

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th July 2016

Present

Councillor John Bowden Vice Chair
Councillor Yvonne Isaac

Councillor Michael Folland
Councillor Karen Bryant

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Rob Brown, Councillor Martyn Hookway and District Councillor Rose Lock.

Item 2 Minutes of the Annual General meeting and the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2016.

Minutes of the Annual General meeting and the Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed by Councillor John Bowden (Vice Chairman)

Item 3 Declaration of Interest.

Interests were declared regarding the Roborough Community Partnership Association Ltd as the Playing Field was to be discussed. Councillor John Bowden -Share Holder, Councillor Yvonne Isaac – Share Holder and Councillor Karen Bryant Share Holder and Board Member.

Item 4 The Chairman will invite any members of the public present to raise any matters of concern with the Parish Councillors.

There were no members of the Public present.

Item 5 Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2016

- Feedback from Action Points from Previous meeting

Action Point	Councillor/Clerk	Outcome
AP1 Send Councillor Rob Brown Contact details of Electricity Supplier	Clerk	Completed
AP2 Contact Electricity supplier to renegotiate electricity charge for defibrillator.	Councillor Rob Brown	Completed
AP3 Contact Roborough Community Partnership stating our intentions to replace playing field gates.	Councillor Rob Brown	Completed
AP4 Chase Playsafety regarding specifics for helter-skeleter and stock proof fencing.	Clerk	Contacted but no response
AP5 Apply for grant money for play equipment maintenance from District Councillor Rose Lock	Councillor Rob Brown	Ongoing
AP6 Email PC's thanks for alerting the PC about plan for Wind Energy - Campaign for Rural England	Councillor Rob Brown	completed
AP7 Email Boundary Commission consultation	Councillor Rob Brown	completed
AP8 Contact Mole Catcher	Councillor Rob Brown	1 mole caught. Now inactive. Review when moles become active again
AP9 Log on and Pass word to be given to Chairman	Clerk	completed

- **Financial Report. Parish Clerk.**

NatWest Current account	£2,372.45
NatWest Reserve account	£ 378.76
NS&I	£1,681.61

- **Highways update.**

Councillor John Bowden continues to report pot holes and defects to the highway. Some random repairs have been carried out. Others remain outstanding and will be reported again if not done.

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- **Grant application to District Councillor.**

Councillor Rob Brown contacted District Councillor Rose Lock and asked for details of grants available to Parish Councils to enable the replacement/repair of the play equipment. District Councillor Lock pointed out that as the planning application made by the Roborough Community Property Association Ltd (RCPAL) is still current any application would not be looked on favourably as this would be seen as a temporary measure. An email was sent to the RCPAL requesting a meeting to discuss the future of the Playing field. This was not accepted and a letter explaining their position was received. Their funding from the "Homes and Communities Agency" has to be committed by April 2017. Until this happens RCPAL cannot give any timescales for the rest of the project, which includes the proposals for the Village Field.

- **Replacement Entrance/Gates to playing field and remedial work to the play equipment.**

As the Parish Council do not have the funds to replace the gates, repair/replace the equipment highlighted in the safety report and the likelihood of a successful grant application is doubtful, the Playing Field has been locked until a solution can be found. Councillor Yvonne Isaac reported a Parishioners concern that the field had been locked when the children of the Parish use it the most i.e. in the Summer Holidays. She suggested that the items marked as unsafe be removed and a new perimeter fence be purchased. The general consensus was that a working party could remove the equipment marked as unsafe, and quotes for a fence should be obtained so that the field can be opened as soon as possible. (AP1) Councillor Michael Folland will obtain a quote from Terry Phillips (Fencing Contractor) and compare with the quote obtained by Councillor Rob Brown. Councillor John Bowden suggested that an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting should be arranged and Parishioner's invited to express their views on the future of the Playing Field. This was agreed as a good way forward to resolve the current issues. (AP2) Councillor Karen Bryant (Member of RCPAL Board) felt that a meeting between the PC and RCPAL would be beneficial and will speak with the secretary of the RCPAL and also inform him of the Parish Councils plans for a village consultation.

6 New Business

a, Planning applications.

None

b, District Councillors Report.

None

c, Cheques for signature.

Annual Fee for Parish Web page provider, £95.25 Cheque no 000424 (signed in June)

d, Town and Parish Fund.

The Town and Parish Fund is available for 2016/17. £1.10p per elector is allocated (approximately 239 electors in the Parish) Closing date for this is 28th February 2017.

e, Replacement Battery for defibrillator.

The battery for the defibrillator has needed to be changed. This has been replaced and fitted at no charge as it was within the grantee period.

f, Dog Fouling reported in the Village.

A Parishioner has reported dog waste bag left hanging on bushes. In the past it was decided that dog waste bins were costly and need emptying regularly which would incur more expense for the Parish Council. Therefore the situation will be monitored and signs put around the Village if the problem persists.

g, Refurbishment of Bench opposite the New Inn.

The Parish Bench opposite the New Inn needs some repair. (AP3) Councillor Yvonne Isaac will obtain a quote from a carpenter in the Parishioner. Alternatively, Councillor Michael Folland may have a contact who would be willing to carry out the necessary repairs.

h, Councillor Michael Folland reported that Visibility at the T junction by the New Inn was impaired due to an overgrown hedge. It was agreed to monitor the issue.

i, The Village Hall annual accounts were presented to the Parish Council.

Item 7

Date of next Parish Council meeting, **20th September 2016**

Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35hrs

Chairman's signature.....

Date.....

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Clerk's signature.....

Date.....