

LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2014
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Kydd, R. Debenham, D.C. Griggs, D. Lindsay, T. Hodgson, Cllr. R. Kemp, Dcllr. J. Long, Mrs. D. Griggs (Clerk)
12 Members of the public.

77 APOLOGIES: PCSO. S. Hemmett, Mrs. W. Harris.

78 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA: None.

79 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER, 2013.

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

80 REPORTS:

Cllr. R. Kemp report: This has been circulated to Councillors. **Note:** Waste carriers need to register. Also to remind residents to check all smoke alarms are in good working order. This will be included in the Parish report in the magazine.

Dcllr. J. Long: Council Tax costs due in February.

Crime report: from 9/12/2013 to 8/1/2014: Burglary other building in Golden Lane between 14-15/12/2013. Toyota Hillux was stolen. SU/13/2481 Pc 1759 Johnson.

81 MATTERS ARISING:

BUDGET FOR 2014/2015: Precept to be set. This was discussed and it was decided that the P.C. requests a Precept of £6459.00. This was proposed by Cllr.J.Kydd, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour. The Precept forms to be completed at the end of the meeting.

Dog/Litter bins purchase: No further action required at present.

Fencing at Lawshall Row: This was discussed and Cllr. R. Debenham agreed to inspect this area to see if the roadside hedge needs trimming back before any decision on fencing is made. Report on February agenda.

Bus shelter repairs: The Clerk was informed by Suffolk Acre (insurers) that repairs due to 'wear and tear' are not covered by the P.C. insurance.

Enlargement of bus shelter at Churchill Close: Cllr. R. Kemp will contact S.C.C. on behalf of the P.C. to make enquiries about the bus shelter.

Trees near overhanging bus shelter roof: Cllr. R. Debenham will inspect this area. Report on February agenda.

Playground: The upright on the large swing is due to be replaced shortly.

Ditch at Lambs Lane: It was reported that this ditch is full of rubbish. Cllr. R. Debenham will inspect this area. Report on February agenda.

Playground repairs: The Clerk has returned the completed forms to Babergh D.C. with a request for some grant funding of £400.00 to help towards the repair invoices.

Village Hall: A discussion took place to consider the future of the village hall. Several ideas were put forward. No decisions were made and this will be included on the February agenda for further discussion.

Proposals for 2014: A suggestion was put forward to consider holding a Summer Celebration perhaps in the form of a 'Village Fair'. Any other ideas are welcome. This item to be included on the February agenda.

Walking bus to All Saints School: The Chairman reported that this is to be introduced for the children who walk to school.

Volunteer Police Cadets: for 13-16 years living in the Babergh area. Posters will be placed in the notice boards advertising this.

Surveys re: S106 Recreational Funds: 200 completed surveys have been returned to date.

Parking at All Saints School: No parking allowed on the zig zag lines.

Textile Bank: This will shortly be available and will be placed alongside the Bottle Banks near the village hall.

New Councillors: The Chairman reported that two people have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. They will be co-opted at the February meeting.

P.C. meetings: The monthly meetings now start at 7.45pm. The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to charge the P.C. from 7.45pm to 9pm. The Clerk will inform the Village Hall Treasurer if any meeting does not finish at 9pm.

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82 FINANCE:

Request from the Youth Club: For the P.C. to continue paying 50% of the rent charge. This was discussed and Cllr. T. Hodgson proposed that the P.C. pays for the next three months (Jan, Feb and Mar) seconded by Cllr. K.Kydd, all in favour.

Annual Donation to All Saints Church: Cllr. J. Kydd proposed £250.00, seconded by Cllr. T. Hodgson, all in favour.

Invoices passed for payment:

Clerk’s Salary & Expenses: £295.15

R. Debenham: £24.00 (securing playground gate)

Lawshall Village Hall: £63.00 (50% payment rent re: Youth Club.)

R.E.J.B. £714.48 (repairs to play equipment

All Saints Church P.C.C. £250.00 (S214 donation to help with the cost of cutting the grass in the church yard and cutting the grass around the graves in the P.C. Burial Ground)

Current balances reported:

Community account: £46.35

Business account; £6504.88

Cllr. J. Kydd proposed that £1350.00 is transferred from the Business account into the Community account, seconded by Cllr. T. Hodgson, all in favour.

83 PLANNING:

Application No. B/13/01366/LBC: Reed Cottage, Lawshall Green: application for Listed Building Consent – external alteration including extension to chimney pot. Application supported no objections.

(Application received after agenda had been prepared) No. B/13/01381/LBC: Church House, The Street: Erection of single storey rear extension to existing chimney. The application was discussed and there were no objections. Application supported.

84 CORRESPONDENCE:

S.C.C. Advance notice: repair works are planned at the bridge near Waldegrave Farm, Hartest from 3rd to 14th March.

85 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk to Report to S.C.C. The road surface on the L.H. side is breaking up (as you leave the A134 to turn into Lawshall) and is in need of repair.

Notices for the magazine:

Dog fouling reports: This is occurring on the path from The Glebe up to the School and on the pathway to Golden Wood. A notice will be placed in the magazine asking dog walkers to clear up after their dogs and to use the doggy bins provided.

Bottle Banks: To remind residents that there are Bottle banks in two locations in the village and to inform the residents that the P.C. benefits from the glass collected.

Textile Bank: To inform residents that a Textile Bank will soon be situated alongside the Bottle Banks near the Village Hall.

Parking at All Saints School: parking on the zig zag lines is not allowed. Anyone parking on these lines can expect an instant fine of £100 and 3 points on their Driving Licence.

P.C. meetings: The monthly meeting now starts at 7.45pm. The Village Hall Committee has agreed to charge the P.C. from 7.45pm to 9pm. The Clerk will inform the Village Hall Treasurer if any meeting does not finish at 9pm.

Smoke Alarms: To remind residents that they are in good working order.

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Emergency Plan: To inform all residents that the P.C. that an Emergency Plan has been in place since 2010.

Reporting any repair problems: A form has been designed for residents to complete. Forms available from the Clerk.

Completed forms to be returned to the Clerk or the Chairman. The Clerk will then collate the information and inform the relevant authority.

The being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.45pm.

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Chairman

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Date

