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**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COLNE ENGAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019**

**IN THE CHAIR:** **CLLR T EVERITT**

**PRESENT:** **CLLRS: L ORROW, I MESSENGER, JOHNS**

**CLERK:** **T ROOTSEY**

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

   Cllr A Barnard apologies received. Cllrs Warwick and Taylor did not attend

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

   None received

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

   No members of the public attended

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

   Cllr Siddall. Talked about his long held agreement with much of what had been published in the Sustainable Village Report and promised to make a copy available to all Members.
   Cllr Spray had nothing to report.
   Cllr Beavis reported that at the time of this meeting the ECC budget had not been finalised. The redistribution of business rates back to the Council was welcomed but other items were expected to be cut. A Cabinet Member had resigned over the closure of libraries. Essex County Council children's services had been rated as outstanding.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2018**

   **RESOLVED:** All items were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

   PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Messenger Unanimous

Signed……..Chairman

6. **CONSIDER ADDING THE PARISH COUNCILS SUPPORT TO THE QUIET LANES REQUEST BY THE RESIDENTS OF ELMS HALL ROAD.**

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council would add its support on the understanding that no cost would be attributed to the Parish Council

**PROPOSED**: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Financial statements for December 2018.

b) Items per December 2018 payment schedule to be approved and paid on line

c) Budget information as at 31st December 2018 as prepared by Clerk.

d) Consider budget for 2019/20 as prepared by Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, amend as necessary and confirm that Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer may sign the Precept request form.

**RESOLVED:** Items a) b) are correct, acceptable and lists can be signed and on line payments authorised. Item c) is correct and acceptable but it was agreed to add £8,000 to a new earmarked reserve in respect of anticipated expenditure in addition to the expected s106 monies. Item d) the figures as presented projected an increase in the Parish Rate of 6.7% which the members felt was unacceptable. It was decided to reduce the budget by £1000 by switching funds from general reserve in order to reduce the increase in the Parish Rate to 3.2%. The Precept request was therefore reduced to £24,364 and duly signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk would make adjustments to the relevant items on the budget for approval at the next meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

8. **CONSIDER INVITING RESIDENT AT BROOK STREET PROPERTY WHERE 2 OAK TREES SUBJECT TO TPO'S WERE RECENTLY FELLED (WITH APPROVAL OF BDC) TO VOLUNTARILY REINSTATE THESE SPECIES OF TREES IN OUR VILLAGE.**

**RESOLVED;** Not to take this matter forward,

PROPOSED: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

9. **PERSONNEL MATTERS –** *FOR INFORMATION*

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE WORKER: MR C RACZI. With the onset of winter Mr Raczi is still finding plenty to do. He has recently cleaned all of the Village signs.

CLERK: MR T ROOTSEY continues to undertake his duties satisfactorily.

10. **HIGHWAYS.**

The footbridge near the weir was in a very bad state and need attention.

11. **TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING, CLERKS REPORT & COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

Cllr Everitt reported that there had been some rubbish fly tipped on the road between Knights Farm and Brickhouse Road, the Clerk will report to BDC. He also mentioned that he had received a call from the Clerk at Earls Colne PC regarding a planning application at Pudsies Paddock off Station Road on which CEPC was not a consultee. Unfortunately the final date for comments had passed before this meeting.

Cllr Orrow suggested that the Clerk add an item to the next Parish Magazine asking for nominations for this year's unsung hero award.

The Clerk ran through his report.

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Choose date for Annual Parish Meeting.
Review policy regarding street lighting.
Confirm the budget as per item 7 above
Clerk to remind attendees of election dates and proceedures.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 14th February 2019

Cllr Everitt thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed……..

**Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 14th February 20190**