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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, 2nd November 2017, Bosbury Village Hall, 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Sven Bosley (Chair), Julie E Baker, Patrick Whitehead, John Joyce-Townsend, Liz Cooke, Rachel Lovering, Gian Carlo Paganuzzi, Sue Ransford, Charlie Ferrier,

In attendance

Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk
Cllr. Tony Johnson – Ward Councillor

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1.0 To Accept Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllr. Tim Newsholme (work), Cllr. Mark Andrews (prior engagement), Cllr. Julia Boyle (late), Cllr. Joe Hayes (holiday).

2.0 To Record any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

3.0 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th October 2017

JB had emailed two minor alterations to the minutes – these were agreed and made.

The 5th October 2017 minutes were then agreed to be accurate; approved and signed by the Chair.

4.0 To Receive Brief Report from Ward Councillor Tony Johnson

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire merger was going ahead for submission despite reservations from all bodies asked. It was anticipated that a decision would be made in mid January 2018.

£15 Million of funding had been secured from Central Government for the new University – bringing the total funds so far obtained to £23 million. Who the accountable body for overseeing these finances will be is still to be agreed.

A bid for £95 million has been submitted to the Homes and Communities Agency to fund the second phase of the bypass.

Sale of the land in Rotherwas was going well. Over the last 4 years 11 new businesses had opened; 10 expanded; £13 million of private investment made and over 750 new jobs created. It all bodes well for the future.

Cllr. Johnson took questions:

Would a railway line to the Rotherwas estate be opened? Cllr. Johnson responded that the old factory units were to be re-developed into smaller business units.

What was the total cost of the university anticipated to be? Cllr. Johnson responded that it was to be in the region of £350 million – if everything was completed that was wished for.

Which way would the bypass go next? Cllr. Johnson responded – eastwards.

The Council gave their thanks to Cllr. Johnson for attending the planning meeting on the 1st November and speaking in support of the Buchanan Trust application 172544.

5.0 Public Participation session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council.

None present

6.0 NDP – Report from the sub-committee and update on amended draft NDP for re-submission.

SB explained that an altered draft had been sent to Sam Banks for initial comment. Sam had returned a copy with detailed comments seeming to relate directly to the examiner Roger McGurks report.

Cllr Julia Boyle arrived.

It was RESOLVED that the steering group would meet shortly to go through the report and make further alterations for re-submission of the draft as soon as possible. Caution would be used when making changes.

7.0 To consider the proposal to become a SmartWater village and next steps

JEB reported that 30 people had attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Lots of information about general crime prevention had been given at the meeting. Thanks was given to JEB for all her hard work in arranging the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should signpost many of these crime prevention ideas on the website – rather than concentrating on one such as SmartWater.

It was RESOLVED that JEB and LC would put together information and links on crime prevention – including a dedicated Facebook page. They would then give the relevant wording and links to the clerk to put on the website.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk put a short survey on the website in order to try to ascertain further interest in SmartWater.

8.0 To consider the cost of purchasing SID's.

JJ-T reported that he was still waiting for a response as to why the hire fee had increased so much. He also felt it was advisable to continue to hire SID's rather than buy them as this avoided the risk of damage, insurance etc.

It was RESOLVED to continue to monitor the situation. The clerk would also gather information from other Councils as to potential costs of purchase to compare with hire costs.

9.0 To consider any new highway or footpath issue

It was RESOLVED that the clerk would log the condition of the road on the bend by Temple Court with Hereford Council.

Members of the public had expressed concern about the new entrance at the Oak in Staplow. The splays have not met the specifications on the original planning application.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk write to Gemma Webster (Planning); Kevin Bishop (planning) and Richard Ball (highways) expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

10.0 To consider appointing a new lengthsman

It was RESOLVED to move this item to the December meeting in order to allow more time to gather tenders.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk ask Ed Seabright if he would please mow the verges at the entrance to the village one last time while a new lengthsman is appointed.

11.0 Finance

11.1 To agree the finance report and bank balances

The finance report and bank balances were agreed and signed.

11.2 To agree payments of outstanding accounts including:

715 Stoneyard Green – Website hosting – annual payment 1st Sept – 31st Aug 2018 £75

716 Clerk's expenses (including postages, stationary and mileage) £183.12 plus home allowance

717 Clerk's salary September and October

718 Leanne Rex – (Ex-Clerk) final salary £140.77

719 JH Landscapes Ltd – HGV signposts £67.20

720 SignRight – HGV signs £108.00

721 Clerk's Salary for November

It was RESOLVED to approve and pay all items.

11.3 To consider the budget and pre-cept for 2018-19

PW reported that an increase in the precept was needed due to the Lengthsman grant finishing in March 2018. The cost of this work would fall wholly to the Parish Council to fund.

The increase in the precept would mean that the average band D household would pay £49 per year contribution.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council approve both the budget and the precept for the coming financial year 2018-19.

11.4 To sign the Clerk's contract of employment

The contract was duly signed and a copy given to the Chair to be held by the Staffing Committee for reference.

12.0 To note and review the information and outstanding actions sheet.

The Information and Outstanding action sheet was NOTED and REVIEWED.

LC reported that she had seen a van emptying bins in the village and would ask if the bin in the burial ground could be emptied too.

13.0 To note the next meeting: 7th December 2017 in Coddington Church

The meeting was NOTED

14.0 To note items for the next meeting

Cllrs were REQUESTED to email the clerk with any items

The meeting closed at 20.50

Signed: _____

Dated: 07.12.2017.