

## BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017** at 7:30pm at Belchamp Walter Village Hall.

### **Present:**

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

County Cllr D Finch

### **Apologies**

Dist Cllr I Parker,

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were confirmed as accurate and signed.

#### **2. Parishioner Statements**

None

#### **3. Council and District Reports**

Cllr J Walker (Chair) welcomed County Cllr D Finch to the meeting. County Cllr D Finch gave a brief report on county activities. A copy of the report was circulated after the meeting to all councillors.

#### **4. Matter Arising**

##### **(a) Telephone Box**

Ms Munro reported that she had registered the council's desire to adopt the telephone box and had received a contract to effect the adoption. Cllr J Walker and Ms Munro signed the contract.

*Action: Ms Munro to send off the contract and explore options for financing the defibrillator.*

##### **(b) Village Parking**

Cllr J Walker reported that she had spoken to the people who parked on the street and they would be willing to park at the Village Hall car park if the surface was improved.

*Action: Cllr J Walker to talk to the chair of the Village Hall Committee.*

##### **(c) Village Hall**

Ms Munro reported that the work on updating the heating and wiring in the Village Hall was almost complete and she expect the final payment by the council would be made sometime in March.

With respect to the ownership of the Village Hall, she reported that she and Mr Raybould had met with Mr. Raymon's lawyers, Greene and Greene. The Village Hall was sold to the Parish Council but the sale was

not registered with the land registry. Greene and Green now have the necessary documentation to register the sale and estimate that the total cost will be around £600 plus VAT. The Council agreed that Greene and Green should be instructed to register the sale.

*Action: Ms Munro to instruct Greene and Green.*

(d) Footpaths and Hedges

Nothing to report.

(e) *Charitable Donations*

The Council discussed charitable donations and agreed that the Essex Air Ambulance should continue to receive support.

(f) *Other Matters*

Cllr J Walker reported that a parishioner had asked about a hawthorn that is growing in the wall in the pond.

*Action: Ms Munro to arrange to have it removed.*

Cllr Walker reported that a parishioner had noted the village sign was very faded. The council noted that the recommended supplier, which is now bankrupt, had been used. It was agreed that painting the sign would likely make it more unattractive.

## 5. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 08/02/16

Community Account	£3,328.75
Reserves Account	6,912.01
Restricted Playing Field Acct	1,627.30

(b) The cheques were approved as per the list attached.

## 6. Reports

None

## 7. Correspondence

Nothing of note.

## 8. Items for next meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Telephone Box

Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:15pm.