

D R A F T
MINUTES OF SOUTH WILLINGAM
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015

Present:

Councillor Cutts Chair

Councillor Harris

Councillor Spencer

Debbie Challender also attended as a visitor.

1 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Doughty, Edmundson and Nutten.

2 Declarations of interest in any items on this Agenda:

Councillor Cutts declared an interest in Item 10.

3 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2015:

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes:

The mail shots had been delivered around the village. There had been no further developments regarding broadband and Councillor Spencer would be contacting Stephen Brookes in April.

5 Financial Matters:

Councillors were able to view the latest bank and budget statements.

Payment of the LALC subscription was agreed and the cheque signed. **Action: Clerk to send payment.**

Appointment of Internal Auditor: Paul Fuller had offered to complete the Audit once again and Councillors gratefully accepted his offer.

Village website: Councillors agreed the payment and signed a cheque for £64.00 being 50% of the cost of the village website (the other 50% to be paid by the Parish Hall Committee). **Action: Clerk to send payment to Paul Ferguson.**

6 Parish Council Elections:

The Clerk had collected nomination packs from ELDC and these were distributed. It was noted that forms must be returned to ELDC at Manby by hand by 4.00 pm on Thursday 9 April 2015.

Councillor Martin Doughty had resigned from the Council due to family commitments following many years' service. **Action: Councillor Cutts to send a letter of thanks to Martin.**

Action: Councillors agreed to encourage any interested residents to put themselves forward for election; nomination papers were available from the Clerk. The Clerk would put a notice in the bus shelter regarding the election.

7 Planning Matters:

There were no planning issues for this meeting.

8 Affordable Warmth:

Councillor Spencer had been unable to obtain any further information as the officer concerned was away.

9 Village Tidy Up:

The Village Tidy Up had taken place on Sunday 1 March and 17 bags of rubbish and 4 tyres had been collected up by residents. The Chair expressed thanks to Councillor Harris for organising the event.

10 Correspondence:

A letter had been received from Richard Fry, who would be standing for election to ELDC in Binbrook Ward in May, offering to come and talk to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to send letter to Mr Fry thanking him for his offer and indicating that should he be successful in the election he would be invited to Parish Council meetings.**

Councillor Cutts withdrew from the meeting at this point.

A letter had been received from Joanne Cutts asking the Council to confirm residence in the village as requested by ELDC in relation to alterations to Church Farm, South Willingham. Councillors agreed that the information submitted by Joanne Cutts was correct. **Action: Clerk to write a letter to ELDC to this effect.**

Councillor Cutts returned to the meeting.

11 Items for the next Agenda:

Best Kept Village; Broadband Update

12 Date of Next Meeting:

14 May 2015. The Annual Parish Meeting would start at 7.30 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting (which would include the election of Chair and Vice Chair) at 8.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: