

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 16th January** at 7:30 pm at Belchamp Walter Village Hall.

Present:

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

Apologies

County Cllr D Finch, Dist Cllr I Parker

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2019 were approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

2. Reports

None

3. Parishioner Statements

Cllr Walker tabled a copy of a letter to Essex County Council expressing concern about the flooding and road deterioration problems in North Road. Cllr Hogsbjerg noted that the flood was the result of garden waste that had been dumped in the drainage ditch. He agreed to remove the waste and clear the ditch.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Defibrillator

It was agreed that some testing of stripping the paint should be performed to ascertain how long it would take to complete the phone box. Once this was known the defibrillator will be ordered such that the phone box would be in good repair on delivery and installation. Cllrs Walker and Poels agreed to do this and report back to the next parish council meeting.

(b) Village Hall Wall

Ms Munro reported that she had tried to contact a bricklayer to quote for the whole wall but had not received a reply. Cllr Krelle agreed to follow up.

(c) Playing Field Fence

Cllr Walker agreed to follow-up with obtaining a quote to repair the playing field fence including replacement of the corner post

(d) Grass Cutting

The parish council discussed correspondence from a parishioner expressing concern with the frequency with which the village hall grass had been cut. It was noted that new Village Hall procedures included a step for the person responsible for an event to issue a request that the grass be cut. It was agreed that Ms Munro would then request the contractor to ensure that the grass was cut. It was felt that such steps would ensure that the grass was cut on an appropriate timetable.

(e) Charitable donation

The Parish Council agreed the donations for 2019/2020 should be as follows:

- Belchamp Walter St Marys £900
- Belchamp Walter Village Hall Committee £300
- Belchamp St Paul Community House £100

(f) Other

Cllr Teverson noted that there was some litter building up around the village. Ms Munro agreed to contact the litter picker to request a litter pick up

5. Finance Report

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

Community Account	£5,471.82
Reserves Account	£2,335.80
Restricted Playing Field Acct	£222.85

(b) The proposed 2020/21 budget was presented for discussion. It was noted that the village hall wall will likely be an expensive item. After significant discussion it was agreed to approve a budget that resulted in a 5% increase.

(c) The cheques were approved as presented

6. Correspondence

None of interest

7. Items for next meeting

Defibrillator

Village Hall Wall

Playing field fence