

## BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 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)

Dist Cllr I Parker

### **Apologies**

County Cllr D Finch

#### **1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr S. Hogsbjerg proposed and Cllr Teverson seconded that Cllr Walker be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations Cllr Walker was duly elected as chair.

#### **2. Election of Deputy Chairman**

Cllr Walker proposed and Cllr Teverson seconded that Cllr S Hogsbjerg be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations, Cllr S. Hogsbjerg was duly elected as deputy chair.

#### **3. Election of Representatives**

Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr A. Hogsberg and Cllr E Poels to continue as council representatives and Cllr J. Walker to become a member. Footpaths and Bridleways Representative – Cllr S Hogsbjerg to continue in this position.

#### **4. Meeting Dates 2016/2017**

The meeting dates for the upcoming year were agreed as follows:

- Wednesday July 19, 2107
- Wednesday November 15, 2017
- Wednesday February 21, 2018
- Wednesday May 16, 2018

#### **5. Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests**

Cllr Walker signed a declaration of acceptance as chair for the ensuing year. The members present reviewed the details on their Register of Members Interests and made updates as necessary.

#### **6. Asset Register**

The clerk presented the updated asset register noting that the amounts had been inflated by 2% to represent and inflationary increase to the replacement cost. The members reviewed and accepted the register.

#### **7. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were confirmed as accurate and signed.

#### **8. Declaration of interest in Agenda Items**

No members declared an interest in any agenda items.

#### **9. Parishioner Statements**

None

## **10. Council and District Reports**

Cllr J Walker (Chair) welcomed Dist Cllr I Parker to the meeting who gave a brief report on district activities. A copy of the report was circulated after the meeting to all councillors.

## **11. Matter Arising**

### (a) Village Hall

Ms Munro reported that the Land Register Office had confirmed receipt of the documents. Greene and Greene have indicated that it might be several months before the transfer is registered.

### (b) Village Telephone Box

The Village Phone Box has been purchased from BT.

### (c) *Playing Field Restricted Funds*

The PC discussed the funds that had been raised for playing field equipment. In light of the decision not to purchase any additional equipment a use for the funds is needed. The PC concluded that since the money had been raised for the benefit of the children in the village it would be appropriate to put it to that use. It was agreed that, subject to no objection from villagers, the funds would be used to pay for activities organized for children at village events (such as the Christmas Party and the Queen's Birthday). Ms Munro agreed to canvas the village.

## **12. Finance Report**

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

Community Account	£3,964.68
Reserves Account	3,912.01
Restricted Playing Field Acct	1,627.30

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

### (c) The Annual accounts were adopted as presented. The PC expressed its appreciation to Colin Doman for performing the independent review at no cost.

## **13. Insurance Renewal**

The PC approved the renewal of the insurance.

## **14. Casual Vacancy**

Cllr Walker proposed and Cllr Teverson seconded that Martin Winter, a resident of the village be co-opted to the Council.

## **15. Items for next meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Telephone Box

Village Hall

Village Parking

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:10pm.