

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Eriswell Parish Council held on 23rd July 2019, the following were present: - Mesdames L Hall, Z Eaton and J Seaney; Messrs B Thomas and A Bibbey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The issue of a lack of public transport in the older part of the village was raised as the use of bus passes on the Breckland Bus service had now been stopped. Also the issue regarding the inconsiderate and dangerous parking on the Earlsfield estate.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2019 were signed as an accurate record by the Chairman

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were no new suggestions for co-option but it was requested that the item remains on future agendas until a full compliment of Parish members was in place

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK

The Parish clerk confirmed that 4 candidates had been interviewed by Council members and they had unanimously agreed to offer the position to Nicola Glading. References were to be take but the likely start date for the new clerk would be 1st September

EARLSFIELD ISSUES

The key issue was to establish the latest owner of the site so that dialogue can take place regarding the various issues previously noted – Parking; Lighting; Grass cutting and estate maintenance; Recreation and play areas; Bins; more footpaths and a possible link to the older part of the village.

District Councillor S Frost was in attendance as a member of the public and indicated that he would take these issues on board and offered ongoing support.

SPEED MANAGEMENT

It was noted that County Councillor C Noble had historically indicated that he would contribute towards a speed warning indicator and it was agreed that he should be invited to the next meeting.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This had been raised as an issue by a member of the public earlier and it was noted that the County Council subsidy to the Breckland Bus had been withdrawn which meant that to use the only service in the old part of the village would now cost £5. After discussion it was agreed that more research was required into alternatives, grant opportunities and any other local solutions.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Financial Transactions – The Clerk confirmed that a new Bank mandate had been completed allowing any two of the 5 Council members to sign payments. Cheques raised and agreed at the last meeting, along with new payments: £25 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; £40 Ayentee Accounting (Internal Audit); £288 PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit); £21.12 Q-Ten Ltd (Eriswell.net hosting fee); £163.04 Suffolk Assoc of Local Councils membership fee; £233.46 R Shimmon (Clerk's salary Apl/May); £58.20 HMRC (Clerk's NI April/May); £58.97 R Shimmon (Clerk's re-imbursement of expenses); £58.40 HMRC (Clerk's NI June/July); £233.26 R Shimmon (Clerk's wages June/July); were signed by Mesdames Z Eaton and J Seaney.
- b) New Bank Mandate – The Clerk confirmed that the new Bank mandate with Lloyds Bank was in place, any two of the 5 Council members to sign payments
- c)&d) Bank Rec and Outturn – As there had been no transactions since the end of the financial year due to the lack of council members the Clerk reported that there had been no Outturn against the current year's budget and no Bank statements received due to the lack of activity.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sundry items of general correspondence were passed to members for circulation

NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 24th September. Items to be included on the Agenda – Village Vision; Appointment of Trustee for Poors Charity; Inconsiderate/Dangerous Parking; Footpath connecting Earlsfield with older part of the village; Promotional signage

The business of the meeting was concluded at 8.15 pm

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