



MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: M Parker

Clerk/RFO: R Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH MAY 2016 IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Present: Councillors: Parker (Chairman), de Grey, Dunn, and Macro, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk). 1 parishioner in attendance

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr de Grey and seconded by Cllr Macro that Cllr Parker continue as chairman. All agreed. Cllr Parker signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman

662. To agree programme of meeting dates for the next year

Proposed for discussion:

6th September 2016
10th January 2017
4th April 2017
23rd May 2017
5th September 2017

These dates were confirmed.

662. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Riley.

663. To receive declarations of interest
None declared.

664. Matters arising from the previous minutes (for information only)
None.

665. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held 5th April 2016
It was proposed by Cllr de Grey and seconded by Cllr Dunn that the minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. All agreed, except Cllr Macro who had not been present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

666. To adjourn the meeting for Parishioners Questions
The meeting was adjourned.
The meeting was reconvened.

667. Routine Finance

a) Invoices

Came and Company	Insurance premium	£304.71	#100224
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Proposed by Cllr Dunn and seconded by Cllr de Grey that this cheque be paid. All agreed.

b) Bank Balances

Community Account £2,082.10
Saver Account £1,674.23

- c) To sign off the accounting statements for the Annual Return 2015/2016
The Clerk read out the governance and accounting statements and associated reports, to which the Councillors assented. The Chairman and Clerk signed the return.



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668. To receive report on Fund Raising Event on 22nd May at Merton Hall
This event was very successful, attended by a lot of people. The amount raised to be shared between the Parish Council and the PCC was about £1000 (yet to be officially confirmed).

669. To receive report on Village Hall project
Jayne Wesley-Smith presented a discussion document on the Village Hall. This provided the best current estimates of the likely costs and benefits of restoring the hall, and what potential grants might be available. A meeting has been arranged with ACRE, experts in Village Hall restorations and grant funding. This will take place at



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the Village Hall site (2:30 pm on 21st June).

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670. Planning

3PL/2016/0475/HOU	Martin Bailey The Retreat, Sparrow Hill After discussion it was agreed that the Council would support this application, subject to confirmation that there are no restrictions on the number or size of an extension to a dwelling. (Clerk)
3PL/2015/0455/O	Vince Sommers Houses to be built either side of the Village Hall REFUSED

671. To receive reports from Councillors and Clerk(All)
Cllr Dunn reported that complaints had been received from Parishioners that the occupants of Hawthorne Farm had been speeding through the village and also driving motor bikes along the Peddars Way. Cllr Dunn to write to the occupants of the Peddars Way about this.
Clerk will put in an application for a grant towards computer equipment and training required to set up and run a Parish Council website (legal requirement under the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities legislation). All agreed.
Cllr Parker there will be a further Village event on the Village Green on 11th September. To organise this event the events sub-committee will meet during the summer as required.

Cllr Dunn

Clerk

Cllr
Parker

672. To receive correspondence (including any received after the preparation of the Agenda)
None received.

673. To consider Breckland District Council response to complaint
An initial response had not answered all the queries. BDC had been asked to supply this information ahead of the PC meeting. As this had not been received, the complaint will now to continue to Stage 2.

674. To confirm the date of the next meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 6:30 pm on 6th September in St Peter's Church.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm