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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COLNE ENGAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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

PRESENT: **CLLRS: L ORROW, T JOHNS, P TAYLOR, T EVERITT, S RUST**

CLERK: **T ROOTSEY**

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

   Cllr Barnard welcomed the Members. All Members present

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

   none

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

   None present.

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

   None present

5. **CONFIRMATION OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2015**

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

   PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED Cllr Johns Unanimous

Signed…… ……

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial statements for July & August 2015. Items as per July payment schedule signed in August to be confirmed.

b) Items as per August 2015 payment schedule to be approved for payment and signed

c) Monthly budget information. Budget to end of August as prepared by clerk

d) Internal auditor's letter to Chairman dated 26th May stated that when considering listed tests he was again able to answer each positively and requested that the clean audit report be brought to the attention of Councillors in open meeting.

RESOLVED: all was in order and cheques signed in August confirmed and those per the August payment schedule are approved and the cheques may be signed. Monthly budget information was acceptable. Internal auditors letter noted.

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Everitt Unanimous

7. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU FOR A DONATION

It was felt that this was an amazing organisation that did vital work but the concern was how the Council could elect to donate to this charity amongst all the other very worthwhile causes.

RESOLVED: No donation should be made at this time.

PROPOSED: Cllr Taylor SECONDED: Cllr Rust Unanimous

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE FOR A DONATION

It was accepted that the air ambulance carried out a vital function but the concern was how the Council could elect to donate to this charity amongst all the other very worthwhile causes.

RESOLVED: No donation should be made at this time.

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous

Signed…….

9. **PLANNING APPLICATION 15/01005/FUL** Erection of first floor extension over existing single storey extension and associated work to existing dwelling. Erection of double garage. Creation of new vehicular access and driveway. At The Old Cottage, Countess Cross CO6 2QJ

   One Member had concerns about the development being out of character with it's surroundings. The other Cllrs had no objections

   RESOLVED: Clerk should write to planning department to advise that the Council had no objections to the application.

   PROPOSED: Cllr Johns SECONDED: Cllr Everitt 5 for 1 against.

10. **PLANNING APPLICATION 15/01033/FUL** Erection of first floor extension over existing porch at 3 Church Street CO6 2EX

    RESOLVED: No objections

    PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Everitt Unanimous

11. **PLANNING APPLICATION 15/010451/FUL** Demolition of existing bungalow and garages and erection of new dwelling and double garage at Bramble Rise, Brook Street CO6 2JB

    Two Members had concerns about the scale of the development.

    RESOLVED: Clerk should write to planning department to advise that the Council had no objections to the application.

    PROPOSED: Cllr Taylor SECONDED: Cllr Rust 4 for 2 Against

12. **CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FOOTPATH CUT AT EXPENSE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

    Cllr Everitt walks many of our footpaths and considers there is no requirement for a further cut this season but perhaps in future years we should arrange one major cut and one smaller one.

    RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain quotes.

    PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous.

Signed……

13. CONSIDER PROVISION OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT ON RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain my communities grant application form

PROPOSED: Cllr Johns SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous

14. **30MPH SIGNS ON PEBMARSH ROAD AT COUNTESS CROSS.** Discuss request by resident

RESOLVED: Clerk to pass the residents request onto Highways.

PROPOSED: Cllr Taylor SECONDED: Cllr Rust Unanimous

15. PERSONNEL MATTERS

a) **VILLAGE MAINTENANANCE MAN: MR C RACZI – UPDATE** – Does a good job with reports from villagers that he is very personable.

b) **CLERK: MR T ROOTSEY – UPDATE –** no comments

16. HIGHWAYS CONSIDER ANY MATTERS THAT NEED ATTENTION

- Pot Hole on Goldingtons Hill worsening
- Pot hole village side of bridge Green Farm Road
- Following contractors refusal to cut grass on green at Countess Cross Chairman spoke to a resident who says they cut the grass themselves. Have offered to move cars for contactor but been ignored.

17. **TO RECEIVE CHAIRMANS BRIEFING, CLERKS REPORT & COUNCILLORS REPORTS** (**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 Barnard attended a Chairman's training day and found it very useful.

Three Members are to represent the Parish Council at a wine tasting to celebrate100 years of the WI

Cllr Rust reported that the toilet refurbishment in the Village Hall has been finished.

Signed……

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Canvass residents with wish lists of top three items they would like in the village and thoughts on the outdoor fitness centre.

Action to be taken re. Countess Cross grass cutting.

19. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

8th October 2015

Cllr Barnard thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed……

Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 8th October 2015