

## FITZHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in the Tithe Barn commencing at 7.15pm.**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Alison Kent, Ian Coombes, David Pink & Katriona Smith

**In Attendance:** Jill Loader (Clerk), 2 members of the public & PCSO L Fyne (part)

**Public Speaking Time:** It was asked whether the PC knew what the process was when a crime is reported and given a crime number but it doesn't show up on the PCSO's Crime Report on the Fitzhead website. It was agreed to speak to the PCSO to find out.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** TDBC Cllr G Wren
- 2. Declaration of Interest/Dispensations:** None
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 August 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record. The Chair signed each page.
- 4. Matters Arising –**
  - 4.1 Mervyn Bellamy agreed to be our Highways Representative along with Katriona Smith.
  - 4.2 Work Place Pensions update – Fitzhead PC did not require to put a pension scheme in place for the clerk. Clerk would complete the necessary paperwork in January 2017 when the staging date would take effect. **Action: Clerk**
- 5. Co-Option of new member –** The Cllrs had asked several residents if they wished to join the PC. No-one had stepped forward, so a notice has been placed in the December Parish Magazine. Alison Kent had also placed notices around the village for any interest.
- 6. Highways Update**
  - 6.1 It had been noted the drains around Washers Barn had not been cleared or by Crosslands. It was agreed to ask Mervyn Bellamy which areas had been done around the village recently and to get Highways back if necessary. **Action: Katriona**
- 7. Welcome Booklet –** It was agreed to donate £10 towards the printing of the Welcome Booklet, requested by Mandy Bool and Linda Matthews who have worked on getting the booklet up to date and printed. **Action: Clerk**
- 8. Fitzhead Events Group -** Ian Coombes had attended the last FEG meeting. Their main issue was who was going to pay for the insurance next year, as the PC had done this year. It was noted that the PC had informed the FEG that they would not be paying the insurance next year at the time of renewal. The group had their own insurance which was no longer connected to the PC.
- 9. Broadband Masts-** Alison Kent informed the meeting that she was waiting to speak to the Cullompton representative who provides communities broadband via a mast service. This may be an option for Fitzhead as there was no likelihood of getting superfast broadband in this area for quite some time or never. There would be a cost for this service. **Action: Alison**

## **10. Lister House Surgery – Meeting with Somerset Partnership NHS Trust**

David Pink agreed to attend this meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Victoria Rooms, Milverton at 10am to find out what was happening regarding the Milverton Surgery. **Action: David**

## **11. Play Area**

After discussion it was agreed the following:

- 11.1 Tony Hartman would remove the algae from the play equipment that showed signs, remove the broken seat and cut back the hedge from inside the play area. **Action: Tony**
- 11.2 Replacement seat: Clerk to obtain quotes to replace this seat before the Spring.  
**Action: Clerk**
- 11.3 Place a notice in the Parish Magazine to see if anyone would kindly donate a new seat.  
**Action: Alison**
- 11.4 Replacement Swings: Obtain detailed quotes on different swing sets to approve for the next meeting and to complete the grant application form to TDBC. **Action: clerk**
- 11.5 Agenda compost collection from play area for next meeting. **Action: clerk**

## **12. Finances:**

- 12.1 It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to pay the following invoices:  
Clerk's wages £194.80, Tithe Barn £8.00, HMRC PAYE £48.60, The Play Inspection Company £75.00, Fitzhead Cricket Club £825.00, Fitzhead PCC £470.00, Wivey Area Partnership £150, AB Hartman £450.00. HMRC PAYE – lost May cheque £45.80.  
Receipts received: Lloyds Bank £1.23 bank interest, TDBC Maintenance Grant £1,670.00.  
Bank Balance as at 13 November 2016 - £15,187.07.
- 12.2 Draft Precept for 2017/18 – the clerk had circulated a draft precept for financial year 2017/18. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed to keep the precept at £3,600. Clerk to send paperwork to TDBC before deadline of 13 January 2017. **Action: Clerk**

## **13. Planning Update:**

- 13.1 Application: 17/16/0011/CR – Middle Goulds – a decision of not development was made on 3 November 2016.
- 13.2 17/16/0012 – Holcombe Farm – a decision of conditional approval was made on 10 November 2016.

**14. Taunton Deane Councillor's Report** – Gwil Wren had sent his apologies and requested to send any items for him to action after the meeting.

**15. Somerset County Councillor's Report** – No report received

**16. Police Report** – the report received by PCSO Louise Fyne would be put onto the website. After discussion regarding the member of the public's question Louise agreed to find out the system and report to the person directly.

## **17. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.