

BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th September 2018 at 7.00 pm in Bulcote Farm Committee Room

Present: - Councillors **K. Simpson, P. Mountain, and Mrs. K. Jackson.**

Clerk: - **Mr. R. J. Aston**

In attendance: - **County Councillor T. Wendels.**

1. Apologies

Cllrs. A. Washbrooke, N. Leaves, and District Councillor T. Wendels sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Public session

No members of the public attended.

4. Report of the County Councillor

a. Bulcote Farm

The councillors briefed the County Councillor, Mr. R. Jackson, who is, also, a Newark & Sherwood District Councillor, on the Parish Council's assessment of the enabling document. The Council do not believe the conclusions reached and cannot believe that the millions of pounds which the developers assert are necessary to conserve the farm buildings are correct. The numerous farm buildings which have been restored in the area without the need to build new houses around testify to this. It was felt that the whole project was based on the desire to maximise profits rather than the wish to conserve an important building. A housing estate built around the farm buildings would in any case detract from the farm buildings. Mr. Jackson undertook to pass on the comments to the planners.

5. Highways and Footpaths

a. New litter bins

Noted that the questionnaire sent by the County Council regarding the damaged bin was not appropriate and agreed that the Clerk send an alternative letter.

b. Speeding on the A612

Cllrs. Simpson and Mountain had met Jo Horton, the Highways Manager, to discuss reducing the 40 mph speed limit from the Old Main Road crossroads to the church to 30 mph. Also discussed was reducing the speed limit between Bulcote and Lowdham to 50 mph which is currently under consideration by the County Council. It was stated that a reduction in speed from the current 40 to 30 mph was not possible, but a speed indicator could be supplied and a request was therefore made.

6. Planning Matters

Planning applications

a. Bulcote Farm

A response to the applicant's enabling document submission has been sent by the Chairman to the Planning Authority. Objection letters have been circulated to the entire village and approximately 40 responses have been received. Burton Joyce Parish Council has, also, supported Bulcote Parish Council's objection.

b. Burton Joyce Garage Apartments

The District Councillor has notified the Council that the application is likely to be approved subject to some outstanding points.

c. Mineral Plan

It was noted that Bulcote and Shelford are not included in the new Plan.

7. Community Matters

a. Roper's Field

A landscape gardener is needed to set up the Field. Agreed to seek a firm that might be suitable.

A new gatepost is needed and the gate made wider to allow access for modern maintenance machinery.

b. Neighbourhood Plan

Noted that the development of the Plan is on-going and the minutes of the meetings of the Steering Group are available on the village website.

c. Armistice Day poppies

Noted that more poppies have been acquired and agreed to erect them in October. New ties are required.

d. Planters

Noted that the planters near the telephone box have deteriorated. Agreed to buy 2 new ones.

e. Telephone box

The Council expressed its thanks to Mr. Nick and Mrs. Natalie Leaves for repainting the telephone box.

f. Retirement of Clerk

Agreed to interview a prospective Clerk.

h. Repainting of village seats

Noted that the seats needed repainting and painters working in the village had been asked to give a quotation. Agreed to ask Cllr. Leaves if there had been a response.

8. Finance

a. Bills for payment

P Mountain – Re-imbusement of grass cutting - £80.00

HMRC – PAYE - £45.40

Payment of the Clerk's salary for past and current month and expenses of £85.75 was approved. Bank statements up to 31st August 2018 were produced for inspection.

b. GDPR

Noted advice from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils that councillors ought to have specific e-mail addresses. Agreed that the Chairman would open accounts for the Council members and Clerk.

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9. Correspondence

There was none that had not been dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

10. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given

There was none.

11. Reports from delegates

There were none.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 19th November 2018

Approved

Chairman

19th November 2018