

**Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on 30th January 2017 at
Great Ponton Village Hall at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllrs E.Booth, D.Booth, P.Jackson, G.Taylor, R.Taylor, I.Cruickshank.

District Councillor B.Adams and one member of the public.

Chairman's welcome.

Councillor Booth (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk Carol Mackenzie. Carol has taken over from Janet Dawson and the Parish Council would like to give a big thank you to all the work Janet has done. Also to announce the resignation after the last meeting in November of Councillor Thompson who was vice-chairman. Chairman and all Councillors, would like to wish both Janet and Granville a happy future in their new home.

Public Forum.

1. Apologies.

- a. None received.

2. Declarations of interest.

- a. No declaration of interest was made.

3. Notes of the minutes from the previous meeting on 28th November 2016, were read and accepted as a true copy of the minutes. All AGREED.

4. Matters arising from minutes.

a.Highways.

- It was noted that the road between Pitt Lane and Dallygate is crumbling with heavy vehicles not helping. District Cllr Adams stated that LCC Highways department is currently going through a restructure. Also, there is a new system being used to fill in pot holes. It had been noted also that there was a large pot-hole on the A1 slip road.
- School parking. Parents are still parking their vehicles on the path. District Cllr Adams stated that as he was on the Board of School Governors, he would send out letters accordingly.
- The sign post for Ellyslande has rotted. District Cllr Adams will report this on our behalf.

b.Community speed watch.

Reports taken off the Speed Indicator Device (**SID**) show that 21132 vehicles came into the village with a maximum speed of 45mph with an average speed of 23mph. The **SID** is currently located outside the village school and is due to be relocated to the top end of Dallygate.

c.Boundary Village Centre.

5. Village centre matters and reports.

- a. The Village Centre reported that they now have a Darts team using the Centre on Thursday nights and the Centre now opens every Friday and Saturday. All most welcome.
- b. Duckrace. The annual Duckrace takes place on 30th July. Cllr G.Taylor is organising both the port-a-loo and tent. All AGREED for Cllr G.Taylor to go ahead a order both the port-a-loo and tent and to report back with final costings. (Costs were mentioned).

6. Community Playing Field.

- a. Nick Croft was asked to do essential emergency repairs to both the water leak outside and also a new toilet cistern was required.
- b. Football Club is all going well. But desperately in need of new changing facilities etc. There has been Mole damage to the field and Pest Control have now taken action and their invoice had been received and paid.
- c. Caravan & Camping site. Cllr G.Taylor reported that there will be a caravan rally on the Duckrace weekend and the internet reviews of the campsite are all positive.

7. Financial matters.

- a. Clerk reported that she now has on-line access to the bank accounts and will bring them all up to date for the next meeting.
- b. Clerk reported that the Precept form for 2017/18 had been sent to SKDC with acknowledgement it had been received.
- c. It was agreed to remove both Janet Dawson and Granville Thompson as signatories on all bank accounts as both have now resigned from the Parish Council. All **AGREED**.

It was proposed that Cllr Eileen Booth and Cllr Ian Cruickshank be placed on bank accounts as signatories. All **AGREED**.

8. Brown's Trust.

- a. Clerk can report for her findings that all cheques has been distributed accordingly.

9. Planning matters.

- a. There were no planning applications received.

10. Correspondence.

- a. None received suitable to be brought to the meeting.

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

- a. It was proposed by Cllr E.Booth that Cllr P.Jackson take over the role of Vice Chairman with Cllr P.Taylor seconding the request. Cllr Jackson accepted the role. The acceptance forms will be available for officially signing at the next meeting. Agenda. Clerk will inform SKDC of the Cllr vacancy.

12. The date of the next meeting will be 27th March at 7.15pm. This will consist of the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the general Parish Council meeting.

13. None.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm

