

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Wager
Cllr Whittaker-Smith Cllr Slingsby

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Samuel who was at work.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

19/01 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 05/12/2018 were approved:

Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

19/02 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

There were no updates on items from the previous meeting.

19/03 Village Plan – To Discuss thoughts

Information from a Farnsfield Parish Councillor had been received regarding their experiences with completing a village plan. Following a discussion it was decided that this should be revisited around September but at the present time it was felt that cost and the required commitment would cause issues. Perhaps an article may be put in the next newsletter.

19/04 To decide on Precept request for the coming financial year to include review of this year so far

After a discussion it was unanimously decided to ask for an increase in the Precept to £38250.00. This is to allow for the potential cost of an election and also to allow the Parish Council to be a Living Wage Employer.

Clerk was asked to contact N&SDC to enquire about the procedure for holding an election as none of the Councillors have experience of having to hold an election.

19/05 Photocopier/Printing

The Clerk had received the quote for replacing the photocopier. There was a mono copier and a colour copier. The colour machine was the cheapest so it was decided discount the mono option. Clerk informed the Council that the options for replacing the photocopier were to buy the photocopier outright at a cost of £1800 + VAT or to lease the machine for £36.64 + VAT /month. The service contract would be the same per copy with either option. The Clerk was asked to confirm the length of the lease contract with ISLDigital. It was unanimously decided that if the lease contract is 4 years or less then the Parish Council would lease the machine, if the contract is longer than 4 years the machine would be purchased outright. Clerk to keep Councillors informed via email with her findings.

19/06 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby gave the following report ' *Willows reopens tomorrow after taking a break between Christmas and New Year. I have been asked by the Volunteers to thank the Council for the Christmas presents that they received.*

The end of the year was very busy, and we also spent extra money than we have in previous years – buying the selection boxes, all supplies for the Christmas Carols night, santa outfit – however this was money that we would have paid out of general funds anyway. We also had a problem with the temperature stability of our fridge at the end of the year, and given the concerns we’ve been having with ensuring we comply with food hygiene regulations I have purchased a new (graded) tall fridge for £249 which will provide us with capacity for all events that we deal with. The freezer is also going to need replacement, the shelf bracket has snapped and it is icing over but I will look for something secondhand before buying new.

We had a low turnout for the film night (Elf) – I think this may be down to the number of other events going on at this time of year, and the earlier timeslot. We are planning on showing Mama Mia 2 later in February.

This week we will start distributing the tickets for the Winter Warmer on Saturday 2 February. We are catering for 50 people and on the menu will be homemade soups, beef stew served in a giant Yorkshire or hommity pie and then homemade trifles. Learning from the last time we did this, we have changed to menu to make it simpler to manage. We’ll be looking for raffle prizes if you have any unwanted presents you wish to donate. I have booked Jeremy Mayes to play for the event again. We haven’t confirmed any further events at the moment.’

19/07 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Wager Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

19/08 To receive items for information and future meetings

Cllr Whittaker-Smith had been approached by a member of the public regarding the earthworks in the trees at Pocket Park with regard to making a bmx track. Cllr Whittaker-Smith to investigate the area and report back to the Council.

19/09 To suspend standing orders for public participation

No members of the public were present.

19/10 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 7th February 2019 at the village hall.

Meeting closed at 7:42pm