

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on Monday 16th May 2016, at the Village Centre, Great Ponton following the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Present:

Cllr Mrs E Booth (Chairman)
Cllr G Thompson (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs P Jackson, H Watson, G Taylor, R Taylor and I Cruickshank
District Cllr B Adams and members of the Public.

31/16 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were declared.

32/16 Minutes:

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on Monday 4th April May 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

33/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Lincolnshire County Council – Highway Matters:

The large hole at the corner of Pitt Lane and still not been attended to or the water running down Dallygate – the Clerk to report these matters again.

Commemorative Medals/Queens Birthday Celebrations:

These medals have now been received and are to be presented to the pupils of Great Ponton CE Primary School on Tuesday 14th June at Little Ponton Church.

Community Speed Watch

The details of vehicles travelling through the village over the past 2 months were given, with 13,979 vehicle counts with a maximum speed of 50mph. The average speed was 26mph.

34/16 Public Session:

Complaints were received regarding rubbish on the Playing Field which was being left by the Football Club.

35/16 Village Centre Matters & Report:

The Queens Birthday Celebrations which are to take place at the Village Centre on Saturday 4th June were discussed. The Parish Council would provide the BBQ and a village photograph.

A pole had been erected in the Village Centre Car Park to allow better signals for wi fi and objections had been received from adjoining residents.

The village centre are hoping to purchase a computer with a possibility of running classes and they were just finalising the programme for film nights during the summer.

Exclusions:

Cllr Thompson had been approached by a resident who had been banned from the Village Centre in 2014 due to unreasonable behaviour. He and a friend would like to attend the Queen's Birthday Celebrations and had asked if this exclusion could be lifted. Very strong and critical comments were made by members of the Village Centre Committee who decided that they could not allow this person to attend functions at the Village Centre due to the fact that it may put their licence in jeopardy.

36/16 Community Playing Field:

Dog Training - a request had been received for one elderly lady to take her vehicle across the field to the Dog Handling sessions.

Football Club

Cllr Cruickshank reported that the Club had a good season and there would be a Presentation Evening at the end of the season.

Caravan and Camping Club

The Photographic Club would be using the field from 16th June – 21st.

It was reported that a new ceiling was needed in the cabin and that the plumbing needed attention.

No further correspondence had been received regarding the generator project on the Playing Field.

37/16 Insurance:

The renewal for the Insurance had been received at a fixed rate over 3 years of £320.82 with Came & Co.

38/16 Annual Audit of Accounts 2015/16 :

The Clerk reported that the Accounts were now complete and copies were signed by the Chairman and Clerk and would be forwarded for Audit on 17th June 2016 to Grant Thornton. The necessary Notice of Audit had been placed on the notice board.

39/16 Accounts:

A Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2016 – 16th May 2016 was circulated and approved by Members. A resolution was passed by Cllr I Cruickshank and seconded by Cllr R Taylor to accept the Receipts and Payments as shown.

Miscellaneous Village Matters:

Complaints were received regarding the smell of sewage in the village .

Concerns were raised over swans nesting by the riverside near the lock gates and asked if the National Grid could be requested to hang balls on the electricity line to prevent them flying into them.

Complaints were received regarding the setting fire to manure heaps in the village.

Cllr Cruickshank thanked Cllr Peter Jackson for the time he had spent over many years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

