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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COLNE ENGAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2017

IN THE CHAIR: **CLLR. A. BARNARD**

PRESENT: **CLLRS: P. TAYLOR, T EVERITT, L ORROW, I MESSENGER,**

CLERK: **T ROOTSEY**

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies received from Cllr Warwick – family accident. Cllr Johns – sick.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None received.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None attended.

4. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, IF PRESENT, TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS**

Apologies received from Cllrs Beavis and Siddall as they were unable to attend.

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Cllr Spray reported that full Council at BDC had approved the financial strategy for next year. In summary the details included:- public car park charges were to increase, £300k set aside for planning appeals (about the same as this year), a suggestion was made to scrap the recycling calendars but as that would only save £10k the idea was not taken up. The Council's budget was about on track for this year but in 2018/19 there will be the first rate rise for 3 years. The homeless reduction programme will put extra responsibilities on the officers in that team. The target for new affordable homes would be achieved with 39 to be completed by March.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2017**– *DECISION REQUIRED.*

RESOLVED: The minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Taylor Unanimous

Signed…… ……

6) UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF HEART OF THE VALLEY COMMUNITY RESPONDERS *FOR INFORMATION*

A member of the Responders team addressed the meeting to advise that the they now had 15 defibrillators in place. The Trust are finding it harder to recruit as they have changed the training to include a 5 day course in Newmarket at the recruits own cost. Policy has changed in that they can no longer attend calls to children under the age of 8 (previously age 2) He made the point that if a child suffered a cardiac arrest and is left for 15 minutes it would be almost impossible to bring them back. This change of policy brings our local group in line with the rest of the country. Chairman Cllr Barnard suggested that as the Parish Council contribute financially he and the Clerk should liaise to write a letter to voice our displeasure to the Trust.

7).PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02062/ELD. Application for a lawful development certificate. Use of land and buildings for storage of builders and roofing materials; storage of highway/landscape maintenance equipment; storage of landscaping materials; access to site. at Stonebridge Farm Stonebridge Hill - *DECISION REQUIRED.*

No objections

RESOLVED: The Clerk should report to Planning accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Messenger Vote 4 for 1 against

8). PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02081/FUL. Division of existing site to separate the main dwelling from annex to provide additional residential accommodation at Colne Heights, Brook Street CO6 2JB *-DECISION REQUIRED*

No objections were raised as the Members expect the property to be within the Village Envelope once the new Local Plan is approved

RESOLVED: The Clerk should report to Planning accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Messenger Unanimous

9).PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02191/FUL Proposed side dormers and alterations at 10 Brook Street CO6 2EU

No objections

RESOLVED: The Clerk should respond to Planning Department accordingly

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Everitt Unanimous.

10).REVIEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK – *DECISION REQUIRED.*

This item was deferred to the next meeting as the required information was not available.

11). FINANCIAL MATTERS –DECISION REQUIRED

a) Financial statements for November 2017

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b) Items as per November 2017 payment schedule to be approved for payment and signed

c) Budget information as at 30th November 2017 as prepared by Clerk

d) Consider budget for 2018/19 as prepared by Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer in preparation for the next financial year precept to be approved at January meeting.

RESOLVED: items a) & c) were correct, acceptable and cheques should be signed. The list for item b) omitted a direct debit from 1st November but payment was approved and the complete list could be presented for signature at the next meeting. Item d) amendments were suggested which are to be included in the document to be approved in January.

PROPOSED: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous.

12) PERSONNEL MATTERS

a) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MAN: MR C RACZI
b) CLERK: MR T ROOTSEY

No matters raised

13) HIGHWAYS - CONSIDER ANY MATTERS THAT NEED ATTENTION

1. There is a lavatory basin in the ditch on Pebmarsh Road close to Booses Green. Clerk will report this.

2. Road at Jubilee Corner has been flooded again. Clerk will chase Highways regarding the clearance of the weed growth in the Brook.

14) <u>TO RECEIVE CHAIRMANS BRIEFING, CLERKS REPORT & COUNCILLORS REPORTS</u> (The clerks report has been circulated prior to the meeting for all members to read.) The Clerk, Chairman and Councillors will deliver progress report if applicable at the meeting

Cllr Everitt reported that the bench on Booses Green had been repaired. He added that whilst walking in White Colne he had got into conversation with some people who were with the Friends of the Flitch Way who told him that their group will always clear a footpath if requested. Cllr Everitt wondered whether it would be appropriate to ask them to clear the path in Bullocks Wood that Mortimers had refused to do.

Cllr Barnard reported that he had arranged to meet with District Councillor Jo Beavis on the Tuesday before our next meeting to discuss Highways Issues. Cllr Taylor agreed to join him. He went on to advise that the Festival committee's Carols on the Green would take place on 16th December at 5pm.

15).<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

- Review parking arrangements at the recreation ground car park.
- 2018/19 budget and Precept request.

16). <u>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</u>

11th January 2018

Cllr Barnard thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.51 pm

Signed……
Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 11th January 2018