

**Minutes of the Ridgmont Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Ridgmont Lower School, Ridgmont following the Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7.15pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs M Spearing – Chair, H Francis, P Francis, R Kemeny, Lyn Lyman – Clerk and 2 residents.

**In attendance:** CB Cllrs S Clark & R Morris.

**162. To appoint Chairman**

Cllr M Spearing was nominated by Cllr Kemeny. This was seconded Cllr H Francis with all in agreement. There being no further nominations Cllr Spearing accepted and took the chair.

**163. To receive apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Fewings, J O'Hara, P Phillips, CB Cllr K Matthews

**164. To appoint Vice Chairman**

Cllr Kemeny was nominated by Cllr Spearing. This was seconded by Cllr P Francis with all in agreement. Cllr Kemeny accepted the position.

**165. To nominate Portfolio Holders:**

As not all Cllrs were present, it was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

**166. Public Forum:**

*Not to last more than 15 minutes.*

No questions asked.

**167. Declaration of Members' Interests:**

**a) Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature:**

(Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship). Cllrs P Francis – Ridgmont Village Charity and Cllr H Francis – PCC and Ridgmont Village Charity.

**b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:**

(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner). Cllr Spearing – Landowner and \Ridgmont Village Charity.

**168. To Approve Minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 which were duly signed.

**169. To discuss Matters Arising:**

War Memorial: Cllrs Kemeny & Spearing had had a site meeting with The War Graves Commission who has suggested instead of attaching plaques, they would recommend the re-cutting of all the names and re-laying the slabs. This would obviously cost more but there may be an option for a larger grant. A further quote is awaited. **Action: MS**

153a) Alex Steel who used to live in Ridgmont but now lives in Stewartby would like to start up a football club for the younger members in the village both male & female, both able/disabled etc. He would also like to run a football festival in the future. He had put together a business plan which he explained. Cllr Spearing confirmed she doesn't actually have any land which would be suitable at

the moment and wondered whether insurance would be an issue. Ridgmont School have refused permission to use their facilities. Alex Steel has set up a link to the village website and is advertising trials.

Dog fouling is very bad on the footpath up to Segenhoe Church.

170. **To receive Reports:**

**Planning:** Cllr P Francis reported on

CB/17/01695/Full Land adjacent to 82 Station Road. New 4 bedroom dwelling. It was agreed there would be no objections so long as it is within the village envelope. Cllr Spearing agreed to check although it was felt the planners would have picked that up.

CB/17/02267/Full 43 Church Street. Demolition of existing rear extension and outbuilding and erection of single storey rear 'orangery style' extension. No objection.

The Enforcement Case regarding The Rose & Crown has now been closed as following an investigation, it was found that they had a lawful use certificate to be a caravan site.

**PCC/Church:**

Cllr H Francis: Nothing further to report.

**Ridgmont Charity:** Cllr H Francis said the AGM should be held annually in April.

**Village Maintenance:** Cllr Spearing had nothing further to report.

**CB Cllr Morris:** Advised A1/M1 Junction 11a opened yesterday.

**CB Cllr Clark:** As CBC now has sufficient land for 5 year land supply, they would be able to turn down hostile applications and makes them a stronger planning authority.

Draft Local Plan will be published 14<sup>th</sup> June. Consultation to start in late July for 8 weeks – see correspondence

Plan MK is currently out for consultation, due to close on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Proposed 6000 houses from Newport Pagnell to half a mile outside Salford on their land. A joint response has been submitted.

The Hayfield Consortium is consulting on their proposals regarding the Aspley Guise triangle (A421) from M1 Junction 13 towards BP roundabout. There may be a planning application for 3000 houses submitted by the end of the year. (Access would be from a new roundabout).

Covanta: joint response was completed by 18 parishes joint. This was a well written response for which CB Cllr Clark and Ian Pickering were congratulated. Environmental Agency may/may not meet with the parishes.

An application for a gas fired generator next to Covanta at Rookery Pit has been resurrected.

