar signpost to be erected.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would publish the confirmed site meeting details once received.

075/16 Reports

September:

No crime reported.

076/16 To discuss an insurance claim for a damaged streetlight at the junction of North Street/Glebe Road.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr T Graham would follow this up with the police in order to obtain an incident number for insurance claim purposes.

077/16 To receive an update on the Affordable Housing planning application.

The Chairman encouraged the Parish Council to support the application. She further advised the meeting that she and Borough Councillor Bone are scheduled to speak at the Wellingborough

Borough Council planning meeting on Wednesday 12th October. She urged any residents who wish to speak at the meeting to register their attendance. She added that the planning papers should be published on 7th October.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that details of the meeting would be included on the new website as well as the noticeboard.

078/16 To discuss and review the publishing of Parish Council minutes.

The Chairman proposed that the last two Parish Council agendas should be included in Village Life Magazine. The agenda for the purpose of the magazine would be an informal summary of the discussion points at the meetings. The deadline for these would be the second Friday of each month. The Chairman stressed that formal agendas and minutes are available on the website and noticeboard.

079/16 To receive on the repaired bus shelter. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Sanders at Watson and Cox informing the Parish Council that they have nearly completed the works to the bus stop next to the Griffin's Head pub. The work will be completed once the top of the bollards is painted and a steel plate is fixed in place to anchor the bus shelter to the concrete base.

080/16 Financial Matters

a) To receive the Receipts and Payments account to 31st September 2016:

Accounts Receivable:		VAT	
E.ON (Streetlight Maintenance)	£123.19	£20.53	Cheque no. 000619
Anna Palmberg (Clerk's salary - October)	£279.46		Cheque no. 000620
Chris Burton (New Website Design and Set Up)	£100.00		Cheque no. 000621
BDO (External Audit)	£36.00	£6.00	Cheque no. 000622

b) The above payments and receipts were approved.

c) The Annual Return was approved from BDO.

d) It was agreed that Councillors were to consider budget items ahead of the next Parish Council meeting.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: - Monday 7th November 2016 in the Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mears Ashby.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:20pm.

.....Signature

Chairman

.....Date

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