

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2016, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, MEARS ASHBY, AT 7:30PM

Present: Cllrs K Payne (Chairman), N Wookey, V Smith, T Graham, C Stockdale, D Payne and Mrs A Palmberg (Clerk) and 1 resident

001/16 Opening Procedures

a) Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr M O'Halloran, Cllr Bone and Cllr Hallam. Apologies for absence were approved by the Parish Council.

b) Declarations of Interest from members: None

c) Approval of Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting: Members agreed the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on 7th December 2015.

002/16 Public Time

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

None

003/16 Reports

a) Police:

Robbery x 1

Beckworth Emporium - (ongoing investigation by CID)

Theft from motor vehicle x 2

Wellingborough road (Secure vehicle entered by unknown means – property stolen).

Bakehouse Lane (Possible insecure vehicle – property stolen from within).

Theft/Handling x 1

Bakehouse Lane (Garden ornaments stolen).

b) Safety: No update

c) Highways: Report from Helen Howard of Highways below:

“We have a stock of assorted temporary signs with various road safety messages on them including, please park safely and legally. We do not give these out to Parish Council but we can put some up for you if you let me know why and where you would like them. We only have a certain number, so we will get them up as soon as we have collected some in from other areas.

We looked at the Highfield Road / Wellingborough Road junction when we walked around the village, I agreed that I would get this marked up to better delineate the road in the new financial year. We do not have a recorded collision history at this particular junction and so cannot justify any further measures at this particular site.”

Members **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to contact Highways and request “Park Safely and Legally” signs to erect in the following areas:

. Bakehouse Lane (Church St end)

. Replace old sign on Lady’s Lane

. Church Lane by North St.

. North Street (by School)

. Vicarage Lane (particularly when events at Village Hall take place)

004/16 To receive Declarations of Interest related to business on the Agenda: None

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005/16 To agree and set the Budget for 2016/2017:

- . Remembrance Day Wreath (approx. £25)
 - . Electricity (discuss any possible increases in cost)
 - . Clerk's Salary
 - . Defibrillator (approx. £1000)
 - . Liability Insurance for Volunteers
 - . Location for defibrillator
 - . Risk assessment for fireworks (Queen's Jubilee 2016) and future events
 - . Survey of existing streetlight equipment
 - . Grounds Maintenance/Grass Cutting
 - * Notes to Budget Proposal:
 - . Queen's Jubilee will come under S137
 - . Village Design Statement: Awaiting approval for Character Appraisal and Management Plan. Cllr Smith advised the Parish Council that the requirement to produce a hard copy report should not be necessary.
 - . Grounds Maintenance quotes will be received and agreed at next PC meeting.
 - . A presentation from the Head of Communities Response Unit on the proposed defibrillator, will take place at the February meeting. Some interested volunteers will also attend the February meeting.
 - . It was agreed that the **Precept** for 2016/2017 would remain the same at £9,000. The vote was proposed by Cllr N Wookey and seconded by Cllr D Payne and the vote was unanimously in favour of the proposal.
- Members **RESOLVED:** to finalise the Budget at the next Parish Council Meeting in February.

006/16 To discuss Internet Access in Mears Ashby

The Parish Council were advised that the proposed date of increased internet speed would be in January 2017 with a possible improved speed of 6-7. Cllr Wookey suggested The PC could contact Mears Ashby School to drum up interest and encourage increased speed. Members **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to contact Lark Energy to enquire about possible funding for a booster.

007/16 Planning:

To receive, discuss and decide Planning Applications received (shown below) and to note the decided applications.

New Applications:

WP/15/00719/FUL

Pending

Erection of residential annex
9 Church Street, Mears Ashby, NN6 0EE
Mr and Mrs Roy

For Planning Applications, please refer to the website:

<http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications> for more information.

008/16 Financial Matters:

a) To receive the Receipts and Payments account to 31st December 2015:

Payments:

Clerk's Salary	£266.75	Cheque no: 000579
E.ON (Electricity)	£123.19	Cheque no: 000580
Clerk's Expenses	£300.00	Cheque no: 000581

b) The above payments and receipts were approved.

c) Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £7,910.51

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 1st February in the Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mears Ashby.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:12pm.

.....Signature

Chairman

.....Date

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