

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 23rd January** at 7:30pm at Belchamp Walter Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr J Walker (Chair), Cllr A Hogsbjerg, Cllr R Teverson, Cllr M. Winter, Ms J Munro (Parish Clerk)

County Cllr D Finch, Dist Cllr I Parker

Parishioners: Mr. C Doman, Mr C Krelle

Apologies

Cllr E Poels

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the 21st May 2018 meeting were confirmed as accurate and signed.

2. Declaration of interest in Agenda Items

No members declared an interest in any agenda items.

3. Reports

County Cllr D Finch and Dist Cllr I Parker provided a very informative updates of council and district matters.

4. Parishioner Statements

Cllr J Walker welcomed Mr C Doman and Mr C Krelle to the meeting.

Mr C Doman stated that the Parish Council notice board needs replacing as it was damaged by the recent high winds.

Mr C Krelle asked about the status of the purchase of a village defibrillator. He also noted that the footpath from Gestingthorpe Road towards the playing fields was impassable.

5. Matter Arising

(a) Defibrillator

The Parish Council discussed the location of a village defibrillator. It was noted that Belchamp St Paul Community House has a defibrillator on the outside of the building. The Parish Council concluded that such an approach would work for the Village Hall. The defibrillator would be visible, relatively central to the village and convenient for use at a village hall event. The Parish Council asked the clerk to obtain a quotation for a suitable defibrillator.

(b) Village Hall

Ms Munro reported that a qualified bricklayer had inspected the village wall with the view to providing a quote for repairs. There are several approaches to the repair. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would meet with the bricklayer to understand alternatives and determine which approach should be taken such that a quotation can be obtained.

(c) Charitable Donations

The Parish Council discussed the split of annual charitable donations. It was noted that the Village Hall Committee has an active fund raising activities. In light of this the Parish Council approved the following donations for the 2018/2019 year:

- B St Paul Community House £100
- BW Village Hall Committee £300
- BW Parochial Parish Council £900

The Parish Council asked the clerk to communicate the continued support to the VHC and indicate a willingness to consider a special contribution as was made for the heaters.

(d) *Notice Board*

The Parish Council agreed a new notice board should be purchased. Ms Munro reported that a suitable notice board would cost around £750-1,000. It was agreed that £200 would be added to the precept with the remainder to be covered by reserves. Ms Munro was asked to purchase and arrange for installation.

(e) *Footpath*

The Parish Council asked the clerk to inspect the impassable footpath and arrange for it to be clearer.

6. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 15/01/2019

Community Account	£4,745.92
Reserves Account	£4,808.42
Restricted Playing Field Acct	£742.92

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

7. Correspondence

None of interest

8. Items for next meeting May 15th

Defibrillator

Village Hall wall