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| **MINUTES OF THE 636th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TOFT PEOPLES’ HALL ON MONDAY JANUARY 11th 2010** | | | | |
| **PRESENT: Councillors S Roberts (Chairman); C Sinclair; D Bilsland; P Hercus; J Betson. County Councillor F Whelan. There was one member of the public in attendance.** | | | | |
| Item | Content | | | Action |
| 1. | **APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Councillor Lucy Jayne & District Councillor Robin Martlew. | | |  |
| 2. | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**   * Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was   **RESOLVED** that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman. | | |  |
| 3. | OPEN SESSION  * A member of the public having indicated that they wished to address the Council, the Chairman proposed that the meeting adjourn and it was   **RESOLVED** to adjourn   * Mrs M Coppin reported that two posts had been knocked down on the village green. One had disappeared. She also mentioned that a number of potholes had appeared following the recent cold weather, specifically between Hardwick Road and the 30mph sign on Comberton Road. It was therefore   **RESOLVED** to reconvene. | | |  |
| 4. | **FEED BACK FROM CIRCULATION & CIRCULATION**   * The Chairman referred to notification for a meeting about Exception sites, at the South Cambs District Council offices and expressed an interest in attending. It was therefore   **RESOLVED** to note this with thanks | | |  |
| 5. | **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**  County Cllr Whelan reported. It had been quiet at County over the Christmas break. With regard to the Comberton Village College Sixth Form proposals, parking remained a concern on the road and in nearby streets. She explained that where parking was already a problem, it couldn’t be a planning consideration in objection to a new application. The County Council’s use of Comberton Leisure and other activities on site were contributing to the parking problems and the County Councillor had been talking to people at County about the existing problem. Planning Officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council, Dan Smith, was preparing for a planning meeting on 3rd February, when the application would be considered. Councillors were encouraged to attend. The justification for parking was based on a national formula relating to teaching staff and pupil numbers.  The County Councillor emphasized that she was not happy with the existing travel plan, which was not robust enough. Guarantees were required that funding would be put in place for transport to pick up students from specific areas within the catchment area.  On the subject of gritting bins, some parishes were buying them and some weren’t. Caldecote had bought six the previous week because there was no gritting being carried out by County Council. Local people were being encouraged to spread the grit. She asked Councillors to identify any gritting routes that needed to be added at review. In response, Councillor Sinclair mentioned that the sewer had overflown again at Brookside after heavy rainfall. It was therefore  **RESOLVED** to note the report with thanks. | | |  |
| 6. | **FOOTPATHS**   * There were no reports from the footpaths’ representative. A complaint had been received from Mrs Balcombe about an overgrown hedge in School Lane at no 44. As a neighbor to the property, Cllr P Hercus offered to talk to the owner about it. It was therefore   **RESOLVED** to note this with thanks | | |  |
| 7. | **HIGHWAYS**   * There was some discussion about a water leak, suspected due to a broken pipe, but Cllr Bilsland confirmed that previous visits by Anglian Water had confirmed the source as ground water. The location was outside 9 Eversden Close, ie on the corner with Millers Road. The Chairman suggested that Mr Colin Ward should be advised in respect of Cllr Sinclair’s comments about the sewage in Brookside. | | |  |
| 8. | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**   * The bus shelter window had been repaired. A local resident had expressed an interest in the tree guard and it was agreed that they could have it, if they were prepared to take it away. * Cllr Hercus referred to Toft Wood and plans for maintenance of the area next to the footpath, identified as Area B on the map prepared by Cllr Sinclair, who suggested that 50% of the area should be maintained in alternate years. Since this would save money, it was proposed and   **RESOLVED** to authorize work on the whole area this year and for 50% to be maintained in subsequent years.   * With reference to grit bins, it was proposed that bins should be located at the top of Millers Road/corner of Mill Road suggested; further down Millers’ Road to treat the hill; and near the bus shelter and   **RESOLVED** to purchase these for installation at the earliest opportunity. | | |  |
| 9. | TOFT PEOPLE’S HALL  * Cllr Roberts reported that the meeting in December had been lengthy, since conditions of hire were under review. A meeting was to take place the following week and it was   **RESOLVED** to note this with thanks. | | |  |
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| **Cheque No** | **Details** | **Amount** |
| 1680 | K Cameron- Clerk’s Salary | £142.60 |
| N/A | HMRC- Clerk’s Tax | £94.80 |
| 1681 | C Blower- Repairs to Bus Shelter | £37.37 |
| * Councillors were referred to the budget for 2010-11considered at the December meeting and it was   **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt this and to apply for a precept from the South Cambridgeshire District Council in the amount of £14,000.  *The Clerk left the meeting whilst consideration of the next item took place.*   * The Council reviewed the Clerk’s Salary by reference to a report illustrating existing rates and the scale applicable and   **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk’s applicable salary to the rate at SCP 29 as of 1st April 2009. | | |
| 12. | DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING February 1st 2010, 7.00pm at Toft People’s Hall. The Parish Paths Partnership Funding Application was to be included on the agenda. | | |  |