Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held

at The Christie Hall

on Thursday 26th January 2023

for the purpose of transacting the business detailed below.

**Present:** M Beuttell M Bradshaw D PriceM Riddington I Turner J Wright

5 members of the public were present.

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| 1 | **Opening of meeting -** Cllr Beuttell welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence – there were apologies from E Engle. |
| 3 | Declaration of Interest in Business to be Transacted – to receive declarations of interest – person and/or prejudicial and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda – none declared. |
| 4 | Public Forum – to allow any member of the public to address the council. Time limited to 10 minutes: |
| 4.1 | It was commented on how pleased people were to see a police presence in the village with a speed camera, several motorists were caught speeding. |
| 4.2 | Photos were produced of the illegal parking on the junction of Church Lane and Old Great North Road showing cars parked blocking a dropped curb and restricting motorists view of the road. Councillor Beuttell will take Highways Officer on his next visit to see – there is already an enforcement order on the owner of these vehicles. |
| 5 | Minutes of Previous Meeting:  Minutes of previous meeting were approved and signed. |
| 6 | To authorise the Following Orders for Payment: |
| 6.1 | Miranda Riddington – taking minutes for meetings September 2022, November 2022 and January 2023 - £84.20 |
| 6.2 | K&M Lighting – contract renewal - £570.00 |
| 6.3 | Christie Hall Annual hire charge - £60:00 |
| 7 | **Planning Applications (New):**  23/00004/LBC Signal box Nene Valley Railway**.** No comments were received. |
| 8 | **Correspondence from Residents:**  Letters had been received from Mrs Storey to comment about the speed in New Lane, there is currently no speed restriction, lighting and potholes.  Mr Howard wrote to complain about the HGV’s illegal parking and poor lighting. |
| 9 | General Correspondence:  There has been much publicity regarding the impending closure of the Sibson Environment Centre. It is no longer viable, there were questions regarding what will happen to the building, it is a Grade 2 building nobody wants it sitting empty and unused.  Councillor Beuttell reported that the new yellow lines are likely to be installed in March or April when the weather improves. There are also expected to be yellow lines on the Bridge to stop it getting blocked during busy periods. |
| 10 | Questions from Councillors: |
| 10.1 | Councillor Beuttell confirmed that the Defibrillators are regularly checked to ensure the pads and batteries are still in date. |
| 10.2 | Councillor Bradshaw reported that the tree for Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee has arrived and is ready to be planted on the corner of New Lane and Elton Road, he invited Councillor Beuttell to plant it. |
| 10.3 | A new Parish Clerk Charlotte Newman has been appointed and will start from end of January. Charlotte is keen to get involved and will set up a Sibson-cum-Stibbington website. |
| 10.4 | The new bench that is being prepared by Bob Bartlett is to go on the corner of Elton Road and London Road outside the Paper Mills this will be to commemorate the Reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II. |
| 10.5 | Councillor Bradshaw reported that the Fitzwilliam Hunt came to the Village on Wednesday 4th January with the Hounds running wild across farmland with crops in, through Waters Edge with lots of people complaining. A letter should be sent to the Fitzwilliam Hunt. |
| 10.6 | There were several blocked drains that have not been cleaned, especially outside the Haycock Hotel and near the New Lane slip road to the A1. |
| 10.7 | The regular potholes outside Bradshaws are back again and people are again breaking their wheels in them, they need addressing. |
| 10.8 | The hedge by Stibbington Diner is full of rubbish thrown from HGV cabs. |
| 10.9 | Thanks were given to Councillor Riddington for stepping in to take the minutes while we have no Parish Clerk. |
| 11 | Coronation – Street party.  There is going to be a Street Party for the Coronation on Sunday 7th May in conjunction with Wansford. It is currently proposed that London Road outside The Haycock Hotel will be closed and tables will be laid along the middle of the road. Volunteers for a committee will be sought from both sides of The Bridge and suggestions for a theme will be welcome. |
| 12 | Date of Next Meeting:  Councillor Beuttell thanked everyone for attending – the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd March 2023 in the Christie Hall commencing at 7:00 p.m. |
|  | The meeting closed at 7.40 pm |