

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 at the Community House, Birdbrook at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr T R Walker (Chairman) Mr R Bolton
 Mrs H Hodge Mrs A Beetson
 Mr L Carter Mr S Rhenius
 Mr D Hoye

In attendance: Mrs J Cole of RCCE

Clerk: Mr D Hilliard

Mrs Cole was welcomed to the meeting. She had come to speak under item 5 of the agenda but it was agreed she would speak under item 12, Finance.

14/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Finch

14/2 OTHER ABSENCES

None

14/3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Mr Rhenius and seconded by Mr Carter, all in favour.

14/4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

14/5 COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

Email from Aon re gritting – Noted
Standing Orders – to go to March agenda.

14/6 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

Noted.

14/7 MEMBERS REPORTS

Pond – Pond appears in good order. The Clerk will continue with her enquiries as to the ownership of the pond.

Parks – Very wet underfoot..

Chairman's – The following streetlights are out of order – the light by School Fields, one at the junction of Moat Farm/Moat Road and the one near 5 Mote Road needs shade removed. The clerk will report these.

Highways – The response from the Local Highways Panel was discussed. It would appear no further action can be taken. A complaint has been received about a slippery road surface also Carters bridge is blocked by branches. Mr Bolton has tried to contact Cllr Finch without success.

14/8 BUS SHELTER

The bus shelter has been removed. An application will be made to the Local Highways Panel for a replacement and a local contractor is also making enquiries about the cost of a replacement.

14/9 PLANNING

Application no – 14/00007/FUL & 14/00008/LBC – No comment

14/10 PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council thanked Jan Cole for her help with the parish plan. It was reported that the dog bins had been fitted, were being used and were also being emptied.

14.11 FINANCE

The financial report was agreed and noted.

Precept - The parish council is now in receipt of the Localism Grant for 2014/15 and therefore it was agreed that the budget for the year 2014/15 would be £12,665.40 and the precept would be £10,806.40. All in favour.

Jan Cole explained how localism worked and made suggestions as to how Birdbrook might be able to raise extra funds through its own efforts. She will provide some information which will be forwarded to parish councillors.

14/12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

None to exclude.

14/13 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 6 March at 7.30pm in the community rooms, Birdbrook. The AGM will take place on Thursday 1 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms, Birdbrook

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm

Signed: Dated: