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MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGAM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

Present:

Councillor Cutts Chair

Councillor Doughty

Councillor Edmundson

Councillor Nutten Vice Chair

1 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor N Harris.

2 Declarations of interest in any items on this Agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Election of Chair 2014/15:

Councillor Cutts had expressed a wish to stand down as Chair. The Clerk requested nominations but as none were forthcoming Councillor Cutts agreed to undertake the role for a further year. Proposed: Councillor Edmundson; Seconded: Councillor Doughty.

4 To receive the Chair's Declaration of Office:

The declaration was completed and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

5 Election of Vice Chair 2014/15:

Councillor Nutten agreed to undertake the role of Vice Chair for another year. Proposed: Councillor Cutts; Seconded Councillor Doughty.

6 To receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Office:

The declaration was completed and signed by the Vice Chair and the Clerk.

7 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2014:

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

8 Matters arising from the Minutes:

It was raised that the Village Newsletter was originally set up as a joint venture between the Parish Hall Committee and the Parish Council. It was agreed that a representative of the newsletter team would attend the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Parish Hall Committee.

Bird scarers: It was noted that the problem had reduced this year.

9 Confirmation of Members' Interests and declarations of any changes:

There were no changes.

10 Financial Matters:

The Annual Return was completed and agreed for submission to the external auditors. Councillors were able to view the final bank statement and budget statement for the financial year to 31 March 2014. **Action: Clerk to submit the Return in due course.**

Councillors signed cheques for the following agreed payments: Parish Council Insurance renewal; LIVES donation; Parish Hall donation; Churchyard Maintenance donation.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Law had been changed to allow the removal of the two signatories per cheque rule. However Councillors agreed that this was a valuable safeguard and did not wish to change the procedure.

11 Co-options to Parish Council vacancies:

Nigel Spencer had indicated that he would be willing to rejoin the Parish Council. Proposed: Councillor Cutts; Seconded: Councillor Doughty. **Action: Councillor Cutts to contact Nigel Spencer. Action: Councillors to continue to seek a further nominee for the remaining vacancy.**

12 Village Signs – report on progress:

Councillor Cutts had contacted both Councillor Simpson (ELDC) and Councillor Marfleet (LCC). The signs would be dealt with in due course. It was agreed that this would be followed up again after the July meeting.

13 Progress on refurbishment of the Bus Shelter:

The Clerk had not received any responses to the notice posted in the bus shelter and on the website. **Action: Councillor Nutten would seek quotations.**

14 The removal of hedge trimmings from footpaths:

It had been reported that thorn hedge trimmings left on the footpath on Station Road had been a problem for dogs being walked along that route. It was the responsibility of the land owner to ensure that the trimmings were removed.

15 Planning Matters:

Councillor Nutten reported that he had received full planning permission for his application. He also informed the meeting that the Manna Ash tree would not now be removed but would be trimmed back.

The Exploratory Oil Well Site at Biscathorpe had been discussed during the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action: Clerk to contact Egdon Resources regarding a meeting on 12 May.**

16 Correspondence:

ELDC Louth Livestock Market Scrutiny Review

LCC Traffic Restrictions B1225

LCC Road Improvements Wragby

Egdon Resources Exploratory Oil Well Site at Biscathorpe

LCC Louth Bus Guide

13 Items for the Next Agenda:

Feedback from meeting with Egdon Resources; Bus shelter refurbishment; co-option to Parish Council vacancy; update on village signs; lead role; latest situation regarding footpaths; report on grass cutting/verges.

14 Date of Next Meeting: 10 July 2014 at 7.50 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: