

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on 15th January 2018

2017 at Great Ponton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs E.Booth (Chairman), P.Jackson (Vice Chairman), G.Taylor, R.Taylor, D.Booth.

One member of public.

Chairman's welcome.

- a. Cllr Eileen Booth (Chairman) welcomed everyone.

Public forum.

1. Apologies.
 - a. None received.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
 - a. None made.
3. **Notes of the minutes from the previous meeting** held on 20th November 2017 to be approved as a true copy of the minutes. It was agreed to accept these as a true copy. Resolved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - a. **Highways matters.** Fly tipping had been reported and the items had now been removed. Lots of black bags and tyres had also been reported as being dumped. Grit bins in various locations around the village were empty, LCC will replenish. Road signs at Dallygate – B6403, Pit Lane – B6403 need to be reported to LCC. There are road edge repairs required at Dallygate and Pit Lane and an unprotected water culvert near the end of Pit Lane. Clerk to report these works.
 - b. **Community Speed watch.**
 - It was reported that the vehicle counts were 21400 and 56mph max speed and the average speed is 24mph.c.

Boundary and Village centre.

- A reminder that the boundary of Parish Council land still runs down a residents garden.

5. Village Centre report.

- The new Chairman is Justine Pierce.
- Purchase of a new vacuum cleaner.
- Walls and roof of the building appear to have no insulation.
- St. Patricks Day event is planned.

6. Community Playing Field.

- Notice had been received from Pygott & Crone, for the sale of the area of land known as 'The Paddock'. Access over this area had always been in use by both Parish Council (PC) and residents to access the playing field and camp site. The owners of The Paddock had now denied access to everyone due to the impending sale of the land. The PC had replaced the broken down fencing and placed a huge boulder in the gateway to stop any vehicles using it. After discussion, it was decided that the PC must put in an offer for The Paddock, as the only other access to the playing field was via the A1, which was most unsuitable and dangerous. Letters of support from various service users had been obtained and these should be included with the 'offer' and sent to the estate agent. An undisclosed sum had been agreed by all Councillors and the Clerk was asked hand deliver the documents before 12noon on 16th January being the deadline.

Football Club.

- Fly tipping of insulation which surrounds hot water cylinders had been found on the football pitch. This had now been removed. The Mole problem is still ongoing. A show of hands by all had been agreed to give the Football Club a grant of £150 to have the grass cut on the pitch.

Caravan & Camping Club.

- Cllr G.Taylor reported that the changing rooms were infested with mice.

7. Financial matters.

- a.
 - The financial report was read out and accepted by all. Resolved.
 - The sum of **£252** was agreed to be paid. Balance to carry forward £4977.13
 - The Melton account stood at £5583.62 Benchmarked for new changing rooms at the playing field.
 - The playing field account stood at £638.26
 - BUDGET. The budget figures had been discussed and all agreed. An overall 5% increase against the previous precept bringing the amount to £7406 to be applied for. The Clerks salary had a minimal increase to £1584.96 pa bringing it in line with the NALC pay scale. Resolved.

8. Brown's Trust.

- a.
 - The Clerk can report that all the cheques that had been received by certain villagers, had now been cashed.

9. Planning matters.

- a.
 - There was no planning applications received.

10. Correspondence.

- a. ▪A list of general correspondence was made available extra to that mentioned during the meeting.

11. Councillors reports & items for inclusion at the next meeting.

- a. None

12. Date of the next meeting.

- a. The date agreed for the next meeting was **12th March 2018** at 7pm at the Village Centre. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the general Parish Council meeting.

13. No 'closed session' was on the agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm