

Minutes of the meeting of Great Ponton Parish Council held on 4th September 2017 at Great Ponton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs E.Booth (Chairman), P.Jackson, G.Taylor, R.Taylor, I.Cruickshank.

Two members of public.

Chairman's welcome.

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

Public forum.

Gail McMillan gave a comprehensive account regarding opposing the planning application from Mick George.

1. Apologies.
 - a. Apologies of absence had been received from Cllr D.Booth and District Cllr Adams. Reasons given and accepted by all.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
 - a. ▪None made.
3. **Notes of the minutes from the previous meeting** held on 3rd July 2017 to be approved as a true copy of the minutes. Proposed that these be accepted by Cllr R.Taylor and seconded by Cllr P.Jackson. **All AGREED.**
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - a. Highways matters.
 - Various potholes reported, especially Cringle Way.
 - Flytipping at the Quarry entrance had now been cleared.
 - Rubbish had been dumped under the railway bridge by Western Power, it was possible that they had left it there to be collected at a later date.
 - Western Power had sought permission to trim the trees causing problems with cables around the village. It was asked if the chippings could be used to fill uneven holes in the playing field.
 - The Village sign has fallen over in P H Lane. This needs reporting.
 - b. Community Speed watch.
 - It was reported that the vehicle counts were 21271 and 55mph max speed and the average speed is 25mph.

c. Boundary and Village centre.

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

5. Village Centre report.

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- The BBQ had taken place.
- Installation of exterior security lights had now been completed.
- Installation of an Air-Conditioning unit in the bar had now been completed with the possibility of having one installed in the large room.
- An enquiry from a resident in Cringle Way if there was the possibility of a playground being installed. The Parish Council stated that this wasn't possible.
- Mrs Furber stated that she was due to visit the new headmaster of the village school as they had asked if it was possible for the school to use the village centre one day per week.
- The Village Centre AGM was scheduled for 20th October.
- The Annual Duck Race went ahead, although poorly attended it still managed to raise the sum of £242.10 The Parish Councillors would like to thank the organisers for all their hard work.

- b. After consideration. It was agreed to purchase a hinged flagpole and fabric flag for the village. Maintained by the Parish Council. Cost of this £435.86. **ALL AGREED** to purchase the flag and pole. Fitting of it will be done 'in-house' by Councillors.

6. Community Playing Field.

- a. Discussions had taken place regarding the replacement of the two cabin type buildings both in disrepair. WREN funding was due to open soon and the Clerk said that she would take a look at the possibility of making an application.

b. Football Club.

- The Football Club now has two regular teams playing.
- Moles have infested the football pitch and plans were to arrange their removal

c. Caravan & Camping Club.

- The campsite is quiet at present.

District Cllr Bob Adams arrived at 8.25pm

7. Financial matters.

- a. ▪ The financial report was read out and accepted by all.

The sum of **£725.34** was agreed to be paid.

▪ It was suggested that the monies raised from the Duckrace and also monies paid by the Caravan Club members be paid into the Melton Building Society account. This amount was £1075.35

It was also suggested that the sum of £2000 be moved from the Playing Field account into the Melton BS account. The amount of which now stands at £5583.62 and shall be 'ringfenced' towards the purchase of new playing field cabins.

Proposed by Cllr Cruickshank and seconded by Cllr Jackson. **ALL AGREED.**

8. Brown's Trust.

- a. ▪The sum of **£178.75** and **£64.38**.

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 agreed for 20th November at 7pm at the Village Hall.**

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

Meeting closed at 8.45pm