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SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING

Held on MONDAY 10TH March 2014

In SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 4.00pm

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mr. D. Saw, Mrs H. Ramply, Mrs. M. Farmery, Mr. A. Marnes (Chair), Mrs. S. Gadsby, Mr M. Rawson. County Councillor Wisson, the Clerk and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Felce sent apologies for absence also the clerk Mrs Barnicoat due to family funeral.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th February 2014

These had been circulated to all Councillors, they were proposed by Mr R.Saw and 2nd by Mrs. Helen Ramply, it was unanimously agreed to accept minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting, the Chair signed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Ramply declared an interest in the planning item .

4. MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising.

5. ALLOTMENT PROVISION

No update, no contact from Savills.

6. POLICING ISSUES/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2 villagers have expressed an interest in forming a Neighbourhood Watch group in the village, Mr Farmery stated that these 2 will contact the various authorities about becoming the Co-ordinators. Reports of cold calling, Chairman gave report about recent police / community meeting. CCTV cameras are possibility on the church but church cant fund these, M. Rawson to continue to investigate.

7. A1 MATTERS

HA letter regarding the new average speed cameras on the A1, this had been delivered to village, Mrs Farmery described this as a "Joke" as time scale is unlikely to materialise. This was thought to be as a result of the burst water main 2 days running. Councillors reported that they found it easier to get in and out at times of speed restrictions.

8. HIGHWAYS

Chairman read out the letter from the County Council panel considering the highway funds for safety improvements to the High Street. CCC will contact us soon. Councillors decided to contact villagers on this issue when we know more.

Mr. D. Saw again expressed concern that Officer Ian Winfield had still not fed back to the Council on any of the issues we raised. Cllr. J. Wisson agreed to support following this up. A few of the potholes in Rectory Lane had been repaired, but many more were left untouched. There is no news on the Midloe bridge.

9. FINANCE

Chairman read out Nat West statements after the £5000 was transferred to the current A/c.

The following invoice was presented:

Mrs Barnicoats invoice for Clerking provision £334.00, it was noted that it invoice now included V.A.T., as the clerk is now registered, Councillors asked for V.A.T. number to be circulated, and what date this was from.

The OUC's invoice for ½ yearly play area rent £327.50

These were unanimously agreed to approve both to be paid.

There had been notification from Eon of a recent direct debits for £90.03 for the Village Hall electricity.

It was noted that CCC had emailed to inform us about street lamp energy charges for the parish councils lamps.

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They state the charge for 11 lamps will be £154.37 plus V.A.T. for period 1st April 2013 to 30th Sept. 2013.

10. PLAYING FIELD

Councillors thanked M. Rawson for laying the paving slabs at the play area entrance. M. Farmery reported that dog fouling is getting worse. A new top for the replaced bin at the Rectory Lane entrance is required also need emptying. Reports of hedge dying near the V.H., it was thought that new trees could be planted in the autumn.

11 Village Hall

Mrs.S. Gadsby reported some new chairs have been donated, more may be available later.

3 quotes for guttering, facier boards and soffits had been obtained, but will try for more quotes.

12. CHURCH MATTERS & BURIAL GROUND

The new clock has been trialled for a week with the bell striking at all hours, the vicar will ask neighbours if they are happy with this.

It was reported that the Bishop of Ely is visiting on 27th March at 9.30am. All Church information is now on the village web stie.

13. PLANNING Mrs Ramply left the room. Councillors discussed the planned change of use for part of the Common barns as B2, Councillors had no objections, chairman to send off to HDC reply slip. Mrs Ramply re-joined the room.

14. CORRESPONDENCE / EMAILS

Mrs. Gadsby registration form passed to her. All other correspondence noted.

15. WIND FARM UPDATE

There had been no update on this item.

Chairman closed the meeting for the next item

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. J. Wisson attended the opening of the new St.Neots railway bridge. There is to be a review of the banding and boundary's, these will come into force in 2017.

Member of public asked about commercial use of playarea, it was noted that Diddington have recently rented their play area for £400 for the day, and it was thought that we at Southoe should look at doing the same.

Chairman reopened the meeting

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reports of dogs out of control on tracks, nails in the road, 200 were picked up and some tyre damage resulted.

Ditch in Rectory Lane need clearing and grating needs attention, this should be done in the summer when ditch is dry.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This would be the parish assembly, Councillors thought it would be best after the Easter holidays, so it was agreed to schedule for Wednesday 23rd April. A short parish council meeting will need to precede the assembly as accounts need to be signed off prior to audit. It was envisaged that the A.G.M. would be the 1st week in June as elections for all parish council places could be contested at the same time as the European elections on 22nd May, Chairman said the AGM must be after 4 days but before 14 days after the elections. The meeting was closed at 5.10pm

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