

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 19th November 2014** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Members present: Cllr. T. Ost (Chairman), Cllr. T. Raybould (Acting Sec.) Cllr. A. Hogsbjerg, Cllr. R. Teverson, Cllr. E. Poels, Cllr. S. De'Ath, County Cllr. D. Finch

1. **Apologies;** District Cllr. J. Swift
2. **Confirmation of Minutes;** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2014 were confirmed and signed by the 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 - LEAVE ON TABLE.**
- 4a **MRS. JANE CHALKER WAS WELCOMED TO THE MEETING AND INTRODUCED TO THE MEMBERS AS A PROPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL. MRS CHALKER RETIRED FROM THE MEETING FOR A SHORT WHILE AND THE MEMBERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF HER BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER. MRS. CHALKER THEN RETURNED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE MEETING.**
5. **Finance Report**

Bank Balances. @ 18/11/14	Community Account	£4,301.97
	Reserves Account (BPA)	£3,863.73
	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 presented and approved this is based on zero increase over the 2014/15 budget the Precept therefore will be £5,288 this being subject to there being no changes to the Parish Support Grant.
 - d. It was agree that Bank Authorisation instructions should be changed to add Cllr. Tom Ost as a signatory, for the time being Cllr. Raybould to stay on the list
6. **Reports;** County Councillor David Finch gave a comprehensive report of significant County Council activities these being;
 - No increase in council tax for 2015/16
 - Program of repairs to Public Footpaths
 - Transport review is underway contact is Rodney Bows email rodney.bows@essex.gov.uk
 - Lobbying Government on aspects of Devaluation.

ACTION – Cllr. FINCH TO CHASE UP POT HOLE REPAIRS AT NEW BON CORNER AND AT THE T JUNCTION AT THE TOP OF SEVEN FORMS HILL.

7 **Playing Field Lease/Insurance**

.There is some concern about the current status of the agreement between the council and Charles Raymond regarding the ongoing use of the playing field and the liabilities of the council and Mr Raymond due to there currently being no formal agreement between the parties other than the council paying a peppercorn rent of £10/annum **ACTION - Cllr. RAYBOULD TO SPEAK TO CHARLES RAYMOND REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO A FORMAL LEASE FOR THE ONGOING USE OF THE PLAYING FIELD, AND THE INSURANCE ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT ON THE FIELD.**

8. **Correspondence** – None presented.

9. **Date of next meeting;** 18th February 2015 the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed;

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