

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 10th September 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. S. De'Ath.

1. **Apologies;** Cllr. Poels
2. **Confirmation of Minutes;** The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 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 Hall & Playing Field Signs **ACTION COMPLETE, REMOVED FROM TABLE**
 - b. Recruitment of Clerk –**ACTION COMPLETE, Ms GEMMA PANNEL WILL TAKE UP THE POST IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**
5. **Finance Report**

Bank Balances. @ 18/11/14	Community Account	£2,949.53
	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.
6. **Reports;** District & County Representatives not present.
7. **Parish Council Status Elected v's Parish Meeting status**

After some discussion of the pros. and cons. It was agreed that for a parish such as Belchamp Walter with legal responsibilities for the public cemetery and the custodianship of the village hall, that there would be problems and no benefit from being run as a Parish Meeting. **ACTION COMPLETE, REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
8. **Localism act powers and constitutional issues.**

The chairman reviewed the act and asked the members for input regarding how the council is viewed by the village in general as regards satisfying their expectations? After some discussion it was agreed that input from the community only occurs if something is contentious, such as planning or parking. **ACTION THE CHAIRMAN WILL COMPILE A QUESTIONNAIRE IN ORDER TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE VILLAGE AS REGARDS HOW THE COUNCIL MEETS THEIR NEEDS/EXPECTATIONS.**
9. **Sudbury Bus Service**

Cllr. Raybould informed the meeting that while the previous contractor had withdrawn the Thursday morning service to Sudbury, ECC have subsequently given the contract to the Community Transport with the same operating times. (subsequently it was amended, and the service now runs two hours later than the original times)

10. Correspondence;

- a. Information from BDC regarding re distribution of area boundaries. As previously discussed we will be part of the STOUR VALLEY NORTH area and will continue to have one district council representative.
- b. Request for donation from Essex Air Ambulance, members agreed a small donation of £50 would be appropriate. **ACTION – APPROVED ACTING SECRETARY TO SEND CHEQUE.**

- 11. Date of next meeting;** 19th November 2012, members are requested to submit any items for the 2015/16 budget by the 13th November 2012. The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed;

Date;