

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on **Wednesday 30th November 2016** 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)

County Cllr D Finch

Apologies

Dist Cllr I Parker,

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting, held on 18th May 2016 were confirmed as accurate and signed.

2. Parishioner Statements

None

3. Council and District Reports

Cllr J Walker (Chair) welcomed County Cllr D Finch to the meeting. County Cllr D Finch gave a brief report on county activities. A written copy of the report was circulated after the meeting to all councillors.

4. Matter Arising

(a) Telephone Box

Council members confirmed their intent to adopt the village telephone box on Gestingthorpe Road with the view to installing a defibrillator for the village. It was noted that the deadline to make the purchase is approaching. It was agreed that Ms Munro should take the necessary action.

Action: Ms Munro to register the desire to adopt the telephone box.

(b) Village Parking

Council members discussed the lack of parking in the village and considered alternative options for additional parking. It was concluded that creating additional parking behind the Village Hall would be problematic because of the listed status of the wall – other options would be further from the pond and, therefore, might not be popular for those who currently park on the road.

Action: Cllr J Walker to canvas those who park on the street to see why they chose not to use the parking at the Village Hall.

(c) Village Hall

Ms Munro reported that the work on updating the heating and wiring in the Village Hall was progressing well. She indicated that of the PC had paid £10,480 to the contractor which leaves £2,520 to be paid, with the remainder to be covered by the Village Hall Committee.

With respect to the ownership of the Village Hall, she reported that she had spoken with Mr Charles Raymond and also members of the Village Hall Committee. Mr Raymond is keen to transfer ownership of to the Parish Council.

Action: Ms Munro to arrange a meeting to determine steps to be taken to transfer the ownership.

(d) Village Bench

Ms Munro reported that the bench donated by David Hunter had been installed. The Council expressed their thanks to James Ham for his assistance in the installation.

(e) Footpaths and Hedges

Cllr J Walker reported that a village resident had asked about the hedge near the telephone box, asking who was responsible for its upkeep. It was noted that the hedge was trimmed at the appropriate time of year.

It was noted that litter had been found after some shooting.

Action: Ms Munro to mention the matter to Mr Raymond.

(f) 2017 Meeting Date

The Council agreed to the following meeting dates:

- Wednesday February 15, 2017
- Wednesday May 17, 2017
- Wednesday July 19, 2017
- Wednesday November 15, 2017

5. Finance Report

(a) Ms Munro reported on the bank balances at 10/11/16

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| Community Account | £11,213.75 |
| Reserves Account | 6,870.95 |
| Restricted Playing Field Acct | 1,627.30 |
| Total | |

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

6. Reports

None

7. Correspondence

Ms Munro reviewed the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting:

- (a) Road closure notifications – these are the same as though published in the local press

8. Items for next meeting Wednesday 15th February 2017

Telephone Box

Village parking

Village Hall

Footpaths and Hedges

Charitable Donations

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:15pm.