

South Lopham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Valley Farm, Low Common

Thursday 7 January 2016

1 Chairman's remarks

Welcome and New Year Greetings

2 To record attendance and consider the acceptance of apologies for absence

Present:

Council Members

JC,DH,SM,JP,TF,RW

Apologies from SR

Also CMA – District Councillor

CAP not available – GP in attendance, SM to take minutes

3 To record declarations of interest – none declared

4 To approve minutes of last meeting, 5 November 2015

Minutes were approved and signed

5 Matters arising

JC expressed concern at lack of progress re extending 30mph speed on 1066 to east of village. MCA suggested contacting Police & Crime to obtain info on accidents. This could then be used to support case to CC. "Freedom of Information" can also be used to obtain data.

Discussion re surface water on Church Road. JP in contact with Highways. Work to repair broken drains is scheduled and awaiting a road closure order. CMA suggested County Councillor is kept up to date.

6 Financial report - Closing balance at 31.12.15 £3354.64. Approved payment for Lophams News x 2 and Clerks salary Oct – Dec

7 Precept £2850 approved. Proposed SM, 2nd RW

Discussion re Village sign. MCA suggested application to BCD for “Pride Funding” for refurb of sign. Two quotes have been received. If grant is received for sign then earmarked funds could be used elsewhere. At next meeting Council should confirm expenditure to year end (31.3.16)

War Memorial refurb discussed as possible expense. Grant may be available.

8 a. Planning - Applications re Weavers, Landsdowne House and White Horse approved. Appeal at Low Common dismissed. Application received re planning conditions about boundary screening and planting for field shelters in Pooley St.

b. Highways – further discussion re surface water at the top of Church Road, on 1066 and on Redgrave Road. 30mph sign in Church Road damaged JP to report.

d. Footpaths – Footpath 12 blocked - Landowners to be asked to clear path. SM attended very informative Rights of Way course.

e. Works – Bus shelter woodwork to be re-treated in the spring

f. No report

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10 - AOB Litter Pick proposed date Sunday 10 April 2016. TF to book equipment

MCA gave brief presentation on Breckland Local Plan. The Plan goes live on the BDC website on 8 Jan. The consultation period runs to 16 Feb. There are scheduled public information events in Thetford 25 Jan and in Shropham on 2 Feb. All information on web. The Local Plan is intended to form the basis for development up to 2036.

Next Agenda - Pride Funding, War Memorial, Budget and future expenditure

Date of next meeting 3 March 2016. Meeting closed at 21.25

