

MINUTES of the Meeting of Sigglesythorne Parish Council which was held in the School on Thursday,
10th January, 2019 at 7.3pm

3565 PRESENT: Cllrs P. Langley (in the Chair), P. Hargreaves, Mrs. J. Palin and Mrs. K. Arundel. Cllrs. Mrs. B. Jefferson and J. Whittle (ER) P. Claire Hardy and fifteen members of the Parish.

3566 APOLOGIES: Cllr N. Tomlinson.

3567 VACANCY for Cllr. Chairman indicated that, as Elections were due in May, it would be prudent to leave this matter. Two Councillors agreed. Cllr Mrs. Palin abstained.

3568 LOCALISM ACT 2011. Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests-members to declare any interests in items on the agenda and the nature of such interests. Cllr Hargreaves declared an interest in item 7c. and Cllr Mrs. Palin declared an interest in item 13b.

3569 MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 15th November, 2018 were circulated, read and approved for signature. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Palin, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves. all in favour.

3570 MATTERS ARISING:

a) After confirmation from John Whyley, Snr Cttee Member, ER, Clerk reported that there had been private meetings of the Parish Councillors, held at the behest of the Chairman, at his house, during the last few weeks. No Agendas were placed in the Parish Notice Boards, but agendas were circulated to all Cllrs. She was not informed of these meetings – in fact specifically excluded and no minutes made available to her. She was an item on the last meeting agenda. In the 27 yrs that she had been Clerk, she had never been made aware of any secret meetings; she considered these morally wrong and believed that this was not transparent democracy and wished the Parishioners to be made aware of this. At this juncture Cllr Mrs. Palin stated that she had no confidence in the Chairman. The two remaining Cllrs did not concur with this remark. Chairman stated that some items on the agendas were of a sensitive nature and deemed private.

b) Grass/hedge cutting. It was noted that the state of some of the hedges/grass verges was unsatisfactory, but Clerk indicated Jim McGivern was aware of this and it was just a case of waiting for the grass to regrow.

c) Resignation of Cllr. Chairman reported, with regret, the resignation with immediate effect, of Cllr Peter Chicken and proposed a letter of thanks be forwarded.

3571 VACANCY: Clerk. Chairman proposed, with all Cllrs, to interview the applicants in the School and if a charge levied, then Parish Council would bear the cost, seconded by Cllr Mrs. Arundel; all in favour.

3572 PLANNING:

a) 18/03617/VAR of Condition 3, I Gt Hatfield Road, approved 23.11.18

b) 18/03736/TCA Park View, Old Lane, Sigglesythorne, approved 23.11.18

c) 18/00065/Refuse. Virginia Cottage, Appeal on 18/00772/PLF. Cllr Mrs. Jefferson indicated that all comments were with ER and that we were informed for records only

3573 MOBILE SIGNALS: Chairman reported having heard from 02 who would be installing a new mast in the future and an arrogant response received from EE.

3574 VILLAGE VISION: School. Cllr Hargreaves spoke of the theme “past and future” for the Mural and perhaps ask parishioners what they would like to see included. Chairman had encouraged village talks re WW2, all the village invited to Christingle/Carol Service to be an annual event and apologies to Peter Chicken regarding the Cenotaph Display in church which had not occurred.

3575 ROADS, FOOTPATHS, SEATS etc: Pedestrian Access at Garden Centre. Clerk reported that Marc Rowe was in the process of having yellow hatched lines painted to this entrance. Cllr Mrs. Jefferson reported that we would get warning of pedestrian signs on A1035 and apologised that Jenny Crabbe was unable to meet with us.

3576 POLICE: Details of the year's figures were tabled. 1 Theft, 5 Car crime, 8 assault, 1 damage, 2 disorder and 5 "other." PcsO Claire Hardy tabled leaflets to encourage the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch for display in the Notice Boards.

3577 DEFIBRILLATOR-BT box. Clerk confirmed a volunteer in the village had agreed to repair the damaged telephone door in readiness for the installation of the Defibrillator. A copy of the BT Criteria letter to be circulated. Chairman to contact Yvonne Sykes and Warren Bostock for their advice.

3578 FINANCES:

- a) Hsbc, Community a/c £4,410-37, c/a £10-66
- b) Village Hall, Seaton. Standing Orders suspended. Members of the Village Hall Cttee attended and gave a brief talk on their finances, summary Diary dates for 2019, declared a small charity status and the endeavours to increase the use of the Hall in the future. After discussion it was proposed by Chairman that we donate £300, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, one in favour. Cllr Mrs. Palin abstained. No audited accounts tabled or monies raised to date. Standing Orders recommenced.
- c) Election Expenses. Clerk had information from Simon Clark in that he expected an outline estimate to be in the region of £1000 but this could be less. Chairman indicated that with the Elections due in May it was a good idea for Parishioners to consider putting their names forward for election to the Parish Council.
- d) Precept 2019/20. After discussion Cllr Mrs. Palin proposed we Precept in the sum of £4,000, seconded by Cllr Mrs. Arundel, all in favour.
 - External funding-Gt Hatfield Road path. Clerk had enquired of the Leader Funding project at ER and tabled the Pre-Online Application checklist. On close inspection it was agreed that we would not answer positively any of the items on the list, nor be able to contribute 60% towards the expense. Clerk indicated that the only way was for the Precept to be substantially increased thereby everyone in the village would be paying for this path extension and that it was prudent to wait for this to be updated on the Capital Projects list. It was agreed that we had done all that we could.
- e) Cllr Mrs. Palin asked for funds in the region of £40 to be expended for the purchase of new tree guards as many needed replacement. Proposed by Cllr Mrs. Palin, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, all in favour.

3579 CORRESPONDENCE: The following items of correspondence were tabled for inspection – Chairman's Aware 2019, 2018 Electoral Roll at ER.

3580 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Chairman reported that the new Council web address was sigglesthorneparishcouncil@er.gov.uk
- b) Clerk reported that many of the daffodils along Gt Hatfield Road had been deliberately trodden down and hoped that they would recover. Cllr Mrs. Palin said she had two large sacks of bulbs and encourage everyone to help themselves and plant in the village.
- c) Cllr Mrs Arundel reiterated that a Christmas tree/lights for next year to be included in later agenda, picnic tables in the play area considered, litter pickers purchased and extra litter bins for the village were all noted.
- d) Clerk thanked some members of the Parish Council, the two ER Cllrs and many members of the Parish who had shown kindness and loyalty towards her during what was a very dark December.

581 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was resolved that the Council would next meet on Thursday, 14th March, 2019 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm.