

## POINTON AND SEMPRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, 22 March 2018

**Councillors present:** Cllr R Greenwood – Chair, Cllr J Sharples, Cllr C Lambert, Cllr A Ramm, Cllr C Ramm, Cllr A Scarfe, Cllr Dr P Moseley and Adrian Illingworth – Clerk.

### **Public Forum (18/01)**

13 residents were present the forum started at 7.30pm.

A resident explained there were trees around the playing field which were overhanging his land, stopping him manage that land. To date nothing had been done. Cllr A Ramm explained a quote had been obtained to deal with the situation, funding had been approved and work was to commence in the next few weeks. The resident also stated the briars had been cut back at his own expense but needs cutting back further. The Chair explained it takes time for the Parish Council to deal with items but ensured the resident the work would be done.

Ownership of the dry stone wall has not be established with both the resident and Crown Estates stating it is not their responsibility. SKDC and Black Sluice have also stated they do not own. Council will try and ascertain who owns the wall.

Questions were asked regarding the phone box which had been purchased by the Council, and what benefit this was to the village. The resident asked how much it was going to cost to renovate the box, connect electricity and maintain. Cllr Freeman explained the electric had been disconnected and a quote had been obtained. Cllr Scarfe did not have any figures available.

A Freedom of Information Request had been submitted to SKDC regarding Declarations of Pecuniary Interest forms. SKDC had only received three forms for members and therefore four members of the Council were in breach. The Clerk explained those members would have to stand down and the meeting to be closed. Members of the public insisted the meeting continue. This was agreed by the Chair.

Dog fouling signs had been removed from the footpath between Milthorpe and Pointon. Council explained the responsibility lay with the dog owners. **Clerk to obtain more signs.**

Cllr A Scarfe left the meeting but returned later.

Public Forum closed by the Chair at 8.08pm

### **1.0 Welcome remarks by Chair**

Chair welcomed all present

### **2.0 Apologies**

Apologies received from the PCSO. Apology and reason for absence accepted by the Council.  
**(18/02)**

### **3.0 Declarations of pecuniary interest and dispensations**

None

### **4.0 Signing of the minutes**

The Clerk's notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Thursday, 25 January 2018 approved as being a true reflection by all members present. Proposed by Cllr Lambert, and seconded by Cllr Sharples. **(18/03)**

### **5.0 Summary of three informal meetings held**

Chair deferred

### **6.0 Introduction of new clerk**

Adrian Illingworth introduced himself, giving a background of his work experience to date

### **7.0 Receive reports from Outside Bodies, the Clerk and Councillors (18/04)**

- a) No PSCO present
- b) No County representative present
- c) Cllr Dr P Moseley informed the meeting SKDC had budgeted £150k to deal with the matter. The Parish Council can impose a minimum fine of £100 for those who do not clear mess up. This can be increased to £150 if included in standing orders. A budget for the Big Clean had been agreed with each village getting an average of four days. Cllr Moseley explained no letters had been received from residents in Milthorpe regarding outstanding matters.
- d) Not covered
- e) Not covered
- f) Not covered

### **8.0 Planning (18/05)**

S18/0424 37 West Road, Pointon – Erection of detached garage. Application circulated 2 March with comments by 23 March. Councillors had no comments

### **9.0 Finance (18/06)**

#### **9.1 Income received since the last meeting**

9.1.1 Bank Interest	0.29
9.1.2 Pointon FC	120.00

#### **9.2 The following payments were approved**

9.2.1 Wendy Moore – Salary Feb/Mar	279.72
9.2.2 Wendy Moore – Expenses Feb/Mar	39.72
9.2.3 PCPF – Pitch Maintenance	200.00
9.2.4 HMRC – PAYE	60.00
9.2.5 Grant Thornton – Audit Fee	30.00
9.2.6 Iliffe Media – Already paid	
9.2.7 Roy Greenwood – Playing Field gate refurbishment	75.00

- 9.3 The RFO's financial report and financial projections for 2017/18 agreed by all members.  
Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Sharples.
- 9.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor carried forward to the next meeting

**10.0 Application for grant funding from Pointon Village Hall**

Carried forward to the next meeting

**11.0 Access to video recordings of PC meetings.**

Carried forward to the next meeting

**12.0 LALC Councillor Training (18/07)**

Any Councillor wishing to attend to contact the Clerk

**13.0 GDPR Update (18/08)**

Update given. Still awaiting further information from NALC

**14. Update on issues reported from around the Parish and from Parishioners**

All the items listed on the agenda were not discussed due to lack of Councillors

**15.0 Play equipment/Field issues (18/09)**

- 15.1 All good except the surfaces of the equipment which will be dealt with in the spring
- 15.2 Covered under public forum
- 15.3 A spring on the gate between the field and High Street pathway has been fitted
- 15.4 To be discussed at the next meeting

**16.0 Abusive behaviour towards Parish Councillors (18/10)**

Cllr A Ramm has received abusive comments. The Clerk explained the Council has an Abusive Policy and should Councillors experience abuse they should contact the police. The Council operates a zero tolerance policy, The Clerk reminded Cllrs of the Code of Conduct for Councillors

**Points 17 and 18 carried forward**

**19.0 Telephone Box**

Covered during the public forum

**20.0 Parish Matters**

Carried forward to the next meeting

**21.0 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 24 May starting at 7.30pm. This will include the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings. Venue for future meetings to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.45pm