

**BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 pm in Bulcote Farm Committee Room**

**Present: - Councillors K. Simpson, P. Mountain, N. Leaves and A. Washbrooke.**

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

**In attendance: - District Councillor T. Wendels and two members of the public.**

**Mr. George Fish**

The Council noted the death of Mr. Fish who supported the village for many years and was a former Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. The Council's condolences were offered to his family.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. Mrs. K. Jackson and County Councillor R. Jackson sent apologies.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Public session**

A member of the public volunteered to undertake litter picking perhaps once a month at to offer his technical advice in connection with Roper's Field.

**4. Report of the County Councillor**

**a. Bulcote Farm**

The District Councillor reported that, when the application went to the District Council Planning Committee, it was expected that there would be a recommendation for refusal based on the lack of adequate access. The issues of the effect on the Green Belt and adding 78 more houses to the village does not seem to have featured. The Planning Department will issue a public report approximately a week before the Planning Committee meeting which is likely to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The District Councillor recommended that the Parish Council send a representative to speak at the meeting in order that the objections of the Parish are made known to the Planning Committee members. It would help if other villagers could, also, attend.

**5. Highways and Footpaths**

**a. Damaged litter bin**

Noted that the bin has been delivered and requires installing. Cllr. Washbrooke agreed to remove the old one and replace it with the new bin. Cllr. Leaves agreed to assemble the various bin parts with a view to creating a new bin for the flagpole site.

**b. Speeding on the A612**

A speed indicator has been installed on the A612 opposite the church and has been found to be effective in reducing speed.

## **6. Planning Matters**

### **Planning applications**

#### a. Bulcote Farm

See Section 4 above.

#### b. Bulcote Garage Apartments

The result of the application is not officially known at present but it is rumoured that it has been approved.

#### c. Longmead, Old Main Road

The Council unanimously agreed that there was no objection to an application for a swimming pool.

#### d.10, Corporation Cottages

The Council unanimously agreed that there was no objection to an application for an extension to the property.

## **7. Community Matters**

#### a. Roper's Field

A new gatepost is needed and the gate made wider to allow access for modern maintenance machinery. A meeting is needed with the local farmer to ascertain what access is available and what is needed to enter the Field at the top of the hill.

#### b. Neighbourhood Plan

Noted that consultants have been appointed to move forward the development of the Plan. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan is on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Cllr. Leaves agreed to let the Clerk have the contact details of Oxford based consultants so that an engagement letter can be issued.

#### c. Planters

Noted that 2 new planters have been installed near the telephone box.

#### d. Retirement of Clerk

Reported that a new Clerk has been recruited and will take over on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

#### e. Repainting of village seats

Noted that a painter has been approached to deal with the painting of the seats and Cllr. Leaves agreed to contact him.

#### f. Council e-mail addresses

E-mail addresses are to be provided.

## **8. Finance**

#### a. Bills for payment

Planning with People – Neighbourhood Plan work - £2,000.00

HMRC – PAYE – 50.60

K. Simpson – Plants and planters – 107.90

Payment of the Clerk's salary for the past and current month was approved. Bank statements up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 were produced for inspection.

#### b. Precept 2019-20

Agreed to request a Precept of 7,000 pounds sterling.

## **9. Correspondence**

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

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

**a. Governance Review**

A Governance Review to increase the number of councillors will be considered in the light of the increased residential population arising from the Bulcote Garage site development.

**11. Reports from delegates**

There were none.

**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**