

## BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Members present:**, Cllr. S. De'Ath (Vice-chairman, Cllr. T. Raybould (Acting Sec.)  
Cllr. A. Hogsbjerg, Cllr. R. Teverson, Cllr. J. Chalker, District Cllr.  
J. Swift, County Cllr. D. Finch

1. **Apologies;** Cllr. E. Poels.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes;** The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were confirmed and signed by the acting (vice) chairman.
3. **Parishioners Statements;** There were no members of the public present.  
**Declarations of Interest;** There were no declarations made
4. **Matters Arising;**
  - a) Village Questionnaire **ACTION – Cllr. OST, LEAVE ON TABLE**
  - b) New Bon pot hole. **ACTION – C.Cllr. FINCH, LEAVE ON TABLE**
  - c) Playing Field Lease – **ACTION – Cllr. OST TO ORGANISE A MEETING WITH CHARLES RAYMOND.**
5. **Finance Report**
  - a. Bank Balances. @ 18/2/15

Community Account	£1280.02
Reserves Account (BPA)	£3,864.41
Restricted Playing Field Acct.	£1,627.30
  - b. On the basis that all payments were budgeted, cheques were approved as per list attached.
  - c. The budget for 2015/16 was reviewed due to an error in the budget approved in November and in view of the reduction in the Localism Fund grant. **THE MEMBERS AGREED THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE PRECEPT AS AT 2014/15 - £4,529, ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR USE OF RESERVE FUNDING.**
6. **Reports;** County Councillor David Finch gave a comprehensive report of significant County Council activities these being;
  - E.C.Council Tax will remain unchanged for 2015/16
  - Lobbying Government on aspects of Unification/Devolution.continues.
  - Extra funding is being devoted to Primary Care, Flooding issues and Highways, the latter will receive more attention to the resurfacing programme.

District Councillor Julian Swift gave a brief report on

  - policing the rural areas in general it is resource driven with officers concentrated in certain hot spots around Essex – Colchester – Southend – Basildon hence rural issues will usually only receive a quicker response if personal injury is threatened.
  - Our new District Representative will be Cllr. Iona Parker.

**The members wish to thank Julian for his regular attendance and assistance during his term as our district representative.**

- 7 Grass Cutting Cemetery and Church; John Gardiner who has been contracted during the past 10 years or more to look after these areas has given notice that he will no longer have the equipment for cutting the grass in this area. ACTION – ALL COUNCILLORS TO TRY AND FIND SOMEONE WHO MAY WISH TO TAKE ON THIS JOB – THE CONTRACT IS WORTH APPROX £2,000 PER ANNUM.**
- 8 Review Playing Field Report; ACTIONS – Cllr. TEVERSON TO ATTEND TO THREADED BOLT HAZARD ON GATES. Cllr RAYBOULD TO ARRANGE FOR THE SEAT TO BE REPAIRED AND FOR PEST CONTROL SPECIALIST TO TAKE CARE OF MOLE INFESTATION.**
- 9. Correspondence – None presented.**
- 10. The meeting closed at 8.30pm, the next meeting is the annual parish meeting and the annual PC meeting; to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Signed;**

**Date;**