

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.00 pm 11th January 2018

Minutes – unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- , Andrew Banks - Chair, John Smith - Clerk & Honorary Treasurer. DC Sylvia Michael

Members of the public

Mr S Bunnell, Mrs J Smith, Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr & Mrs M Cheyney, Mr & Mrs K Taylor, Mr J Bower, Mr S. Hewitt, Mrs E Banks,

Apologies

None

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 7th December 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Repairs to the bank adjacent to the solar farm was being referred by DC Sylvia Michael to David Sisson of TVIDB

Re the unsatisfactory BT line, the clerk read his latest letter to Openreach (14th December 017), a press cutting dated 21st December and an email reply from Openreach dated 10th January 2018 stating that the matter has been referred to their specialist case handlers. After discussion on the next step to take, it was decided to form a sub-committee to represent the village. This Village Meeting sub-committee would be headed by Mr Ken Taylor.

Mike Keeling of Viaem (NCC highways contractor) emailed on 18th December responding that no case existed for a permanent speed sign in the village. However, the clerk was instructed to accept the offer of further temporary speed signs (TVASS).

Full planning approval, subject to conditions, had been granted for the work at Portland Barn – previous minutes relate.

Correspondence

The clerk read a legal briefing from NALC on the requirement for a Data Protection Officer (who could not be the clerk) as from 25th May 2018. He expressed a view that in due course the village is likely to share this specialisation with other parishes in the vicinity. No action at present.

A second briefing from NALC stating that the use of specific council email addresses for council business should be standard. The term council covers Meetings such as ours. Clerk to action.

Steve Bunnell – vice chair – has enabled a new Meeting letterhead template to be available for future official letters

Following an exchange of emails with NALC, the village does not have to seek an external auditor for the accounts of this year and the future. Transparency guidelines must be followed instead.

Budget 18/19 year and Precept

The clerk circulated a draft budget for 18/19 year based on an unchanged precept amount of £1,700. He gave the cash balance as at the start of this current year and a forecast of that at the year-end (31st March). After a full discussion centred primarily on possible contingent expenses such as payment for a Data Protection service and a comparison of the cash reserve vis-à-vis the precept level, it was decided to set the precept at £1,800 (plus £100). Clerk to action.

Defibrillator: progress and next steps

The vice chair, Steve Bunnell updated the meeting. Since the last meeting, the box to house the defibrillator has been received and paid for. A search for a qualified trainer was underway and the outcome looked promising. Thirty residents had volunteered to learn the practice of CPR and operation of the defibrillator. Provisional booking of the village hall had been made as the training venue. A local electrician with experience of installing the device had been contacted. The cost quote was £100.

AOB

DC Sylvia Michael informed the meeting that Phase 2 of the flood alleviation scheme was “back on track”. She also said that the current Viaem contract for NCC Highways would not be renewed.

Mrs C Tate again raised the issue of no white lines on Western and Moorhouse roads. Clerk to follow up for second time.

Mrs J Smith asked if the two planters located close to the cemetery wall could be moved to a better position. Chair to action.

Mr John Bower updated the meeting on the Safer Neighbourhood groups business (meeting attended earlier this evening) covering, burglaries, fly tipping, parking of sugar beet lorries, speed reduction in South Muskham, travellers hunting deer and hares and nuisance of off-road bikers.

The next meeting will be held on 1st March 2018 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Chair

Date