

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm In the Village Hall

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Present: Cllr Mr. T. Ellis - Chairman
Cllr Mr N. Blackaller
Cllr Mr M. Clutterbuck
Cllr Mrs V. Preuss

Clerk – Emma Barratt

1. To approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting of the 15th March 2021
 - 1.1 Minutes approved to be signed at a later date.
2. Matters arising not covered by subsequent items.

The Chairman advised the meeting that we have received resignation from Cllr Mrs. Caroline Edmonds with immediate effect. The Chairman stated that he was saddened to receive Cllr Edmonds resignation but understood that after 16 years of service she needed to focus on other things. The Chairman thanked Cllr Edmonds for her many years of service and her work and knowledge over the years has been invaluable.

A Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Councillor has been posted on the Parish website and notice boards. If however by April 28th we have received no applications we will look to co-opt from the residents of the Parish.
3. Declaration of interests

Nothing to declare.
4. Tonwell
 - 4.1 The litter bin on the playing field is not fit for purpose and appears to be filling with large amounts of dog waste. It was agreed to remove this bin and look to replace and re-site closer to the entrance to the field. On-going.
 - 4.2 Fencing around the playing field. Our contractor is due to start clearing work in the field at the end of April in readiness for the fencing work to commence. Ongoing.
 - 4.3 Flooding – The drains still appear to be blocked and covered. Cllr Crofton to be contacted for an update.
 - 4.4 Adoption of street lighting – ongoing.
 - 4.5 The school requires a disabled bay to be painted on their car park. A sign has been put up in the meantime but a contractor needs to be found to mark out the bay. Ongoing.
 - 4.6 The Fibre Broadband scheme has been closed down as there was not enough interest in the Parish.
 - 4.7 A local resident enquired with regard to upgrading and enhancing children’s play area and equipment on the field and expressed an interest in helping with any future projects. Cllr Clutterbuck is to look into a potential project and feasibility.
5. Chapmore End
 - 5.1 The litter bin is full again. Operations to be contacted and a request for details of the emptying schedule.
 - 5.2 Fibre Broadband – See Item 4.6.
 - 5.3 The rotted posts around the pond are now in a very dangerous state. Cllr Ken Crofton was asked if this could be looked into as a matter of urgency. It is on a schedule of works but this may take some time as contractors are overloaded with jobs but it has gone out to tender, but it was stressed that as weather improves and approach summer months there is likely to be a rise in visitors and walkers to the village. Cllr Ken Crofton has advised the contact at Highways to obtain further updates. Situation has not changed and is still ongoing.
 - 5.4 Timber post next to the phone box has been knocked over and damaged. All posts to be updated and installed.

6. Finance
 - 6.1 Statement of Payments – Monthly statement and statement of payments and receipts was emailed to members prior to the meeting.
 - 6.2 A VAT return has been submitted.
 - 6.3 **Audit 2020/2021** – Accounts for the year now closed and Accountant Lee Freeman to audit and approve ready for submission to PKF Littlejohn.

7. Contracts and Maintenance
 - 7.1 Grass cutting completed in Tonwell on the playing field, the entrances and exits to the field, all entrances and exits to the village, small patches throughout the village, strim the grass verge outside the village hall and all grass and communal areas in Chapmore End.

8. Planning.
 - 8.1 **3/21/0300/HH** – 4 The Orchard, Tonwell, Ware, SG12 0HR . Single storey rear and front, to include conversion and alterations of garage. Double storey side extension, erection of detached single story garage and hard landscaping. **Refuse Planning Permission.**
 - 8.2 **3/21/0244/HH** – 25 Ware Road, Tonwell, Ware, SG12 0HN. Retention of 2.5 metre high fencing. No Objection.
 - 8.3 **3/12/0163/HH** – Hawthorn Barn, Rickneys Farm, Wadesmill Road, Chapmore End, Ware. Demolition of existing timber shed and construction of metal clad home office and storeroom. **Refuse Planning Permission.**

9. Highways
 - 9.1 Nothing to report.

10. Rickneys Quarry
 - 10.1 Nothing to report.

11. Westmill
 - 11.1 Nothing to report.

12. Village Hall
 - 12.1 The Chairman has approached the trustees of the Village Hall with regard to the future of the hall.

13. Administration
 - 13.1 Nothing to report.

14. Correspondence
 - Nothing to report.

15. Reports of representative outside bodies
 - 15.1 Nothing to report.

16. Date of next meeting 10th May 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman Cllr Ellis, thanked the councillors for attending, the meeting closed at 21.00pm.

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