

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 6th December 2018 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion

PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)
John Bradshaw
Gerry Crosbie
Julia Cunnington
Richard Drain
Simon Hurn
Maxine Palmer
Jon Warters

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Davies, Community Devt Officer, RAF Wittering
Nine Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Geoff Dunkley, Roger Paull, Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor and Wg Cdr M Ainsworth.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

4. MINUTES of the Third Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 4th October 2018 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- John Bradshaw **Seconded by:-** Jon Warters

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

John Bradshaw stated he will arrange a meeting in the New Year with Peterborough City Councillors and Shailesh Vara, MP to progress the campaign for the Wittering A1 Flyover.

ii) **Potholes**

Although some potholes have been repaired, it was noted that there are still some potholes that need to be repaired. The Clerk will report to the Highways Department.

iii) **Review of RAF Playgrounds**

Mark Davies reported that a grant of £196,000 has been approved by the RAF Benevolent Fund to refurbish the St George's Road, Holt Close playgrounds in the village and a playground on the camp. It is hoped that the new equipment will be in place for Easter 2019. A site meeting is due to take place 10/12/18. He stated that the Legg Road playground will be reviewed at some point.

iv) **Delaine Bus Service 205**

This was discussed under Public Form.

v) **Remembrance Day Weekend**

It was agreed that this event had been very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by those who had attended. Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in the planning and organising of the day and it is hoped that a similar event will be held next year. The Parish Council and Sports & Social Club had kindly made contributions to the refreshments on the day. Geoff Dunkley had reported that £5,121.30 had been raised in the village for the RBL Poppy Appeal compared to approx. £3,000.00 in previous years. Thanks were expressed to Marie Dunkley for raising funds for the RBL at an Afternoon Tea-Party.

vi) **Parish Hall Kitchen**

The Chairman had obtained a revised quotation for a new kitchen. It was agreed to delay any decision regarding a new kitchen until the New Year.

vii) **War Graves in the Churchyard**

The Clerk will contact Wg Cdr Ainsworth to establish what are the plans for maintaining the War Graves in the future.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence that had not already been sent to the Parish Councillors.

7. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th November 2018 was reviewed and approved as presented.
Proposed by:- John Bradshaw **Seconded by:-** Jon Warters

8. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Members of the Public raised the following issues:-

- The revision of the Delaine 205 Bus Service Timetable wef 05/01/19 resulting in no buses Stamford – Wittering – Peterborough on Saturdays and a reduced service during the week. The Clerk will contact Mr A Delaine-Smith, asking him to postpone the revisions for one month to allow time for negotiations to take place and inviting him to a public meeting to discuss the residents' concerns. She will send a copy of the letter to the Ailsworth Castor, Thornhaugh and Wansford Parish Clerks, Diane Lamb, John Holdich and Shailesh Vara. Mark Davies confirmed that he had already contacted Mr Delaine-Smith on behalf of RAF Wittering. Members of the public can also make personal representations.
- Planning Application 16/01361 Land to the south of Lawrence Road, Wittering – it was noted that planning permission had been given on the premise that there were adequate transport links to/from the village. This is now questionable in light of the revision of the Delaine 205 Bus Service Timetable.
- Motorists parking vehicles irresponsibly on Church Road when leaving and collecting pupils of Wittering Primary School when they could use the Village Hall car-park - Maxine Palmer will ensure this information is included in the School Newsletter in the New Year.
- Speeding motorists on Church Road – it was noted that although this is concerning, the Parish Council has no authority to deal with this problem.
- Lighting in the Village – it was noted that the LEDs do not switch off during the day. The Clerk will contact Amey.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Trimming of Trees**

Simon Hurn stated he would be trimming branches off some of the trees on the playing field in the next few weeks.

ii) **Meeting Room for Airplay Club**

Maxine Palmer asked if the Airplay Club could use the Parish Hall on a temporary basis. It was agreed that she will liaise with Mark Davies regarding suitable premises.

iii) **Playing Field and Village Hall**

The Chairman confirmed that the lights down the public footpath on the Playing Field have been renewed. The exterior lighting around the Village Hall will be renewed in the next few months. The Fire Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Burglar Alarms and CCTV have all been serviced.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place **at 7.30 pm on 24th January 2019 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion.**

11. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

24/01/19