

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held at the Village Centre, Great Ponton on Monday 3rd August 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr P Jackson (Chairman)
Cllr G Thompson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs E Booth, H Watson and G Taylor.
District Cllr B Adams.

39/15 Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Cruickshank and District Cllr Andrea Webster. No apology was received from Cllr R Taylor.

40/15 Declarations of Interest:

A Declaration of Interest was declared by Cllr P Jackson in connection with Item 7 on the Agenda.

41/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2015 at 7.15pm copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

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42/15 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership - Interactive Signs.

These signs have now been erected and seem to be making a difference to the speed of traffic through the village. The signs are being maintained by David Booth which involves recharging and collecting data. It was suggested that the sign might be more effective if moved just below the Mill Lane Junction and the Clerk would contact the Road Safety Partnership to ask if this would be possible.

43/15 Public Session:

The Chairman informed the meeting that Beano's Wood, adjacent to the Playing Field, is to be sold and that the Parish Council had been approached by Mr Gifford to ask if they would be interested. The Parish Council do not have the funds and the Woodland Trust have been approached to ask if there were any projects available.

It was recommended on the proposition of Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Booth that a Tree Protection Order be placed on this area as villagers and school children helped to plant the trees and it was an asset and of community value and the Clerk to contact SKDC to make enquiries.

44/15 Village Centre Report:

Mrs Furber, Chairman of the Village Centre reported that there were problems with the boiler/water and that the system is not big enough. Other systems were being looked into. The Committee are starting to prepare for the winter programme and Christmas. She was also sorry to report that due to ill health John Meadows would no longer be able to help out at the Village Centre.

45/15 Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan:

The Notice of Submission of Core Strategy and Development Management Policies was received.

46/15 Community Playing Field:

Football Club – Cllr Cruickshank was not present and no report was received.

Caravan & Camping Club – Cllr G Taylor reported that a booking had been received for approximately 50 caravans for the Photographic Group from Thursday 16th June to Tuesday 21st June 2016.

47/15 Risk Assessment:

The Clerk presented the Parish Council Risk Schedule to Councillors which was discussed and assessed as necessary. A completed Risk Assessment to be placed on file.

48/15 Accounts:

A statement of Accounts for the period 19th May – 27th July 2015 was circulated and approved by Members. A resolution was passed by Cllr Mrs Booth and seconded by Cllr Watson to accept the Receipts and Payments as shown.

It was reported that the Generator from the portacabin on the playing field had been sold for £1,100 which had been deposited in the Melton Mowbray Building Society Account.

49/15 Councillor's Guide:

A copy of the Councillor's Guide was given to each Councillor.

50/15 Miscellaneous Village Matters:

A letter was received from Mr Gary Rands of 1 Cringle Brook Court to ask if a sycamore tree situated on the corner of the footpath off Dallygate that overhands his rear garden could be removed.

The Parish Council had no objection to this as the tree was made up of several small sapling type trees and was also obstructing power lines.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm