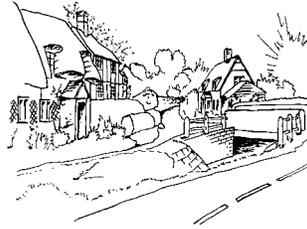


ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the MEETING of ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Arkesden Village Hall on

Monday 17th December 2018

Those present: Rod Higgins (Chairman), Robert Patmore (Vice Chairman), Chris Coady, Jane Chetcuti, Pat Palmer, Cllr. Edward Oliver and Steve Coltman (clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Declaration of Interests: None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Parking in Poore Street

Following the enlargement of the parking area outside Ivy Cottage the parking problems have been reduced. It was agreed that the clerk would draft a letter thanking the residents for their consideration and pointing out the legal problems associated with parking close to a junction.

4.2 Elections 2019

Three councillors have said that they no longer wish to be councillors and since the council has run with one councillor short for the past four years, the parish council will need at least four new councillors in the forthcoming elections. The note in the last Village News brought forward one offer and the Chairman has received interest from three other residents so far. The parish council agreed that the Chairman should speak further with prospective candidates and that we should have an "open" parish council meeting at which prospective councillors could attend.

5. Planning Matters

5.1 New Applications None

5.2 Determinations None

5.3 Enforcement

The clerk agreed to try to obtain any notes/minutes from the recent planning enforcement cluster meeting.

6. Playing Field

Note that the Millennium Field has been reserved for wedding parking on 16/03/2019. It is unlikely that cutting will have started by then.

7. Highways

Damage to the bridge at the bottom of Long Lane had been reported.

It was agreed to compile a list of works for the Rangers, including the sign at the bottom of Long Lane, cleaning of village signs and the leaning safety rail opposite Reeds Cottage.

8. Correspondence

As circulated and including an anonymous letter highlight some rubbish problems in the village and some unsightly parking. Most of these had already been resolved and the Chairman agreed to monitor remaining problems.

9. Finance

9.1 Balance

Business Current Account	£5376.74
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9.2 Invoices

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

Clerk's wages (3 mths)	£1050.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 180.00
Membership renewal of "100 Parishes"	£ 10.00
Donation to CAB	£ 50.00

9.3 Budget for 2019/20

The clerk presented a budget for 2019/20 which reflected the discussions and proposals from the last meeting. This resulted in a required precept of £9270 (3% higher than 2018/19. However, when this figure was put into UDC's ready reckoner the increase only showed as 2.2% (due to changes in the tax base) and was exactly £1 increase for a Band D property. The parish council agreed that this increase was acceptable and the precept form was completed.

10. Further Discussion Points

There had been a report of green waste fly tipping at the bottom of Steven's Lane. Clerk agreed to try to get UDC to collect this although it was thought to be the landowner's responsibility if tipped on a Byway.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Steve Coltman (Clerk)

Rod Higgins (Chairman)