

Minutes of the Ridgmont Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2017 at Ridgmont Lower School, Ridgmont starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs R Kemeny – Vice Chair, P Fewings, H Francis, P Francis, P Phillips, Lyn Lyman – Clerk and 2 residents.

In attendance: CB Cllr R Morris.

141. To Receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from: Cllr Spearing, A Baddeley & J O'Hara and CBC Cllr S Clark & K Matthews.

142. Public Forum:

Not to last more than 15 minutes.

There have been incidences of speeding cyclists on Church Path going down to Segenhoe. They travel at high speeds and don't slow down for pedestrians which is very dangerous, and even more dangerous if pedestrians are pushing prams. The Clerk agreed to speak to Rick Thompson – Rights of Way Office for CBC. Whatever might be done (if it can) would be difficult to enforce.

Action: LL

Travellers caravans are back on land along Salford Road. This covers 2 different landowners.

Fields on both sides of the bypass are full of rubbish and the gates have been broken down. There was concern that the travellers presently in fields in Salford Road, would move their caravans into these fields. It was agreed to report this to CBC Assets Department in order to ascertain who owns the land.

Action: LL

143. 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 – Village Hall and Cllr H Francis – Village Hall, PCC and Charity.

b) Declaration of members interest of a pecuniary nature:

(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner). None.

As Cllr P Francis represents the Parish Council on the Charity, he wondered how it effects his pecuniary interests.

Action: LL

144. To Approve Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November 2016 which were duly signed.

145. To discuss Matters Arising:

103b Street lighting column is outside 99 High Street (ownership- CBC): The request had originally been passed to the Highways Street Lighting team but as it is a CBC asset it has been forwarded to the Highways Assets Team and a response is now awaited. This has now been escalated to the Assistant Director to see if we can get a response.

Action: LL

124 Defibrillator: Cllr Spearing agreed to ask Cllr Baddeley if a demonstration could be organised.

The Ridgmont Charity has agreed to contribute and it was thought The Heart Foundation may contribute too (response still awaited). The school are interested in a three way share. The best place to site the defibrillator would be outside the school. Cllr Spearing is still awaiting answers from the Heart Foundation.
Action: MS

War Memorial: Cllr Spearing reported that as there is a back log of application grants, she is still awaiting an answer.
Action: MS

146. **To receive Reports:**

Planning: CB/16/05946/Full 75 High Street – single storey rear extension. After discussion it was agreed to support the application.

Broadband: Cllrs P Francis & Phillips reported on a meeting which had been attended at Eversholt. The Eversholt group consists of representatives from surrounding villages. Representatives from BT and Gigaclear gave presentations. BT have a grant from CBC to put in fibre but it would not be for some two years.. Fibre to the box. 25mg per second
Gigaclear will do it now and it will go to the premises (for which residents would have to pay an extra £130 for) but would give even better speeds.
It was noted that cables are being laid now into Woburn.

PCC/Church: Cllr H Francis reported that the event held on 5th December as a fund raiser was well attended and raised approx £900. Funding is the largest problem as as the outgoings are greater than the income. The next meeting is to be held on the first Monday in February. There may be vacant positions on the PCC to fill as and when there are retirements. Ie church warden, treasurer etc.

Charity: There has not been a meeting since the last pc meeting.

Village Hall: Cllr H Francis reported no meeting had taken place since last pc meeting.

CB Cllr Morris: Advised that the CBC Budget is out for consultation showing an increase in 4 ¾%.

The planning application for Winterwoods Farm and the Millbrook Proving Ground have been called into the Development Management Committee.

147. **To receive Correspondence:**

BATPC have requested application from Chairmen to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party being held during the Summer. The Clerk agreed to ask The Chairman is she would like her name to go into the draw.
Action: LL

CBC Town & Parish Council Conference is being held on 22nd February 2017 5.30 for 6pm start. The subject is Emergency Response.

CBC has advised that they will be deferring the Local Plan until the Government issued its own plans, possibly until around April

CBC is planning to take part in the Great British Spring Clean by asking Town & Parishes to take part over the weekend of 3-5 March 2017. We have to advise them if we wish to take part by Friday 10th February.

The fact that the various signs around Ridgmont need cleaning was raised and it was agreed Cllr P Francis etc would endeavour to clean them.
Action: Cllrs

148. **To accept Payments:**

Balance as at 9th January 2017 is £12,259.02

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

NAB Grasscutting / Hedge – November	555.00	100612
The 1 Moleman R Purcell – Moles	25.00	100613
Shafiq Mumani Sort out e.mail issues	30.00	100614
Mrs Spearing Mince Pies/wine Christmas event in the church	103.78	100615
The 1 Moleman R Purcell - Moles	45.00	100616
Andy Muskett Ltd 3 rd ¼ St Ltg Maintenance	107.76	100617
HMRC 3 rd ¼ PAYE	237.60	100618
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance 33.34 x 2 Dec & Jan	66.68	100619
P Francis Christmas Lights	134.97	100620
Mrs Lyman December Salary	316.80	s/o
Mrs Lyman January Salary	316.80	s/o
E,on Monthly energy charge - December	108.57	s/o
E,on Monthly energy charge – January	112.18	s/o
	2,250.14	

149. **To consider Budget/Precept:**

Following further discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to keep Band D Community Tax the same as last year (at £79.92) which will produce a Precept of £12,384.

150. To discuss Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr P Francis had been analysing about 12 Neighbourhood Plans which he had found on websites. The main process to consider appears to be:

- the National Planning Policy
- communicate the launch of the planning process
- have a meeting which has been advertised previously. Maybe put the details of the meeting on Facebook too. Within the communication it needs to be stressed that the completing a plan involves volunteers so volunteers will be sought at the meeting.
- The plan should involve the various different groups within the village ie The School, The Parish Council, The Charity, The PCC etc.
- Highlight the relevant things within the Parish Plan.
- Highlight that the school has 55 pupils at present. One way to increase that number could be to have a small housing development. .

A very detailed plan comes from Woodcote in South Oxfordshire.

It was felt that it would be better to keep our Neighbourhood Plan smaller not be all encompassing and decide how much we want to be included. Everything needs to be well evidenced.

It was agreed to defer any further discussion until the March meeting.

151. Date of Next Meeting:

9th March 2017 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.