



MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Martin Parker Clerk/RFO: Rosemary Martin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2018 IN ST PETER'S CHURCH AT 6:30 PM

Present: Councillors: Parker (Chairman), de Grey, Dunn, Macro, and Riley, and Rosemary Martin (Clerk); 6 parishioners in attendance.

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753. To receive apologies for absence

None received.

754. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

755. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Dunn and seconded by Cllr Macro that the minutes were a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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

None

757. To adjourn the meeting for Parishioners' Questions

The meeting was adjourned.

The Chairman announced that parishioners who wished to speak on §761 could do so when that agenda item was being discussed.

In the absence of any other questions, the meeting was reconvened.

758. Finance

a) Routine Finance: invoices for payment

Invoices paid since previous meeting			
Ray Barnard	Grass Cutting 2017	OLPAY 09nov17	£240.00
Anglianwater	108866179 26OCT BBP	OLPAY 09nov17	£4.17

These items were paid using the on-line payment system. They were both contractual items.

Bank Account balances	
Community Account (60629359)	£1,724.55
Bus Saver B (80836257)	£1,675.15
VHRP Community (03142361)	£2,194.74

The Clerk had also circulated to Councillors the Cash Books and Bank Rec for all three accounts from 01 April 2017 up to date.

b) Village Hall funds raised

Collect your Coins	£88.86
Donations	£110.00
Easyfundraising	£58.08
Events	£827.66
Pledge a Plank	£1,190.00
Total	£2,274.60

NB Only £28.22 of the Easyfundraising money raised has so far been received. One £50 pledge has not yet been paid. ([Clerk to chase](#))

c) VAT Refund

£199.18

d) Budget v Actuals 2017/2018 year to date

Clerk had circulated to councillors the figures for Q1 to Q3 2017/2018.



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759. To set the Precept for 2018/2019

Clerk had circulated to Councillors the Budget for 2018/2019 as agreed in the September meeting. Based on these figures the Council resolved to raise a Precept of £1400. Proposed by Cllr de Grey and seconded by Cllr Riley. All agreed. ([Clerk to raise Precept](#))

760. To consider how to re-mount the Village Sign

The Village sign had blown down again during recent bad weather. After discussion resolved to re-mount the sign using a black painted steel column. All agreed. ([Chairman to arrange](#))

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761. To consider support for removal of hedge and tidy up at Burnt Tree Corner by David Hill

All agreed that it would be desirable for the metal farm equipment and concrete pad to be removed. Concerns were raised about possible consequent flooding, and whether it was legal to remove the hedge and ditch. After discussion, resolved that the Chairman should arrange a site meeting with the landowner, and any interested parishioners, to air these issues ([Chairman](#)). Next agenda ([Clerk](#)).

762. To review progress to date on Village Hall Renovation Project, and decide further actions

So far, no grant money has been received. The Chairman has obtained a quote for repairing the front façade (see correspondence James Tanner). After discussion, resolved that the [Village Hall Working Party](#) meet to review the whole strategy (3rd April 6:00 at Cuckoo Lodge). The recommendations of the Working Party will be discussed during the April meeting the following week. ([Clerk](#))

763. To receive correspondence

Elizabeth Truss	Further correspondence re potential visit. Proposed 8 th June at 6:00 pm.	Accept 8 th June date (Clerk)
Highways	Pockthorpe Road update	Noted
NCF Bernard Matthews Fund	No funds awarded	Noted
Dawsons Law	No donation, but would provide raffle prize	Noted
Hadley & Ottaway Ltd	Charity budget already used	Noted
Aviva	No funds awarded but the project managed to register a magnificent 845 O/L votes. Aviva will send a donation of £100	Accept donation (Clerk - due diligence)
Nessie King	Sheep (2)	No action; reply (Clerk)
James Tanner	Quote for repair work to front of village Hall	Filed
Jayne Wesley-Smith	concerns in respect of 'Item 9. To consider support for removal of hedge and tidy up at Burnt Tree Corner by David Hill'.	See §761

Correspondence available to view at the meeting.

764. To Confirm the date of the next meeting – 10th April 2018 in St Peter's Church, at 6:30 pm

Meeting closed 7:30

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