

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY OCT 14TH
2019 AT WALMER BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDANCE – Mr L Dryden, Mrs T Wilcock, Mr D Owen

Mr J Rainsbury & Mrs S Rainsbury.

Also present were two members of the public.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Rimmer

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3.TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

4.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

WALMER BRIDGE FC

A response had been received from the football club saying that a quotation for the painting of the container would be forwarded once the licence issue had been resolved.

With regards to the parking at the Village Hall , the view of the Parish Council,as indicated in the minutes of the September meeting, had been passed to the Village Hall Committee.

PLANTING REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE

Councillor Dryden had met Paul from Garden-Scene who had provided a quotation for the wave bed at ground level including the removal of existing grasses and replacement of soil.

Councillor Dryden will ask for a breakdown of the costings.

Garden-Scene will be asked to submit their contract price for 2020 by the November meeting.

Garden-Scene require the key to the brook lock .

BLOCKED DRAINS

The drain on Great Gill had been reported, the clerk was having difficulty reporting the others.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Councillor Dryden was given photos of an example of this. He should be able to construct something similar. Schoolchildren could be asked to decorate it.

It is not possible to buy the BT phone box which is due to be removed.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This had been ordered and will be delivered by 16th November.

We need to know the date of the school Christmas fayre in order that this can be publicised.

WILDFLOWERS

Our request for additional wildflower beds has been noted by SRBC.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A request for help at Walmer Green Community Gardens will be made by posters on the noticeboard and Facebook.

To take place once a month between 10am and 12 noon followed by refreshments in the Walmer Bridge Inn. First date – 26th October.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

07/2019/9847/HOH – 16 Rockburgh Crescent – extension

07/2019/9683/CLD – 39A Liverpool Old Rd – extension

07/2019/0231/PIP – Erection of bungalow – Land adj to 365 Liverpool Rd

It was agreed that there was nothing contentious with these applications.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was discussed and agreed.

8. PAYMENTS

It was agreed to pay Garden Scene an amount of £360.00 for work done in September.

It was agreed to pay the clerk £750 for her quarterly salary and £104.51 for her 6 months expenses.

It was agreed to pay the website domain renewal of £11.99

It was agreed to pay £36 for the membership of CPRE.

It was agreed to pay £98.24 for plants for Walmer Green gardens.

Payment of £240 to the external auditor was confirmed.

Payment of £360 for the Christmas tree was confirmed.

9. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen following the resignation of Rachel Smith.

The vacancy will be advertised from 18th October if no call for an election has been made.

Councillor Wilcock will seek advice on good practice for the co-option procedure.

10. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION PRECEPT 2020/2021

The consensus was that the precept should remain the same as last year. A final decision will be made at the November meeting.

11. SRBC REVIEW OF MY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS

No more forums will be held this year but the whole concept is under review.

12. TO DISCUSS THE NEW POSITION WITHIN SRBC CABINET

The clerk was asked to write to the new cabinet member for Community engagement, Aniela Bylinski-Gelder to congratulate her on her post.

13. PACT MEETING REPORT

This was attended by Councillors Owen and Dryden . There were about 25 attendees . A police sergeant and 2 constables were present.

There is no longer a split of crime figures for the area.

There was a total of 6 dwelling burglaries, 3 non-residential and 2 vehicle thefts. Three people had been charged.

It was felt that there were difficulties in being able to report crimes.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on November 11th at Longton library.

Mayor's Charity Banquet – Friday 6th December

Leyland Band Christmas Spectacular – Sunday 15th December.

Meeting with Parish Chairs and Clerks – Friday 22nd November 12.30 – to be attended by Councillor Wilcock and the clerk.

12.MEMBERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A request had been made for a bike rack to be situated outside Spar.

The clerk will contact the manager – Councillor Dryden is willing to fit it in place.

13.DATE OF NEXT MEETING - November 11th 2019