

ROUNDWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: Monday 18th April 2016

Place Nursteed School, Brickley Lane, Devizes.

Time 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors: Batchelor Callow Collis Corbett* Geddes*
 Parsons Rowland Steel Valentine Vonberg
 Wooldridge*

* Also Devizes Town Councillor

158 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Stevens (medical treatment)

159 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

160 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016, which had been circulated, are approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the chairman

161 UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

Cllrs Mayes provided an update regarding the safety issue at Potterne Road and led a brief discussion on the education white paper on 'academisation'.

She also reported good feedback from Wiltshire Council's legal representative regarding the council's representatives at the recent Coate Road development planning appeal, and expressed her thanks to all involved.

Cllr. Mayes also answered questions from members.

162 POLICE REPORT

No representatives were able to attend but PC Twyford supplied a brief written report which was read out by the chairman.

163 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

164. REPORT FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION REGARDING PLANNING MATTERS.

No applications were received but Cllr. Geddes reported one item which is on the boundary of Roundway and Devizes. This was deemed uncontroversial and no comment will be made.

165. FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved – To accept the financial report, previously circulated.

Resolved – To approve items of expenditure totalling £ 5,981.17 as detailed.

166 REVIEW OF RISK, STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

The council considered a document, previously circulated by the clerk, appertaining to risks faced by the council. The council also reviewed its' Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Resolved: The various risks faced by the council are properly identified and that suitable procedures are in place to mitigate risk.

Resolved: The council's current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are still appropriate and fit for purpose.

167 QUAKERS WALK

Cllr. Wooldridge reported on the status of footpath following an enquiry from a horse rider. He reported that the advice of the legal department of the national 'rights of way' body is that the portion from Roundway Park to the lodge has been a bridleway for about 100 years. However, Cllr. Callow advised that a different opinion is offered by Michael Crooks, the rights of way officer at Wiltshire council. After a discussion it was decided that the chairman will write to Mr Crook to seek clarification.

168 CATG.

Cllr Valentine reported on several issues including action on the removal of the humps in Nursteed Village.

A new issue at The Keep, which may be referred to CATG, was discussed. The entry road to The Keep is reported to be unregistered land. Exit to the London Road is not easy as there is foliage and a low bridge sign blocking a clear sightline towards the town, and the volume of traffic in both directions is heavy. Two cyclists have collided with cars exiting from The Keep while riding on the combined cycle/pedestrian path, though no serious damage has occurred. The residents are to have a meeting and report what action they want to see.

Cllr. Batchelor reported that Nursteed School is seeking a coach pull in. He has been informed that s106 funding, available for a crossing, cannot be used for this purpose. However, the schedule seems to allow for parking restrictions and this will be pursued further.

169 NEW STREET NAME SIGN – MASSEY ROAD

For decision on a request to purchase a new street name sign at Massey Road. to replace that damaged by vehicle three years ago. A local resident, Mr Haslam, contacted Wiltshire Council in December 2015 and has now just received a response

– Wiltshire are only replacing statutory signs - they suggested the parish council might fund this. The clerk will obtain a quotation.

170 DREW'S WOOD - FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

Cllr. Parsons expressed a desire to identify recreational areas for the future as Devizes grows. Cllr. Geddes suggested that acquisition of recreational areas should be considered when asset transfers are being determined. After discussion it was agreed that a list of future aspirations would also be compiled and pursued via the neighbourhood plan.

171 NOTICEBOARD

It was proposed by Cllr. Geddes, seconded by Cllr. Rowland, and approved unanimously that the council purchase a new noticeboard for Roundway Park to replace one damaged by a storm.

172 GOVERNANCE REVIEW

No meetings have been held

173 ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr. Wooldridge passed cheques to value £535 and cash to value £550 (total £1085) to the clerk for banking. He reported that six plots are vacant and four have not yet been renewed. Letters will be sent mentioning a deadline of 30th April. He sought, and was granted, approval to purchase two picnic tables for the allotments at £159 each.

Cllr Wooldridge also provided an update, regarding the resurfacing of Green Lane.

Cllr. Collis reported on progress regarding formation of an allotment holders' committee. He provided a copy of a draft constitution.

174 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr. Vonberg mentioned the height of the grass at the carpet store at Hopton Road.

Cllr Wooldridge highlighted the fault on exercise equipment at Marchant Barracks. The clerk will arrange repair.

He also reported a dangerous defect at the 'cargo net' at Marchant Barracks

Cllr. Wooldridge also highlighted an issue at Green Lane where short steep slope could be alleviated by provision of a hand rail.

Cllr. Callow raised awareness of a beacon event this week and sought views on wearing of chains by visiting neighbouring mayors. No objections were raised.

175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th May 2016

176 The meeting closed at 2035 hrs.

