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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 8th February, 2017.

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)

Mr. T. Smallwood

Mrs. S. Tompkin

Mr. B. Warcup

Mr. P. Wood

Mr. S. Rhodes

Mr. J. Moorfoot

Mrs. E. Potter

Mr. R. Overfield

Mrs. A. Starkey

Mr. C. Shanks

Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)

Councillor Paul Lisseter

Mr & Mrs Baker (Members of the public in attendance to make a public representation)

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Representations

The Chair invited Mr & Mrs Baker to speak for 5 minutes. Mr Baker introduced himself and his wife to the council explaining that they wished to purchase the village pub, The Bosville Arms, to both run as a business and to make their family home. Although they were in a financial position to be able to purchase the pub, the car park and the paddock, they did not have the ability to purchase the buildings to the rear and so were seeking investment from elsewhere.

The news was received gratefully by the members of the council and all expressed their support for the project as it was felt that to have the village pub re-open could only be a benefit to the local community. Various ideas for funding were discussed including the possibility of a Community Pub. It was agreed that the Chair would look into funding options and community grants.

The Chair and council thanked Mr & Mrs Baker for coming along to discuss their ideas and wished them all the best for the project. Mr & Mrs Baker left the meeting at 7.45pm.

5. Matters Arising:

(i) Defibrillator (item 5i)

The Chairman reported that Mr Warcup had kindly fitted the defibrillator, a local electrician had wired it up and now there was a need for a meeting in order to organise the administration and training. It was agreed that there would be a meeting at the home of the Chairman on Wednesday 22nd February at 8.30pm. Those to attend were the Chair himself, Mr Rhodes, Mrs Starkey, Mr Warcup and Miss Hobson (Clerk).

(ii) Emergency Plan (item 5ii)

The Chairman reminded the council that the Emergency Plan was now out of date and needed updating both as hard copy and on the website. A meeting was agreed to be held at the home of the Chairman on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm. Those to attend were the Chair himself, Mrs Starkey and Mrs Tompkin subject to confirmation from Mrs Tompkin and Mrs Starkey.

(iii) Corner Garden (item 5iii)

The Chairman reported that 2 of the 3 signs had been collected – the 3rd one was ready but was still to be collected. Mr Smallwood was to attach them but some thought was required as to the most secure way of doing this. The Chair had contacted Centrica to establish a date when the photographer could attend, this was to be confirmed. Mr Smallwood reported that he had so many snowdrop bulbs to be planted that he would require some help from anyone willing to volunteer. Various council members confirmed that they had young family members who would help out. A date for planting was to be arranged with Mr Smallwood.

(iv) Internet Banking (item 5v)

The Clerk confirmed that the Internet Banking was set up and that a test payment to Allsigns the Signmakers had been successfully made (the cheque for which had been previously signed by two account signatories and so had now been destroyed). The Clerk noted that most spending would have already been discussed, agreed and minuted prior to any transaction actually taking place so the procedure for making future transactions was agreed to be:

- Clerk to e-mail the Chair a transaction authorisation detailing the amount, payee and description
- Chair to authorise the transaction via return e-mail
- All e-mail correspondence to be kept on record by the Clerk as part of the accounts
- A summary of recent transactions to be presented to the council at each meeting for approval by a proposer and a seconder

(v) High Street Bin (item 6ii)

The Clerk confirmed that ERYC would definitely not replace the bin which they had removed despite refusing to take ownership/responsibility for it. This was down to costs. The Clerk had requested that the newly established bin in the Corner Garden be added to the bin emptying round but was informed by ERYC that as the bin had not been purchased from an approved supplier this was not possible. The Clerk had since asked ERYC to re-consider on the basis that they had removed the High Street bin and had left no alternative. The latest communication that the Clerk received via e-mail was that requesting details of the Corner Garden bin and of it's precise location which the Clerk had supplied. No further comment from ERYC had yet been received.

