

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 23rd August, 2017.

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Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)  
Mr. T. Smallwood  
Mrs. E. Potter  
Mr. B. Warcup  
Mrs. S. Tompkin  
Mr. S. Rhodes  
Mr. R. Overfield  
Mr Patrick Pennock  
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr C Shanks, Mr P Wood and Mrs A Starkey.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Representations

There were no public representations.

5. Matters Arising:

(i) Defibrillator VETS list (item 5i)

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no further responses to the advertisement for volunteers to go onto the VETS list. It was agreed that the advert for volunteers remain in the newsletter for the foreseeable.

(ii) Emergency Plan (item 5ii)

The Chair reported that there had been a few additional responses and so felt that the plan was now up to date. The website was up to date. Two Emergency Packs now needed to be put together – one to be placed in the Church and one in the Village Hall but security would need to be thought about particularly at the Village Hall. It was suggested that a lockable cupboard be purchased and placed in the meeting room at the Village Hall. Mrs Tompkin (secretary of the Village Hall) agreed to put the idea to the Village Hall Committee and report back.

(iii) Defibrillator No 2 (item 5iv)

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been successful in obtaining some funding towards the second defibrillator from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. The exact amount to be received would be

dependent upon the number of votes that the project receives within the Driffield Store. It was agreed that a request be placed in the newsletter to encourage residents to vote for the project.

The Chair added a couple of late agenda items.

(iv) Village Taskforce Walkabout (item 9)

The Chair asked if there had been any further communication from the Village Walkabout team both in regards to the summary or the Corner Garden Bin issue. The Clerk confirmed that no more had been heard on the subject so it was requested that the Clerk chase these matters up. Mr Smallwood added that something needed to be done regarding the emptying of the bin urgently as it was proving to be a nuisance with regards to flies.

(v) Centrica Grant (item 13)

The Chair reported that there had been a request to apply to the Caythorpe Environmental Fund to acquire funding for the ongoing replenishment of the feeders within the garden as well as the purchase of several other relevant items such as additional feeders. It was agreed that the Chair submit an application to the fund.

6. Bosville Arms

The Chair welcomed Mr & Mrs Tate, the owners of the Bosville Arms site and invited them to speak.

Mr Tate introduced himself and his wife and confirmed that they had come along to explain the situation that they were in with regards to any potential development of the site. Living in a rural area themselves Mr & Mrs Tate were sympathetic to the fact that having a pub within the village was important. However, the situation they were in was that the last three attempts at running the Bosville Arms as a business had all failed which begged the question as to whether any future attempts would be viable or sustainable. The site had been advertised but had not generated any serious interest due to past performance and lack of funding. Mr Tate stressed that both himself and his wife felt a moral obligation to try to keep the pub within the village if at all possible but that they would not wish to sign someone up to a lease knowing that they were highly likely to fail. They emphasised the fact that running such a business would take genuine commitment on a long term basis for it to be successful.

The options available to Mr & Mrs Tate were to either lease the pub/restaurant to someone who believed that they could be successful and then develop the buildings to the rear into residential dwellings, or knock down the whole site and build houses on the plot. Mr Tate asked for the thoughts of the Parish Council.

The members agreed that having the pub within the village would be the best option but also understood the challenges faced in making the business viable.

The possibility of running the pub as a Community Pub/Restaurant was put forward to which the Chair confirmed had been looked into previously but there had not been anywhere near enough reliable volunteers to take on a project of such scale. Nevertheless the members agreed to give the matter some more thought and would report back to Mr & Mrs Tate in due course.

Mr Tate confirmed that they would be willing to pay for a new kitchen to be fitted within the building if necessary and would be flexible wherever possible to support anyone who would take the business on.

The Chair thanked Mr & Mrs Tate for attending and sharing their thoughts with the Parish Council.

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Mr & Mrs Tate left the meeting at 8.10pm.

The Chair and Mrs Potter were to meet to review the potential for a community bid.

#### 7. Crime Reduction Fund

The Chair referred to an e-mail received and circulated back in July regarding the Crime Reduction Fund. It was agreed that details be placed in the next newsletter requesting ideas from residents for relevant projects which could be funded.

#### 8. Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Audited Accounts had been received back from the external auditors. No problems were highlighted. A Notice of Conclusion of Audit would now be published according to guidelines.

#### 9. Planning Applications

17/01708/CLE Westcroft Farm – Certificate of Lawfulness – ERYC resolved not to issue a certificate.

#### 10. Payment of Accounts

### **Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for July & August**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£1201.25	£5532.59	£6733.84
Clerks Wages	(£292.50)		
Clerks Expenses	(£58.14)		
ERVAS (Payroll Service)	(£15.00)		
Village Hall Hire 1 PC meeting, 1 defib traing, 1 cluster meeting	(£30.50)		
Npower (Electricity)	(£847.60)		
PKF Littlejohn External Auditor Fee	(£120.00)		
Transfer from Deposit to Current	£1000.00	(£1000.00)	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£837.51</b>	<b>£4532.59</b>	<b>£5370.10</b>

The Clerk also reported that there was also the Lawnmower Insurance Claim payment of £5078 sat in the current account waiting to be transferred to the Playing Field Committee any day.

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

#### 11. Correspondence

- (i) Police News – included two thefts within the village.
- (ii) E-mail received from ERYC with details of Code of Conduct Training which was to be held for Parish Councillors.

- (iii) Letter received from ERYC regarding the latest dog fouling initiative. It was agreed that this be added to the next newsletter.
- (iv) E-mail received from the Local Council Public Advisory Service advising of changes to the Data Protection Act which would likely affect local councils.
- (v) Letter received from AON Insurance advising that they were ceasing their involvement with Local Councils and as such next year's renewal letter would be received from BHIB Ltd who Aon had made arrangements with. The current policy would remain in place.

## 12. Members Village Issues

Mr Smallwood reported that the footpath adjacent to the War Memorial was unusable due to the overgrown hedge. It was requested that the Clerk write to the resident of the property to request that they deal with the hedge.

Mr Smallwood asked who was responsible for maintaining the War Memorial. The Chair confirmed that he believed that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council but requested that the Clerk check this and advise if there were any specific procedures in place which the Parish Council must follow.

The Chair handed out details, to each member, of their new councillor specific e-mail addresses and passwords as discussed at the last meeting.

## 13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

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