

**MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, MEARS ASHBY, AT 7:30PM**

**Present: Cllrs K Payne (Chairman), N Wookey, V Smith, C Stockdale, M O'Halloran, T Graham and A Palmberg (Clerk). Also present were Mr O Sanders (resident).**

**019/16 Opening Procedures**

**a) Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr D Payne

**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 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

**d) Matters arising from minutes held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

None

**020/16 Public Time**

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

Mr O Sanders read out a letter to the Parish Council regarding the bus shelter on the corner of Wilby Rd and Earls Barton Rd. Presently the bus shelter is used for bus no. 37. Mr Sanders feels that the bus shelter is in a rather precarious position and he suggested to the Parish Council that it would be demolished but replaced with a new one in a different location, yet to be agreed. Cllr Stockdale advised the Parish Council that he would support the possible new location of the bus shelter to be on his land.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the bus company and Highways.

**021/16 Reports**

**a) Police:**

**February recorded crime:**

North St – theft of number plates

Assault without injury – road rage incident on Sywell Rd. (cyclist assaulted – ongoing investigation, suspect identified)

**Notes from PCC Simmonds Forum – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Cllr Smith advised the Parish Council that the School should have a traffic plan in place.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Cllr Graham would enquire with Mr Tobin James.

Cllr Smith also told the Parish Council that Hardingstone Village have implemented a “Lorrywatch” system which appears to be working well.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Hardingstone Parish Council.

**b) Safety:**

No update

**c) Highways:**

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the request for “Park Nicely” signs had been addressed. Helen Howard of Highways has responded that there are no signs currently available, but there should be some in stock in the summer months.

**022/16 To discuss and resolve a proposal by developers to demolish a bus shelter on the junction of Earls Barton Rd. and Wilby Rd.**

Issue already discussed in item 20/16 (Public Time)

**023/16 To receive an update on the defibrillator.**

Cllr K Payne advised the Parish Council that the PCC is not happy to house the defibrillator in the Church Porch.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr K Payne would contact the Diocesan Committee to enquire an alternative position for the defibrillator.

**024/16 Planning:**

There were no Planning Applications.

**025/16 To agree and approve the Precept of £9,000 for the financial year 2016/2017.**

Members **RESOLVED:** Cllr Wookey proposed that the Parish Council approve the Precept. The proposal was seconded by Cllr O'Halloran and the vote was unanimously in favour of the vote.

**026/16 To agree and approve the Budget for the financial year 2016/2017.**

Members **RESOLVED:** Cllr O'Halloran proposed the Parish Council approve the Budget. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wookey and the vote was unanimously in favour of the proposal.

**027/16 To discuss a letter from Rev. Duncan Beet regarding a proposed Evensong to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup>.**

Members **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council supported the proposal.

**028/16 Financial Matters:**

**a) To receive the Receipts and Payments account to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016:**

**Payments:**

Clerk's Salary (January)	£276.69	Cheque no: 000587*
Clerk's Salary (February)	£276.69	Cheque no: 000588

**\* Denotes a retrospective payment**

**b) The above payments and receipts were approved.**

**c) Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £6,716.87**

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 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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