

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Windmill Room, Wood Norton Village Hall, on Monday 20 May 2014 at 7.00.

Mrs. J. Marchant chaired the meeting with Councillors: M. Crowe, J. Johnson, T. Lidstone – Scott, R. Condon, P. Bell

Apologies were received from: Councillors: R. Hunt

Public Participation

3 members of the public were present.

Election of Chairman

Mrs. J Marchant was proposed by Mr. P Bell and seconded by T. Lidstone-Scott, everyone was in favour. Election of Vice Chairman, Mr. P Bell was proposed by Mrs. J Marchant and seconded by M. Crowe, everyone was in favour. All Councillors were happy to continue for another year.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2013 were read.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report of the Parish Council's business over the last year.

Public Participation

A member of the public had asked the Parish Council to consider the question of a need for a defibrillator for the village. The Chairman had made some enquiries into what would be required. The defibrillator would need to be sited locally and a user would need little or no training.

The cost would be £2500 approximately of which Community Heartbeat would offer a grant of £500. A suggestion was made that some money (possibly £1000) from the Village Sign account which has not been used for some time could be put towards the cost. An approach to the Poor's Allotment to see if this is an area where they might offer support was also suggested and the Chair agreed to write to the trustees. It was agreed to place this item on the next PC agenda for further discussion.

Gritting of Rectory Road was also discussed. The outcome of this is that a grit bin may be sited at the junction of Rectory Road and Lyng Hall Lane.

A member of the public expressed concern that the village hall had no internal phone and there was a risk that somebody could be stuck inside the building after it had been locked up. She suggested that a mobile phone could perhaps be kept somewhere in the building for emergencies. It was generally felt that the hire agreement should include some clause which stated that the hirer should take responsibility for ensuring that everyone had left the building and should also be in possession of a mobile phone for emergencies. The matter was referred on to the Village Hall Committee for further discussion.

Mrs. R. Condon, the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee, informed the meeting that there had been a spate of joy riding on the Village Hall field. The Village Hall committee has now placed a new gate across the entrance. Concern has also been raised that there is no telephone in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Chairman

Date