

SMEETON WESTERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Annual Parish Council was held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Smeeton Westerby.

Councillors present:

Cllr. Michael Vickers (Chair)

Cllr. David Brierly

Cllr. Richard Clarke

Cllr. Mark Chapman

Also, in attendance Sara Barrett (Clerk) and Janet Lord (Village Hall Committee)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Coltman due to holiday commitments.

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2017

The minutes were approved with no amendments by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Vickers.

2. Annual Report from the Chair of the Council

Cllr. Vickers addressed the Council. He thanked Francis Webster and Anna Young and welcomed Mark Chapman and Sara Barrett. Cllr Vickers also thanked David Brierly and Howard Taylor for their work with the VAS. Cllr. Vickers also confirmed that the year's Precept was set at a 2% increase.

4. Annual Report from the Village Hall Committee

Janet Lord, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, spoke to the Council. Janet Lord confirmed that the village hall was in a good financial position and since the renovation and refurbishment, the village hall lettings have increased. A number of improvements are being planned for this year, painting, sealing works to the entrance hall and floor, new lighting in the main hall and work on the outside wall, tree and fence panels.

5. Date of the next Annual meeting of the Parish Council

It was agreed by the councilors that the next Annual Parish Council meeting would be confirmed at a later date.

Meeting Closed at 7.50

The Parish Council Meeting then followed this was also held at the village Hall, Smeeton Westerby on the 1st May 2018

- 1. Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance**
Cllr. Vickers resigned as Chairman and it was proposed by Cllr. Vickers that Cllr. Clarke would be the new Chair, this was agreed by all the Councillors and the Declaration of Office was signed.
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman**
It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke to elect Cllr. Brierley as Vice Chair, this was agreed by all the Councillors
- 3. Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Coltman due to holiday commitments
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2018**
The minutes were approved without amendment's these were signed by Cllr. Clarke and seconded by Cllr. Vickers
- 5. Update on Neighborhood Plan**
It was agreed by the Councillors that this would be discussed again at the September meeting
- 6. Allotment agreement**
It was agreed that the original allotment agreement would stay in place. The Councillors asked the clerk to place an advert in the Kibworth Chronicle for the remaining two plots.
- 7. Update on footpath between Mill Lane and the Church**
The Clerk was still waiting for a response regarding the footpath, the Councillors asked her to send a further letter to the Leicestershire Highways chasing this.
- 8. Update on LCC regarding speed limit**
Still awaiting a response from the LCC regarding the speed limit, the Councillors asked the clerk to send another email to Leicestershire Highways
- 9. Planning Application 18/00671/FUL**
Councillors considered the above planning application for a single storey extension, 1A Main Street. No objections were raised

Finance and Administration

- 10. Approval of year end accounts for 2017/18**
The year-end accounts were approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr. Clarke

11. Approval of Invoices for payment

The following cheques were approved for payment
A.E & B.A Randoll & Son Hedge -Trimming (100482) £210.00
LRALC Membership (100483) £162.71
Leicestershire Gardens – Mowing (100484) £26.00
Autela Group Payroll (100485) £37.92
Handiworld – Roof Bars (100486) £65.00
Sara Barrett March & April Salary (100487) £246.09
Zurich Insurance (100488) £342.32

12. Renewal of Parish Council insurance for 2018/19

It was agreed by all the Councillors that this year's Councils Insurance would be renewed with Zurich Insurance

13. Update asset register for 2018/19

The asset register needs amending this will be done by the clerk and signed at a later date

14. Allotment summer inspection

It was agreed by the Councillors that this year's allotment inspection will be on Sunday 22nd July at 12.00.

15. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 25th September 2018