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Minutes of the Bintree Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th July at 7.00 p.m. in St. Swithuns Church, Bintree

Councillors Present:- Cllr R Tooke, Cllr G Holmes, Cllr C Bone, Cllr C Langford and Cllr J Hoskins

Other Members Present: - Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome by the Chairman and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

Cllr Tooke welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies received for absence.

2. To receive declarations of interest and consideration of any requests for dispensation.

None were received.

3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 23rd May 2024

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Hoskins proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Bone and carried.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of May (not on the agenda).

There were no matters arising.

Public Participation Period.

Cllr Hoskins discussed the email that had been sent out by Breckland Council regarding carrying out a survey on Open Spaces. He said he will complete the document and then check with the other Parish Councillors as to whether they agree with his comments.

5. To discuss any correspondence received.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

6. To authorise any necessary Financial Payments

The Parish Council agreed to pay the following financial payments:-

Clerk's net salary June-July £389.52 HMRC Tax June-July £97.20

Clerk's expenses for June-July £33.55

Leeroy's Services £1,300.00 The Parish Council agreed to pay this invoice but a letter will be sent to the company stating that, although the Parish Council is paying this invoice, it will not authorise the next payment if the Clerk or the Parish Council is not informed when a cut has been carried out. The notification can either be by email or a text to the Clerk's mobile phone.

7. To receive a report and accounts from the Bintree Relief in Need Charity

There was no report available or any end of year accounts. At the Annual meeting next May there should be a report and accounts ready for the meeting. The Charity paid out some cheques for £150.00 for fuel allowance to some residents and a special request for £150.00. The fund is doing well and the Charity has about £362,000.00 invested. There are two pieces of land that are rented out and this creates a small amount of the income.

8. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2024/0406/HOU 2 Mill Road, proposed erection of wooden double garage 5.486m x 4.572m x 3.200m. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3PL/2024/0571/F The Chapel, County School proposed self-build erection of 1 dwelling on land associated with The Chapel. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

9. To receive an update on the defibrillator project – training.

As Cllr Tooke is moving house she thought it would be a good idea to pass this idea onto another Parish Councillor. She will arrange another Coffee Morning and hopefully she will get some feed back regarding the training and who would like to get involved. Cllr Bone will be given the necessary details, so he can get involved with the checking of the defibrillator.

10. To discuss Highways Matters

a. To gather any current concerns with highways around the village.

Most of the potholes should have been filled in but there are still some that need to be filled in. Cllr Bone will contact Highways again about potholes.

b. To discuss Road Sweeping solution for The Street.

Cllr Bone had been in contact with Serco regarding road sweeping and the car issue. It is an ongoing issue. He thinks that the subject of lowering the speed to 20 m.p.h. should become a formal issue and Highways should be asked to review it.

11. To discuss footpaths.

Cllr Bone is going to engage with the Highways Rangers because a gate is permanently closed and some trimming needs to be done around the gate area.

12. To discuss the grass cutting situation.

Leeroy's Services will be asked to quote for cutting the inside of the hedge graveyard adjacent to the Church. Someone else will be cutting the outside and the top but so far no invoices have been sent for this work.

13. To get an update on whether Leeroy Services are reporting their grass cutting.

This was discussed under item no. 6.

14. To discuss any ideas regarding how to recruit some more Parish Councillors.

The Parish Councillors are trying to explore the possibility of recruiting more Councillors.

It was decided that using Social Media may be a good idea to attract some new Parish Councillors, such as Facebook. There is a Foulsham Facebook website, so someone will be contacted and asked if something can be put on it.

15. To discuss Cllr Tooke's departure from the Parish Council.

Cllr Tooke will be leaving the Parish Council because she is moving house. She may not be able to attend the September meeting. Cllr Hoskins is prepared to take on the role of Chairmanship. For a trial period. He did request that each of the other Parish Councillors should pass onto him as much local information as they had obtained.

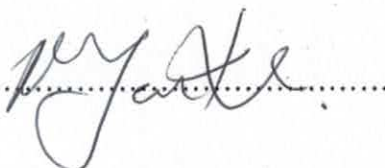
16. To receive items for the next agenda.

No extra items were requested.

17. To agree date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 7.00 p.m. in St. Swithuns Church, Bintree There being no further business to discuss, Cllr Tooke declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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Chairman



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Date

1-10-2024