

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Windmill Room, Wood Norton Village Hall, on Monday 26 January 2015 at 7.30.

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

**Apologies** were received from: Councillors J. Johnson, R. Hunt, PCSO Shane Artingsall and County Councillor David Ramsbotham.

### **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

The Chairman still has to inform the Village Hall Committee of progress with the defibrillator. To make the project viable we need 40 residents to respond in favour of having a defibrillator. Responses received to date are 29 for with 1 against. Most are in favour of siting the defibrillator at the phone box. A decision will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning Decision**

Prior notification of intention to convert agricultural barn to dwelling house (C3) Lyng Hall Farm, Lyng Hall Lane. This application has been refused.

### **Finance**

1. A letter has been received from the Pensions Regulator regarding the Automatic Enrolment Scheme due to start in 2016. The Clerk will find out what the implications are for her; to be discussed at next meeting.
2. A letter has been received from Norfolk Constabulary requesting that Town and Parish Councils help fund a PCSO. Following a discussion it was decided not to help as the Parish Council does not have the funds.
3. The balance of funds in each account are:  
Community Account £1430.15  
Business Saver Account £568.05  
Village Sign Account £1704.78. The Clerk will contact AOT Engineering of Fakenham to enquire if they will strip the metal work on the sign ready for painting.

### **Correspondence:**

1. North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) invitation to second part of the wider engagement plan. This will be held in the Connect Building, Fakenham on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 5.30pm.
2. Society of Local Council Clerks. January newsletter.
3. Norfolk Association of Local Councils members survey and Norfolk Link magazine. The Clerk will complete the survey.
4. Rural Alliance, new guide for Parish Councils and current concerns.
5. New Anglia Growth Hub, information for new businesses. The Clerk will leave the leaflets in the foyer of the Village Hall.
6. Clerks and Councils Direct, January magazine.

Items from the above are being circulated amongst the councillors.

### **Any Other Business**

The Clerk asked that the Parish Council fund Confidential Waste bags at £3.50 each to remove old paperwork. The collection would be £14.50. A Councillor volunteered to burn the waste. The Clerk will check with the National Association of Local Councils that this waste can be burnt.

The Chairman gave her apologies for the next meeting as she will be attending a web course on behalf of the PCC. Councillor Bell was asked to chair that meeting.

The Chairman has been approached by a resident regarding the amount of mud on the roads and dogs not on leads. Cllr Bell stated that dogs should be on a lead at all times including on the margins of fields. A reminder about this will be put in next month's magazine. A discussion followed regarding having a dog bin erected in the village. The Clerk informed the meeting that this was possible and would check the annual amount for emptying from NNDC.

Permission would have to be sought from Norfolk County Council Highways as to the position of the bin.

Forthcoming elections: the Clerk informed councillors that they would have to resign their positions and reapply to NNDC if they wished to stand again. A notice will be put in the next parish magazine inviting residents who might be interested in becoming councillors to get in touch.

Churchyard: there are only a few spaces left in the current one. Clerk to find out whether the PCC is responsible for providing a new burial ground.

The Clerk was asked to inform the Highway Rangers that the grips on Rectory Road need clearing and signs around the village could do with a clean.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman

Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 2015