

SMEETON WESTERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Smeeton Westerby.

Councillors present:

Cllr. Michael Vickers (Chair)

Cllr. David Brierley

Cllr. Richard Clarke

Sara Barrett (Clerk)

1. Apologies

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

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2017

The minutes were approved with no amendments by Cllr Vickers and seconded by Cllr Clarke. The minutes were signed by Cllr Vickers.

3. New Councillor to be co-opted

It was proposed by Cllr. Vickers, Cllr. Brierley and Cllr. Clarke to nominate and co-opt Mark Chapman to be the new councillor.

4. A Village Conservation Area Review

The councillors asked the clerk to get in touch with Harborough District Council to see if the conservation area for Smeeton Westerby could be reinstated

5. Smeeton Westerby being part/having a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Brierley suggested to the councillors that he would look in to having or being part of a Neighbourhood plan.

6. Request the LCC re-assess the speed limit.

The clerk was asked by the councillors to find out from Leicestershire Highways what action needs to be taken to see if there can be 20mph speed limit imposed on Main Street Smeeton Westerby

7. Approve quotation for hedge work

The quotation for hedge work was approved by Cllr. Vickers and Cllr Clarke with the work being completed by the end of February.

- 8. Update on works to sycamore saplings along allotment wall**
Cllr Clarke agreed to liaise with Spendlove Contractors regarding the saplings
- 9. Discussion of budget and precept 2018/19**
The budget was agreed and all Councillors discussed the issues relating to the precept. The budget requirement and precept was confirmed at £8333.00 an increase of 2%
- 10. Transparency funding**
The application for the Transparency funding has been successful and the Parish Council have received £579.99 to be used against a Parish Council laptop it was agreed that Cllr. Brierley would look in to the costs.

Finance and Administration

- 11. Update bank mandate**
It was agreed by the Councillors that the Clerk would take the update mandate into the bank.
- 12. Approval of Invoices**
It was proposed by Cllr. Vickers and seconded by Cllr Clarke to accept the following invoices for payment.
Autela Payroll (100473) £38.30
HMRC Income Tax (100475) £67.00
- 13. Approval of Clerk Appointment**
The councillors agreed that Sara Barrett would take over from Frances Webster as the Clerk to the Parish Council and asked Sara to thank Frances for all her hard work whilst working with them
- 14. Date and time of next meeting**
Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm

