



MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: M Parker

Clerk/RFO: R Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19TH JULY 2016 IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Present: Councillors: Parker (Chairman), de Grey, Dunn, Macro and Riley, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk). 11 parishioners in attendance

675. Apologies for absence

None received.

676. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

677. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held 24th May 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Riley and seconded by Cllr de Grey that the minutes were an accurate record of the meetings. All agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

678. Matters arising from the previous meeting (for information only)

None.

679. To consider any necessary actions arising from the recent severe flooding in Merton

Clerk reported that neither the Highways Agency nor Anglian Water will accept any responsibility for the ditches and culverts which were overwhelmed during the recent flooding. However, if flooding of houses is reported to the Environment Agency, they have a statutory duty to investigate, and where necessary to enforce action.

The following properties in Merton were reported as having been flooded:

Pedlars, Roses Cottage, The Old Buttery, Flint Cottage, Paddock Cottage, Thatched House, Thatch House, Hassocks Cottage, Hassocks, Old Pasture Cottage, Old Farm, and Stable Yard at Merton Hall. All these will be reported to the Environment Agency. A letter will be sent to all land owners asking them to ensure their ditches are clear.

Actions : Cllr Riley to include flyer in the Waylander; Cllr Parker to speak to landowners (farmers) who do not receive the Waylander; Clerk to ask BDC to clean the ditches around the Village Green. Clerk to report flooded properties to the Environment Agency. Clerk to ask Highways if they have responsibility for the culverts going under the roads; Cllr de Grey to find out if Mr Hill owns the verge by the telephone box.

680. 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.

The Chairman reminded everyone that there will be a Village get-together on the Green on Sunday 11th September

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm