

Clenchwarton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 4th January 2018

Present: Cllrs James Swietonowski, Winter, Impey, Tordoff, Mace, Smith, Hunter the Clerk and RFO

There were 16 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllrs Gipp, Howlett, Pell and BC Cllr Whitby
2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and any application for dispensation
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held 7th December 2017. The minutes were approved as a true record
4. To receive reports from Borough and District Councillors. Cllr Kemp reported on the work she had arranged on behalf of the Parish Council which would see the Community Payback team clean out ditches in Clapper Lane and Hall road. A copy of the Councils PL Insurance had been requested however the clerk had received an email stating that the work would be covered by the teams own public liability insurance too. Cllr Kemp was still involved with the village flooding issues which had been very severe again over the Christmas period. Cllr Tordoff stated that the clearing of some of the ditches in Clapper Lane had certainly improved the situation and wished thanks be recorded for all the hard work Cllr Kemp was doing in the parish. Cllr Kemp reported on the proposed plans to build a second power station in Kings Lynn and the fact it was to be nearly twice as big as originally proposed. Agreed the clerk should write and ask why there had been no consultation with the public on such a huge project. Cllr Swietonowski queried the huge increase in County Councillor's expenses. Cllr Kemp had objected to the 11% raise. Staff were only getting 2%. It was resolved the clerk should write to the leader and object and request he justify the decision, in the light of all the proposed cut backs.
5. Open Forum: 15 minutes during which time residents may speak. A resident ask Cllr Kemp if she had any information regarding the appeal for the application to build two more properties in Hall Road. No 82 and 84 were again experiencing severe flooding to their properties. Cllr Kemp stated that the AWA had not updated her as yet. The Parish Council had submitted further objections to the application. Cllr Tordoff commented that he had never before seen the back field so flooded.
6. Finance: to approve the monthly payments, Finance reports circulated by the RFO. Monthly payments of £1869.21 were approved.
7. To resolve on the precept for next year. The Chairman of finance reported on the finance committee meeting of the 19th December when a precept of £41,500 was suggested. The RFO ran through the proposal. It was resolved to set the precept at £41,500.

8. To resolve on the election of members for the Finance Committee and the remit for the finance committee. Cllr Swietonowski. It was resolved the committee should consist of five members. Cllrs Swietonowski, James, Gipp, Tordoff and Hunter. Clerk circulated a draft terms of reference for the new committee. It was resolved the terms of the committee should also include 'to consider and agree quotes'. Agreed.
9. Clerks Report. Cllr Whitby had reported stones on the pavement in Rookery Road. Agreed our groundsman will sweep it. Clerk reported she had ordered 4 more new smaller litter bins. Community Payback would be clearing sections of the dykes in Hall Road and Clapper Lane which are not the responsibility of Freebridge on the 22nd February, 1st, 7th and 10th of March.
10. To resolve on the purchase of cameras for the field and churchyard to catch dogs running free and incidents of dog fouling. Cllr Pell. In Cllr Pell's absence it was resolved to agenda for the February meeting.
11. Planning: to make observations on planning applications received and circulated 17/02378/F extension to dwelling 4 St Margaret's Meadows. Supported. Concerns were raised regarding the new accesses which had been created in Hall Road, clerk to contact Highways.
12. To receive updates from committees: Community Centre Working Party Committee. Cllr Tordoff reported on the dates for the next Bingo and Funday. An application for a grant had not been successful however the committee were applying for others.
13. To receive update from outside bodies: Memorial Hall. The AGM would be on March 12th.
14. To receive items for the February 1st 2018 meeting. There were none
15. To resolve on whether the Council should move into closed session for the discussion of the following agenda items on the grounds of confidentiality (details of the discussion not for publication by virtue of section 100 (a) para 4 of the Local Government Act 1972) agreed