A421 dual carriageway from M1 Junction 13 to BP Roundabout: CBC/MKC have to submit a business case in order to access the money. This is about to be submitted and may hear back in August. It is going to happen but not sure when.

The proposed Canal will be dependent on Section 106 money.

East West Rail: This is supposed to be forging ahead although they want to close quite a few footpaths. The Consultation proposed for next Tuesday has been postponed due to the elections.

Call for Sites: Of the 800 sites put forward, decisions will be known on 14<sup>th</sup> June and will be on CBC website. Most sustainable sites will have been chosen and will be consulted on. All responses will then be assessed by next summer which will go to the inspector - will take up to around 2035. Strategic sites and smaller sites will be covered.

171. **To receive Correspondence:**

Hayfield Consortium will be running 2 public consultation sessions:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at The Memorial Hall, Woburn Sands between 3.30pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Aspley Guise Village Hall between 11am – 3pm.

Playsafety (ROSPA) has carried out the safety inspection on the play equipment and the report was passed to Cllr Spearing.

CBC Draft Local Plan should be published for consultation at the end of June for 8 weeks but the election may delay this.

MAGPAS Air Ambulance would like to request a donation towards their running costs. Following general consensus, the request was sadly declined.

CBC Leisure Strategy Engagement: It was confirmed to CB Cllr Clark that we don't have any sports facilities. Only the school would qualify.

172. **To accept Payments:**

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 is £10,588.94

It was **Resolved** that the following invoices be paid:

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| Bedford Estate<br>Recreation ground Rental               | 20.00  | 100622 |
| Cancelled  |        | 100623 |
| Cancelled  |        | 100624 |
| NAB<br>Grasscutting etc March                            | 480.00 | 100625 |
| A Geddes<br>Flowers and preservative for fence           | 260.00 | 100626 |
| HMRC<br>PAYE Feb & Mar                                   | 158.50 | 100627 |
| Andy Muskett<br>4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ Street Ltg Maintenance | 107.76 | 100628 |
| BATPC<br>Annual Subs                                     | 92.00  | 100629 |

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| NAB<br>Grasscutting                       | 480.00   | 100630 |
| Mrs Lyman<br>April Salary                 | 316.80   | s/o    |
| Mrs Lyman<br>May Salary                   | 316.80   | s/o    |
| Mrs Lyman<br>Clerks Allowance April & May | 66.68    | s/o    |
| e,on<br>Monthly energy charge - April     | 112.18   | s/o    |
| E,on<br>Monthly energy charge - May       | 118.74   | s/o    |
|   | 2,529.46 |        |

**173. Dog Fouling:**

Dog Fouling has been reported to CBC and they have agreed to have a site visit with Cllr Spearing. Notices advertising that there will be a fine of £1,000 are being supplied to Cllr Spearing. Cllr H Francis agreed to prepare a poster for the notice board and Facebook. *Action: MS / HF*

**174. Greensand Ridge Trust:**

They would like to come and talk to the village about their work and how the community can get involved. They have funding to spend. It was agreed to facilitate the meeting (after 14<sup>th</sup> June) and hopefully hold it in the pub. Cllr Spearing agreed to speak to Claire Poulton of the Greensand Ridge Trust. *Action: MS*

**175. Notice Board:**

A resident can build a notice board for £900 and it will be ready to be installed. (Metal ones are about £1,200 + Vat). He has agreed to maintain it for his lifetime. A vote was taken as to whether this was acceptable - 3 in agreement, 1 objection. The wooden noticeboard is to be installed in place of the old metal one outside the Recreation Ground. *Action: MS*

Cllr P Francis will put the old notice board on e.bay. *Action: PF*

**176. To consider Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr Spearing said that as we have agreed to do a Neighbourhood Plan, we need to get ourselves a strategy. Siobhan Vincent from CBC will be invited to attend. *Action: MS*

**177. Date of Next Meeting:**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 starting at 7.30pm. to include the Neighbourhood Plan. **This meeting will be held in All Saints Church.**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.