



MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: M Parker

Clerk/RFO: R Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2017 IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Present: Cllrs Parker (Chairman), de Grey, Dunn and Macro, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk), 2 parishioners in attendance.

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743. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Riley.

744. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

745. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2017

It was proposed by Cllr de Grey and seconded by Cllr Macro that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. All agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

746. Matters arising from the previous minutes (for information only)

Mazars have signed off the External Audit (£737).

An updated version of the Assets Register is now on the website (£730).

Cllr Parker has procured wooden stumps to protect the Village Green (£704, £723).

747. To adjourn the meeting for Parishioners' Questions

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was reconvened.

748. Finance

a) Routine Finance: invoices for payment

Martin Parker	Printer cartridges	£19.34
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St Peter's Church	Donation	£80.00
Rosemary Martin	Clerk's expenses 01 Sep 2014 to 30 Apr 2017	£151.50
Additional invoices		
Anglian Water	22 nd Feb 2017 to August 22 nd 2017	£23.58

It was proposed by Cllr Dunn and seconded by Cllr de Grey that these invoices be paid. All agreed

b) Bank Account Balances at 5th September:

Merton Community	60629359	£1471.60
Community VHRF	03142361	£1869.87
Business Saver	80836257	£1674.86

Balances noted after the transfer of £543.05 of donation money into the Village Hall Restoration Project Account.

c) Clerk's Expenses

See above.

d) Grass Cutting 2018

Ray Barnard has offered to cut the grass during 2018 for the same remuneration as this year.

749. To set draft budget for 2018/2019

After discussion of the Budget v Actuals Report tabled in the May meeting, it was proposed that the budget values be unchanged, but a contingency amount of £200 be



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added to the overall budget. This was proposed by Cllr de Grey and seconded by Cllr Dunn. All agreed.

750. To receive reports on the Village Hall Renovation Project

Village Event 24th May

This year's event was even more successful than the ones before. In addition to tea and cakes, there were hot dogs; also displays of village memorabilia and vintage agricultural machinery and vehicles, and a competition. £274.62 was collected on the day, and £100 of donations for the Pledge-a-Plank scheme.

Fund Raising

Money raised to date:

Pledge-a-Plank = £1100.00

Collect Your Coins = £32.21

Easy fundraising = £18.04 (thanks to Fiona Roat for raising £15.00)

Marketing

The Parish Council Resolved to target one of the fundraising activities each month with a flyer in the Waylander (Action Jayne Wesley-Smith).

Grant applications

- LAG grant prepared, to be submitted next week
- Tesco Bags of Help grant application to be submitted week
- Intention to apply for funds to BDC and others.

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751. To receive correspondence

Mrs Ann Scott	2 x Emails – Pockthorpe footpath	Noted
NCC	Hazardous Waste days	Posted on Parish Notice Board and website
BDC	Local Plan pre-submission publication	Filed
Elizabeth Truss	Offer to meet the PC	Clerk to write extending invitation to next Parish Council meeting.
Mazars	Certified Annual Return	Filed
Vanessa King	Letter informing of rare and endangered species found on her property.	Clerk to thank her and post the letter on the website.

752. To Confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish council will take place at St Peter's Church on 9th January 2018, starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7:44 pm