

Minutes of the Meeting of Marshchapel Parish Council held in the Village Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.35 pm

Present: Cllrs. P Rickett (Chair), C. Henderson, (Vice Chair), S. Osbourne, R. Cordy, H. Mason and R Bealey

Also present: Cllr. Palmer (ELDC);

Apologies: R. Joynson and R. Parkinson (valid reasons accepted by members for all)

Other Apologies: Cllr McNally (LCC & ELDC)

Clerk: Mrs P. Plumridge.

56.18 – No members of the public or Police Officers present. (No report forwarded).

57.18 - Cllr Palmer– Very little to report. There is a DC meeting tomorrow which Cllr Palmer is unable to attend due to a previous appointment.

Cllr Palmer asked about the Community Grant and we suggested the Scouts and the Army Cadets, both of which he approved of.

(Cllr Palmer left 7-40 pm)

58.18 – Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any Agenda item in accordance with Localism Act and the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

None

59.18– Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were moved and signed.

60.18 – Matters Arising/ Clerks Report

Clerk's Report –28th September, 2018 (*Update 6th October*)

Tree fire on Playing Field – Following a report from tree surgeon which was circulated to all Cllrs it was agreed (to be ratified at meeting) that we go ahead and pollard the tree and try and give it the best chance of surviving this traumatic experience. *One quote received another requested, enquiries to be made regarding insurance cover.*

Audit - The audit has been finalised. Yet again we have fallen foul of dates as we dated the AGAR form one day after the first date of the public notice. Next year we will complete these forms at the AGM to avoid this happening again.

War Memorial Gardens – Quotes requested from Tim Jacklin, Andy Greenwood and Digs but Tim came back to us straight away and said they would do the work for free. No other quote received.

Phone Box - contact made with Tom Petterson and Mal Shaw but Tom not taking on any more work at present due to personal circumstances and Mal not able to fit it in until next spring, in view of this Barrie asked to go ahead asap so that it can be done before winter.

Further discussion about phone box: Councillors are very happy with the result and the interest it has generated in village. Clerk put forward the suggestion of 'rent a pane' as a means of recouping some of the cost involved, whereby local businesses could rent a pane of glass and advertise their business on the phone box. Councillors thought this was a great idea, Clerk to look into this further.

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Tree Fire

Discussion took place regarding the cost that will be incurred in looking after the tree. Councillors felt it was unfair that the child's parents/carers are not responsible for the damage that the child has caused. PC Mekkaoui advised Chair, at time, that the route we agreed would mean that the child would not get a criminal record but it would be on file should they re-offend. He also advised that it was unfair for child's parents/carers to have to pay under these circumstances.

61.18– Financial

Financial statement accepted, no questions, bank statement signed.

At meeting

761 cheque cancelled

762 – PKF Littlejohn – Audit Fee - £240.00

763 – LALC – Councillors course expenses - £8.50

764 – John Mathews – repair to fan heater in Clerks office ceiling - ££57.74 (pro Cllr Rickett, seconded Cllr Osbourne)

765 – Wold Tree Works – Report on ash tree on playing field - £75.00 (pro Cllr Rickett, sec Cllr Bealey)

766 – Barrie Marsh – repaint/restore telephone box - £800.00

It was proposed by Cllr Rickett that we donate £100 to the Poppy Appeal to reflect the fact that it is 100 years since the end of WW1, seconded by Cllr Bealey.

767 – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £100.00

62.18 – Correspondence -

Correspondence received since 11th September , 2018

- Bank statements;
- Glasdon brochures;
- Scam mail;

Emails received/forwarded since last meeting:

- 12.9.18 - Val Preston,ELDC, Community Led Housing in Marshchapel. *Do we want to follow this up?*
- 17.9.18 – Liam Hutton-Hoare – Aerial inspection of tree report;
- 20.9.18 – LCC – Road closures – posted on web site;
- 27.9.18 – BT – Completion notice reference phone box;
- 28.9.18 - ELDC – Election review
- 3.10.18 – Rachel Uttley – update for BKV

Community Led Housing

The Cllrs expressed an interest in this and could identify a couple of areas that might be appropriate. Val Preston to be invited to our next Council meeting. It was regretful that this correspondence arrived the day after our last meeting, otherwise we could have moved quicker on this.

Grass Cutting

A late arrival in the office was the proposal to hand the grass cutting to the PC for a payment. This was gone through and rejected. It was proposed by Cllr Rickett that we remain as we are, getting two service cuts per year, this was seconded by Cllr Mason.

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63.18– Planning

The enforcement on the land to the west as you drive out of the village is in the process of being dealt with. The owners were advised that they needed planning permission to store tyres but have not applied for it. Planning was granted in 2012 for stables, this is being checked out by planning officers.

64.18 Damage Report

We suffered no damage during the recent storm but a huge tree has come down in the old Estate Office gardens that Caudwells used to use.

65.18– Chairman’s Items

In view of the fact that Cllr Palmer wont be standing for re-election in May, Cllr Rickett wondered if it would be appropriate to ask him to lay our wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Everyone though this was a good idea. Clerk to ring and ask him.

66.18– AOB

Cllr Osbourne couldn’t get on the courses she wanted as they were full.

Cllr Mason attended the Police meeting, and met the new Inspector Sarah Constantine, who is leaving to retire in 3 years time. A new intelligence officer Steve Ellis and Richard Precious were also present, but Cllr Mason reported that they just went through a lot of what we already know. One piece of information that came out was that the police feel everyone should have CCTV to catch burglars, although if a camera is recording on a pblic area, ie highway, unless you hold a license the evidence will not stand up in court.

67.18 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th November, 2018 - 7.00pm Trust and 7.30pm Parish Council

No further business, meeting closed at 8.25pm

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