

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on Monday 28th November 2016, at the Village Centre, Great Ponton at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr Mrs E Booth (Chairman), Cllr G Thompson (Vice Chairman) Cllrs P Jackson, G Taylor, D Booth.

65/16 Apologies:

An apology for absence was received from Cllr R Taylor.

66/16 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were declared.

67/16 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on Monday 26th July, 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

68/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Lincolnshire County Council – Highway Matters:

Further damage had been caused by flood water at the junction of Dallygate and Pitt Lane. The Highways Authority had inspected the damage and would authorise the necessary repairs.

Community Speed Watch

Cllr D Booth reported that a total of 30,425 vehicles had passed through the village compared with 36,288 in the previous period.

69/16 Public Session:

Problems were reported concerning vehicles leaving the car park at the rear of The Terrace sheltered housing and it was suggested that perhaps a mirror could be erected opposite the entrance.

70/16 Village Centre Matters & Report:

Mrs Barbara Furber, Chairman of the Village Centre reported that the Fireworks and the childrens DVD were well attended.

The Christmas Dinner had 45 booked to attend and the Rotary Club were holding a Dance at the Centre.

The Centre would be open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 12 noon – 2pm.

71/16 Community Playing Field:

Model Aircraft Club

The Model Aircraft Club were hoping to use the field for 2/3 hours a year – they have a small membership and have their own insurance. It was agreed to charge the club £25 per year and this to be reviewed annually.

Football Club – Cllr Cruickshank was not present and therefore no details available.

Caravan and Camping Club – Cllr Taylor reported that 1 rally had been booked in for 2017.

The cost of a Industrial Waste Bin for the Playing Field would be £10 per lift and it was agreed to review this after Easter.

The distribution of the money raised from the Duck Race (£270) was discussed and Cllr D Booth suggested that a “Points of Interest” Board could be erected somewhere in the Village, the cost would be approximately £585 and it was agreed on the Proposition of Cllr Jackson and Seconded by Cllr Thompson that this money could be put towards this project.

72/16 Co-option of Parish Councillor:

The vacancy for a Councillor, due to the resignation of Cllr G Thompson had been advertised but no request had been received to hold an election and therefore the Parish Council are able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

73/16 Resignation of Parish Clerk:

No replacement had been found to fill the vacancy of Parish Clerk and it was agreed to ask the Lincolnshire Association of Parish Council to publicise the vacancy.

74/16 Precept/Budget 2017/18:

The Precept and Budget were discussed and due to the grass cutting in the village becoming a Parish Council responsibility it was agreed that the Precept be £6,000 plus the cost of the grass cutting.

75/16 Parish Council Deeds:

The Bank is no longer keeping Security Boxes and therefore the deeds of the Parish Council would be placed in the safe at Holycross Church.

76/16 Accounts:

A Statement of Accounts for the period 17th September 2016 – 28th November 2016 were circulated and approved by Members. A Resolution was passed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Booth to accept the Receipts and Payments as shown.

77/16 Brown’s Trust:

1. The distribution of the Brown’s Trust to widows who have resided in the village for over 5 years was discussed and it was agreed to pay an amount of £33 each.

Meeting ended at

