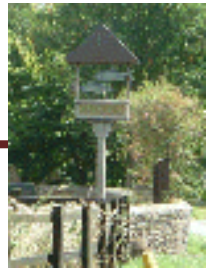


HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 2018 at 7.00pm
At Herringswell Village Hall

Present: Liz Marchington (Chairman)
Selina Boyce (Vice Chairman)
Garry Brown
Gloria Hicks
DCllr Carol Lynch

Members of the public: 1

1 **Welcome and apologies for absence:**
CCllr R Millar, DCllr L Stansbury, Parish Clerk.

2 **Declarations of interest:**
Cllrs Marchington and Hicks - Village Hall

3 **Minutes of Meeting on 17th May 2018:**
In the absence of the Parish Clerk these will be signed at the next meeting of the Parish Council (date to be agreed).

4 **External Forum:**
a. **County Councillor**

No report received.

b. **District Councillor**

DCllr Lynch reported that a vote had been passed by Councillors in support of reducing the council tax relief for empty properties to 1 week. Apparently consultation had occurred, but the PC had not received any communication from the Council or were aware of the consultation. Concern was expressed that rents would rise as a result of landlords having to pass on the cost of such a quick turn around of their properties or because they would have to pay council tax on an empty property whilst work to the house is being undertaken. It was felt this could also lead to landlords looking for quick, cheap "turn arounds" on their properties and standards in the district would drop alongside rents rising.

An update was presented regarding the White Star Stud property. The council have referred this to the Secretary of State and until they hear further on this, the application cannot proceed through planning.

5 **Report on Matters Arising:**

Cllrs were delighted to report that the pothole at the entrance to the village had been repaired. LM had written to thank SCC. The necessary repairs required to resolve the drainage issue in the same area, continue to require attention. It is anticipated work should commence in 2019.

6 **Reports**

a. **External Meetings Councillors with to report**

A report on the highways meeting held at Mildenhall council offices was given by LM. LM also attended the final public examination of the Councils main modifications to the single

issue review and sight allocations local plan. The inspectors are now preparing their report and a date when their results for the whole enquiry is not available at the moment.

7 Village Hall

GH reported that the drop in sewing classes have taken off well. Interested parties are invited to a session running from 7pm-9pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Tuition, machines a selection of material and patterns is available for the beginner or alternatively you can bring your own machine and project along.

8 Planning Issues

None.

9 Correspondence Received

Circulated via email.

10 Financial Matters

a. Current Bank Balances, Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

Due to the absence of the Clerk an up to date bank balance was not available but it was believed that there is approximately £8,500 in the bank account.

11 Councillors' Forum

Nothing for this meeting.

12 Agenda Items for 5th September 2018.

Nothing from this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed :

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Herringswell Parish Council