Colne Engaine Parish Council

Minutes of Colne Engaine Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 8.00 P.M in the Elizabeth Courtauld Memorial Village Hall, Colne Engaine

Present: Cllr Ian Messenger, Cllr Alan Barnard, Cllr Nigel Warwick, Cllr Pat Taylor, Cllr Terry Floyd, ECC Chris Siddall, BDC Gabriella Spray, BDC George Courtauld & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and no residents.

22/154 Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Orrow & Cllr Sarah Dignasse,

22/155 Declaration of Members interests
None

22/156 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)
None

22/157 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (8th December 2022)
The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Nigel Warwick
Agreed by all

22/158 PCSO Report – PCSO Spike Townsend
PCSO Spike Townsend informed the meeting that he will remain in post until the Kings Coronation in May 2023. He further informed the meeting that the number of hours might drop from 16 to 8 hours after that date.

22/159 Visitors Report (ECC Chris Siddall, BDC Gabrielle Spray, BDC George Courtauld**)**
BDC Gabrielle Spray informed the meeting that Braintree District Council are currently discussing budget figures.
ECC Chris Siddall informed the meeting that clearing ditches was the land owner's responsibility. ECC Chris Siddall reported that any pot holes needing repaired had to be reported by Sunday 15th January.
BDC George Courtauld informed the meeting that there had been a number of complaints in regards to flooding and ditches. Local farmers would be clearing ditches to reduce the risk of flooding. These have been reported to Essex Highways.

22/160 Clerk's Report
None

22/161 Finance
To approve payments in accordance with the Budget
Payments for January 2023

PC Salary	£583.40
Mileage Expenses	£9.00
Backdated PC Salary	£360.00
Handyman Salary	£176.00
HMRC – Tax/PAYE	£189.80
Mobile Phone	£19.40
SSE Electricity	£143.60
A&J Lighting	£57.89
Google	£37.26

Total £1,576.35

The payments for January were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Nigel Warwick
Agreed by all

The budget for 2023/2024 was agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Terry Floyd
Agreed by all

It was proposed to keep the precept the same as last year (0% increase)
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Nigel Warwick
Agreed by all

22/162 Planning/Housing

162.1 Applications for discussion at meeting
None

162.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting
None

162.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
None

22/163 History Hut

The Parish Council had received 2 quotes from Colchester Asbestos (£3,360.00) & Environtech (£4,200.00). It was proposed to accept the quote from Colchester Asbestos.
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Terry Floyd
Agreed by all

22/164 Footpath (Entrance to Village Hall)

Work to be completed on the footpath in the next month.

22/165 Football Field

Cllr Alan Barnard will contact a surveyor to assess the cost of the building. For insurance purposes

22/166 Councillor Responsibilities

The following councillor responsibilities were agreed:
Footpaths – Cllr Terry Floyd
Tree Warden - Cllr Terry Floyd (shared with Cllr Pat Taylor)
Townland's Trust - Cllr Terry Floyd
Sexton's Field Trust – Allotments - Cllr Terry Floyd
Proposed: Cllr Ian Messenger Seconded: Cllr Alan Barnard
Agreed by all

22/167 Risk Assessment of Assets of Community Value

Cllr Terry Floyd agreed to put together a leaflet in regards to Assets of community Value within Colne Engaine. The Parish Council will do a further review of Community Assets in 6 months' time.

22/168 Training/Events

168.1 Reports on attended events - None

168.2 Nominations for new events - None

22/169 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Pat Taylor informed the meeting that the 2 trees have now been planted on the Booses Green. (One is a Hornbeam & the other is a Beech).

22/170 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th March 2023 at 8.00 p.m.
The meeting finished at 9.17 p.m.

Signed……. Chair

Date……..