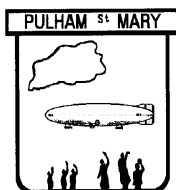


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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Pennoyer Centre, On Tuesday, 10th January 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Glover, McDaniel, Albon, Clark, Ellam and Langshaw. Dist Cllr Hudson attended as Councillor and District Councillor, County Cllr Wilby delivered his report but left the meeting to attend another meeting

In Attendance: The Clerk

- 1: **To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Burridge & Richards
- 2: **To consider declarations of Interest:** declarations were received from Cllr Glover on matters relating to the Kings Head Inn and Cllr Hudson on the Pennoyer Centre.
- 3: **To approve minutes of the last meeting of 10th December 2016:** The December minutes were signed as correct
- 4: **To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting – for information only:**
 - a) **Parish Website:** The monthly reports have been updated
 - b) **South Green:** South Green is now open and being used by parishioners. The Clerk will organise for signs to put up to remind owners to act responsibly and clear up after their dogs when using the recreation ground, to ensure the area is kept clean for all users. Council have received good feedback on the new facility, along with further suggestions on planting and recreational use. Council will monitor use and consider if any improvements or changes are required on an ongoing basis.
- 5: **To receive the Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that he had distributed Christmas gifts within the parish on behalf of the Parish Charities.
- 6: **To receive the County and District Councillor's Reports:**
The County Cllrs report is available on the parish website.

The District Cllr reported on the recent failings of the County Council to grit roads during recent bad weather. He advised that he has spoken to the County on this matter.

Following an incident involving fly tipping in Starston, the environmental protection team have taken action and there may be a possible prosecution.

The community award nomination period has now closed and the award presentation will take place on the 9/2/17.

The District Council will be losing funding of approx. 6 million pounds, primary this loss will be the result of changes to the New Homes Bonus. The District Council advised a small recuperation of approximately £250,000 may be possible through Council Tax and the Council will continue to increase revenue through their commercial activities but spending will still need to be cut on services, where possible.

The District Cllr reported on the official opening of the 3G Pitch at Long Stratton on 12/1/17 and he advised that the local sports centres are currently running a Jump start program in support of National Obesity Week.

- 7: **Public Forum**

The Clerk advised that the PPC are looking at a longer term, temporary replacement for the roof damaged by the theft of the lead. Council would be willing to consider a request made by the PPC to assist with cost towards this, the Clerk will advise the PCC and also suggest a further request is made to the parish charities, whose remit is to support the church.

8: Items for Discussion/Ratification:

- **To consider request from the trustees for the Pennoyer Centre** – Council considered a request from the Pennoyer Centre for financial support. Concerns were raised that support at the same level as last year would be approximately 18% of the parish precept but consideration was also given to the preferential hire rates to community groups, as a result of the funding provided by the Parish Council. Cllr Clarke proposed giving £3900 for the coming financial year from June 2017, this was seconded by Cllr Ellam. Cllr McDaniel counter proposed £2500, Council further discussed and the proposal to provide £3900 was passed 4:1 The Chairman and Cllr Hudson did not vote. The Clerk will advise the support will be given for this year only, it may not be possible for the council to continue supporting at this level but it is hoped that the centre will continue to increase their incoming revenue and move to profitability. Any future funding will need to be applied for and considered at that time.
- **To consider adoption of the parish councillor allowances for 2017** – Council discussed Parish Councillors Allowances but agreed they were happy to continue not to claim these.
- **To consider the budget report for 17/18 and the setting of the parish precept** – Council perused the draft budget for 17/18 prepared by the Clerk. The grant provided by SNC to support the parish precept has again been reduced from £1282 to £736 for 2017/18 and it is anticipated that this will continue to be decreased and eventually abolished. Cllr Hudson proposed increasing the total funding by approximately ½ of the current grant, to prepare for potential future removal, this was seconded by Cllr Clarke and unanimously agreed. It was proposed to increase the precept to £21,894.03 which would increase in the average D Band rate per year by 2% (£1.29 per year). The Clerk & Chairman completed and signed the Precept request.
- **To advise of change in interest rate Nationwide Investment account** – The Clerk advised that the interest rate for the Nationwide instant investment account has been reduced from .55% to .4 % from December 2016

9: Accounts: Presentation of the income and expenditure for January accounts – Cllr Ellam Signed and Cllr Clarke countersigned the January payments

The balance on the account will be £35,326.11 following the presentation of the following transactions;

INCOME:	Amount	Description		
Allotment rent	£109.35	Plots 2, 5, 8 & 19		
SNC	£250.00	Mini recycle		
TOTAL INCOME	£359.35			
<u>Cheques to be paid:</u>				
EXPENDITURE:	Gross	VAT	Net	Description
Eon	69.45	3.31	66.14	Streetlighting Dec & Jan
BT	3.59	0.60	2.99	BB & Calls 23/1/17
L Aston	463.54	10.00	453.54	Clerks Salary and Admin
C Musk	50.00		50.00	Village Maint
NARS	200.00		200.00	Donation
EAAA	200.00		200.00	Donation
S Glover	71.50	11.92	59.58	Cement/Ballast Sth Green Bench
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,058.08	£25.83	£1,032.25	£1,058.08

10: Other Reports:

- i. **Sports & Recreation Committee** No further reports.
- ii. **Tree & Footpath Wardens** No further reports.
- iii. **Sam update** Cllr Hudson provided details on relocation of the SAM

11: Planning Applications

2016/2709 12 Station Road, Proposed single storey extension Approved with Conditions
New Applications

2016/2858 Kings Head Inn, Retrospective approval internal fencing and 5 bar gate. Council discussed and requested that the clerk requests approval but identifies that Council do not consider this a subdivision of the property and they will not agree to any change to current restriction on the managers flat.

2016/2910 Trevland, Norwich Rd, Proposed single storey extension. No Objections were raised, the Clerk will request this application is approved.

12: To consider the date of the next Parish Council meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on 14th February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm at the Pennoyer Centre

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed:

Date:.....