At this point in the meeting the Chair introduced Councillor Paul Lisseter. Councillor Lisseter introduced himself to the council giving a brief summary of his background and inviting members to ask him for assistance whenever required. Mrs Starkey raised the question of funding for the pub as discussed earlier. Councillor Lisseter agreed to look into any available grants and report back.

(vi) Precept/Budget (item 11)

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept demand of £3250 for 2017/2018 had been accepted by ERYC and would be paid in one instalment on 30th April. The Clerk had been notified that this Precept will mean that the band D billing amount will be £19.80 which is an increase of £1.47 on last year.

6. Planning

(i) Ref: 17/00066/PLF – Erection of a pig finishing building with associated feed bins, hardstandings and access on Land North of Denby House, Burton Road, Rudston

There were no objections from the council so it was requested that the Clerk submit a "no objection" comment.

(ii) Planning Process Meeting

The Chair summarised his idea to get several local Parish Councils together to request a meeting with the heads of the planning department in order to establish how Parish Council's views were taken into consideration when making planning decisions. There had been a general feeling for some time that local views expressed through the Parish Council responses were not being adequately considered. The Chair confirmed that he had put forward the idea to 7 local Parish Councils, 5 of whom had responded positively and would be interested in attending the meeting. Responses were still being awaited from the other 2 Parish Councils.

7. Consultation on ERYC Statement of Community Involvement

The Chair summarised what this consultation was regarding. There was a deadline for responses of 6th March. It was agreed that the Chair would draft a suitable response on behalf of the council which he would circulate for comment before submitting.

Given the concerns raised earlier in the meeting regarding the planning process, Councillor Lisseter encouraged the council to get involved by making a response to the consultation.

The Chair thanked Councillor Lisseter for attending. Councillor Lisseter left the meeting at 8.25pm.

8. Register of Electors

The Clerk had obtained copies for members of the latest Register of Electors which had been distributed. Members were reminded about the confidentiality of the documents.

9. Members' Village Issues

Mr Overfield enquired as to the situation regarding the matter raised since the last meeting with the Environment Agency over two incidences of grey water pools spotted in the village. The Clerk confirmed that these had been reported to the Environment Agency and an Incident Reference had been acquired but no further had yet been reported. It was requested that the Clerk follow this up. It was also suggested that Mr Overfield take a photo and submit to FixMyStreet.com.

10. Payment of Accounts

Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for December and January

<u>Description</u>	Current A/C	Deposit A/C	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£5421.50	£2660.52	£8082.02
CHT - Defibrillator	(£1820.00)		
NBB Furniture – Corner Garden Bin	(£276.00)		
ERYC – Street Lights	(853.43)		
Village Hall Hire	(£7.50)		
ERVAS - Payroll	(£30.00)		
Clerk's Salary	(£280.80)		
Driffield School – Twilight Bus	(£40.00)		
G A Chatterton – Grass Cutting	(£75.00)		
ERVAS - Payroll	(£15.00)		
AllSigns – Corner Garden Signs	(£106.80)		
Transfer to Current		(£1500.00)	
ERYC – Parish Paths Grant		£115.00	
Interest		£0.48	
Closing Balance	£1916.97	£1276.00	£3192.97

The above transactions were received and approved. Proposed by Mrs Potter, Seconded by Mr Overfield.

11. Correspondence

- (i) Letter received from Driffield School Twilight Bus thanking the council for their donation.
- (ii) The annual Playground Inspection had taken place and had been distributed to Mr Rhodes. The Clerk confirmed that next year's inspection had been booked and had been advised that the price was hoped to be the same at £65 + VAT but the council would be informed in writing if this were to change prior to next inspection.
- (iii) Police News for January 2017 had been received the Clerk read out the one incident which had occurred in Rudston.

12. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th April 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

Further meetings until the end of the year were also agreed as follows:

Thursday 4th May 2017 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (due to the main hall been booked for the Wednesday evening of the week commencing 1st May the Clerk was to confirm an alternative evening of that week which has since been confirmed for Thursday 4th May).

Wednesday 28th June 2017 – 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd August 2017 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th October 2017 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th December 2017 - 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.