

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 26th** at 7:30 pm at Belchamp Walter Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr J Walker (Chair), Cllr A Hogsbjerg, Cllr E Poels Cllr R Teverson, Cllr M. Winter, Ms J Munro (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

County Cllr D Finch, Dist Cllr I Parker, Cllr Krelle

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020 were approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

2. Reports

None

3. Parishioner Statements

None

4. Matters Arising

(a) Defibrillator

Cllrs Poels reported that the weather had been too cold to test the paint stripper on the phone box. Cllr R Teverson questioned whether it was necessary to strip the paint. It was agreed that Cllr Winter would inspect the box to determine whether it was necessary to strip the paint. He would report back to the council and, assuming no stripping was necessary, arrange a working party to paint the box. He noted that the door needed repairing and Mick Shepherd had volunteered to carry out the work.

(b) Village Hall Wall

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

(c) Playing Field Fence

Cllr Walker noted that the workman she had approached to repair the fence was no longer available and indicated she would obtain a quote from someone else.

(d) 2020/2021 Precept

Ms Munro reported that, as agreed at the previous meeting, a 5% increase in the precept to be received had been submitted to Braintree. She noted that because of a change in the base (two dwellings had been removed from the register this year) the actual increase for each house would be closer to 10%. It was agreed that next year, before approving any increase, the actual impact on each dwelling would be ascertained.

(e) Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council discussed the Annual Parish meeting and it was agreed that the annual report would be included as an insert in the May parish magazine, for Belchamp Walter. Residents would be invited to the meeting and refreshments in the form of coffee and tea would be provided. Ms Munro agreed to draft the report and circulate for comment. It was also agreed that County Cllr D Finch and Dist Cllr I Parker be informed of the approach this year with the hope that they could put the date in their diaries.

(f) Parish Council Website

Cllr Winter reported that he had migrated the website from Essexinonet (which is closing) to belchampwalterpc.uk. He noted that he had also taken over the BW village hall committee website and had built appropriate linking between the two sites. He encouraged the other councillors to review the website and provide any feedback.

(g) Potholes

Ms Munro noted that potholes were opening up again. It was agreed that information on how to report a pot would be included in the next parish council meeting and also on the website.

5. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 05/01/2020

Community Account	£4,271.82
Reserves Account	£2,335.80
Restricted Playing Field Acct	£222.85

(b) The cheques were approved as presented

6. Correspondence

None of interest

7. Items for next meeting

Defibrillator

Village Hall Wall

Playing field fence