

Woolverstone Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017

Berners Village Hall

Present

Chair – Simon Pearce

Vice Chair - Phil Mayhew

Lorraine Deville (IHS)

Elsbeth Iskander

Alison Glading

Jen Young

Adam Douglas

Elsbeth Iskander

Dave Wood

Apologies

Simon Quantrill

Mark Bostock

Not present

Peter Patrick

David Davies

3) Election for the Parish Council Chairman, Vice Chairman and Finance officer

Votes for existing committee carried

4) Declaration by a Councillor of any prejudicial interest in the content of the meeting

None

5) Agree Minutes of meeting 08 March 2017

Agreed

6) Matters Arising

Grass cutting – SP

Churchyard - £4700 saving on bill over seven years

PM – Cutting grass once a week. Easy to keep the churchyard in check and save the parish and church money. Save to keep for other uses.

DW – Suggests Peninsula Parish Alliance revival. Informal but formal meetings. Mutual interest, not just developments but wider issues. DW to pursue.

SP - Speed Survey – finished 3 weeks ago, but results of survey not yet known. DW to chase up.

SP - Walled Garden. Parish Council have not had satisfactory response re enforcement issues. Most recent issue – For sale board for Plot 10 has been erected. Phase 3 houses should not be marketed until plot 11 is sold. BDC does not seem to be communicating re issues put to them by WPC.

SP - to write to Derek Davies to forward this issue.

SP - has written to DD re advertising banner outside Spring Lodge. No response to conservation area status concerns.

EI – Concerns re amount of advertising which stays up throughout the month – eg farmers' market.

7. Meeting Schedule

Concerns re timing and days of the WPC meetings. Suggested curfew 9.30pm, meetings every month.

Kathryn Deaton can act as Parish Clerk if the meetings are held on Thursdays. Next meeting will be Thursday 13th July 2017. Meetings to be held second Thursday of every month, thereafter. No meeting in August.

8. Finance

8.1 AG presented the Annual Return of the council. Chair signed and Vice Chair signed in the absence of the Parish Clerk.

8.2 Accountant needs to know the outstanding amount owed on Ganges.

9. Berners Hall

There are about 3 regular lettings each week. Charges to Woolverstone villagers are discounted: £15/4 hrs on Weekdays, £18/4hrs at weekends. Non residents pay £20 and £25 respectively.

Berners Hall Finances

Reserve account: £51,257; Current account £17,590; Cash £171 Total £69,019 Negligible interest

Rent for Berners Hall Cottage is £465 per calendar month, including Water Rates.

10. Planning

No further planning issues.

Walled Garden pending.

11. Correspondence.

All complete

12. AOB

Laurie Mayer has resigned from the committee.

Mark Bostock is proposing to resign as Wednesday is a very difficult day. In a situation to recruit two new Parish Councillors. SP has approached villagers via email. Proposal to send by paper to ensure all villagers know. Process to be followed for new councillors.