

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Present:** Cllrs. Straw (Chair), Humphreys, Daw, Preece, Betts & Rainbow. Cllr. Purdue – Horan ( NCC)

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Salden & Bailey (RBC)

**Declaration of interest:** None

**Acceptance of minutes** of the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. These were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising:** None

**Correspondence:** Invitation to Town & Parish Conference 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – Cllrs. Betts & Daw to attend.

**Precept:** Cllrs agreed to keep the precept the same for the year 2018 – 2019. No increase for residents.

**Ground care contract:** Cllrs agreed to continue with Hempstead with a 1.78% increase.

**Welcome pack:** Cllr. Betts issued the proposed new pack to all Councillors. Cllrs. agreed this was excellent.

**Newsletter:** Cllr. Betts confirmed he hoped to get the newsletter out in the next week . Requested more articles.

**Granby Educational fund:** Application had been received from F Watchorn, this was approved by Cllrs. Clerk to process. Article to go into future newsletter.

**Events:** Cllrs. Agreed the Christmas tree festival had been a success and suggestions had been made to make this into a larger Community event this coming year. To be discussed at the June meeting.

Open gardens – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Best Kept village – working party dates 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

Commemorative concert to mark the end of WW1 to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Caretaker:** Cllrs. agreed an advert should be placed in the next newsletter.

**Finance:** Current account balance:£14,491.57 Bank Reserve Acct Balance: £10,356.43

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting Cllrs no issues raised.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

**Accounts for payment. (excl VAT)**

E On (Gas)	£57.15
E ON (Elect)	£31.42
A Coy (Exps)	£52.15 (Tel, B/band, windows, cleaning materials)

**Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr. Daw reported that a meeting was arranged with Cllr. Purdue – Horan for tomorrow to look at the area around Sutton Green. Cllr. Daw also gave his apologise for the Feb meeting.

Cllr. Purdue – Horan said a 50K fund had been allocated to increase the number of trees across the Borough. Cllrs. to consider an application.

Cllr. Straw reported on the accident on 7<sup>th</sup> January. Awaiting information re repair.

Cllr. Straw reported a letter of invitation received to the Police meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – no takers.

**Date and time of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.35 p.m.