

Tibberton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018

Present: L. Davis, D. Nutting, C. Bevan, C. Ackerman, S. Waller, B. Tarrant, B. Robinson.

1. Apologies

H. Kingham and J. Horne

2. Minutes of last meeting held on September 10th

Minutes had been previously distributed and were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

War Memorials Update

The silhouette is already in situ on land behind the church room in the grounds of Tibberton Court. The cost was £750.00 and a request for funding part of the cost has been received.

The memorial from the chapel has now been sited next to the silhouette in the grounds of Tibberton Court. DN showed a photograph of the two memorials.

4. Uprooted Tree in Phelps Way

LD has spoken to Two Rivers Housing and they have agreed to deal with this as it is on their land.

5. Snow Warden

The clerk has received a request from GCC for an update on this as well as the snow plough driver and salt supplies.

It was discussed and agreed that LD will ask Mr. Gifford to take on both roles. At present we have a supply of salt.

6. Planning

(i) Zelvovia Old Court Drive – plans for a large single story extension examined and discussed. No objections.

(ii) Oak Tree Cottage planning application has been refused. The container on the site has an enforcement action and is to be removed by the owner.

7. Finance

Audit – the clerk reported that the new auditors have asked for a late payment of £48, but as the lateness was due to a mis-communication from the auditors, they agreed to waive the fee. Funding towards last year's grass cutting from GCC and Two Rivers now received.

End of year accounts were distributed by the clerk and discussed.

Donations – requests received from the following: -

(i) Tibberton School to contribute towards the costs of installing a defibrillator in the grounds of the school, which will be accessible to all. A letter outlining the costs and the benefits to the wider community has been received.

(ii) War memorial – a request for a contribution

These were discussed along with all of the other donations usually given and it was agreed to donate the following: -

£150.00 towards the defibrillator

£75.00 towards the war memorial

£200.00 towards grass cutting in the churchyard
£300.00 to Shepherd House

The grass cutting and Shepherd House donations have unfortunately been reduced this year to maintain the overall budget.

Precept – this was discussed and in order to take into account a contested election which may happen in May of 2019, it was proposed to request £8,000 by BT and seconded by CA. (An increase of £2,500)

8. No Report from District Council

9. Report from County Council –

- BR reported that progress was continuing on refurbishing the roads in the county.
- An extra 16 million pounds has been allocated to Children's Services after the Ofsted report. Although progress has been made in the right direction, it is not moving fast enough. One of the problems being the recruitment and retention of qualified social workers with 40% being agency staff at present.
- BR has attended a conference recently entitled 'ACES' Adverse Childhood Experiences. The impact of this on life chances was explored, e.g. sexual exploitation, family breakdown and neglect are all factors that contribute to both physical as well as mental health and this can result in as much as 20 years reduction in life span. A programme will be developed to identify how to build resilience into children's lives and this will be rolled out over the next few years.
- BT asked how this would work in a practical sense, and BR responded that if this thinking could be brought in to the work of key providers, i.e. the police, schools, youth centres etc., they could all work collaboratively to build resilience by identifying the adverse experience and then working towards moving beyond it.
- Enforcement Issues – BR reported that extra resources will be put into this to have a bigger impact.
LD asked about the condition of the verges after the digging has taken place for the Broadband cable which is currently happening in the village. (Note: Clerk emailed BR to clarify this and the reply is as follows 'They would have the same responsibilities as other utility companies such as gas or water')
- It was noted that residents had not been informed about the digging in the lane and it would have been courteous to have done so. BR reported that residents are usually leafleted a week before.
- BR was asked if all houses in the village would receive the new fast broadband, and residents can check this through the Fastershire website, which will list by postcode all houses included.
- DN asked about footpaths in the village in need of repair, advised that we should inform GCC which paths need attention. Clerk to email GCC and copy in BR.
- Clerk thanked BR for informing us of the 'Growing our Communities' funding on behalf of HK, which was successfully applied for, resulting in the purchase of a video projector for the village hall for regular film screenings.

10. AOB

Clerk to chase up the issue of having a 30 mile per hour speed limit through the village, and to follow up with Severn Trent concerning the sewerage pipes. (Copy BR in)

CB noted that the fence near the telephone exchange needs repairing.

CA asked if we should report that we have no rough sleepers in the village but it was decided that as we have none we don't need to inform GCC.

Public Forum

A discussion followed a question from a member of the public about the % increase of any extension to a property. BR reported that it is 50% of the original footprint of any property.

BR was asked about the planting of trees to screen the new barn at Griffins Farm which was part of the plans and has not yet happened. BR will send an enforcement action to the FOD Council.

Date of next meeting January 14th 7.30pm