

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 9th January 2012 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair)
Cllr Ronnie Dee
Cllr Lynne Evans
Cllr Chris Johnson
Cllr Karen Marrison
Mrs Chris Cooke (Parish Clerk)

Attendance: Mr Rob Papworth, Cllr Andrew Stephenson

Apologies (1/1/2012)

Cllr Frank Cooke

Declarations of Interest (2/1/2012)

N/A.

Home Care Service Specification Briefing Paper (3/1/2012)

Rob Papworth attended on behalf of Stockton Borough Council to give an overview of the re-tendering of the above contract, personalisation budget and the current consultation exercise. After discussion and noting comments from Cllrs, it was agreed that Rob would follow up with a brief report to be tabled at the Parish Council February meeting. RP/CC

Minutes of Meeting 12th December 2011 (4/1/2012)

Noted that under Item 1/12/2011 – Apologies – The minutes stated the apologies had been received from Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair) this was incorrect. No apologies had been received and Trish was chairing the meeting. With this amendment, Trish proposed that the minutes of 12th December 2011 be accepted as a true record. Seconded Ronnie. Agreed All.

Matters Arising (5/1/2012)

Xmas Tree (8/11/2012)

Noted that the tree needs removing and Karen stated that her son, Andrew, had volunteered to cut up the tree and remove it. Cllrs expressed their thanks.

Parish News (7/12/2011)

Ronnie has placed an article re high speed broadband in the next Parish News and the Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Parish Clerks for Carlton & Stillington re high speed broadband and raising awareness with residents.

AOB (9/12/11)

Ronnie confirmed she had placed an article about dog fouling in the Parish News.

Clerk confirmed she had contacted Care for Your Area re potholes at Mainside.

Finance (5/12/2011)

- Monthly Financial Project & VAT – the Monthly Financial Projected Spend was presented. Clerk recommended that no monies be transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account this month. Proposed by Trish, seconded by Ronnie. Agreed All.
- Cheques due:

- Cheque No. 100142 – Noted that this cheque has been cancelled.
- Cheque No. 100143 – £178.00 Parish Clerk's salary Oct – Dec 2011 (note: salary of £228.00 made up of cheque for £178.00 + £50.00 petty cash)
- Cheque No. 100144 - £165.00 Hire of Carlton Methodist Chapel Meeting Hall Apr 2011 – March 2012

Agreed all. Signed by Ronnie and Trish.

- Clerk confirmed that claim for a VAT refund in the sum of £121.08 had been submitted.
- Parish Precept 2012-13 – Discussion took place re the projected budget for 2011/12 previously circulated by the Clerk and the anticipated carryover of £1,500 into 2012-13. It was agreed that there should be an element of 'Village Improvement\S137' payments incorporated into the budget 2012-13 and a discussion took place re the projected balance for the accounts at the end of 2012-13 which would be approximately £1,000 if the precept remained at £2,500. Trish proposed that a precept of £2,500 be set for 2012-13, seconded by Lynne. Agreed All. Clerk to contact SBC Finance by 20/1/2012. CC
- Appointment of Internal Auditor - Ronnie confirmed that she had contacted Simon Hole to discuss the situation with him and he had stated that he was not a Chartered Accountant however, he had agreed to carry out an audit of the Accounts. It was confirmed that the internal auditor did not need to be qualified but needed to have suitable skills for the job. Trish proposed that the Clerk complete the 'Appointment of Internal Auditor' letter and agreement and contact Simon to discuss. Seconded Ronnie. Agreed All. CC

Planning Applications (7/1/2012)

N/A

Parish News (8/1/2012)

Ronnie will place an article about the recent burglary in the Village in the next edition of the Parish News. RD

Correspondence (9/1/2012)

Clerk confirmed that correspondence of importance or with a deadline had already been circulated. Additional correspondence was examined at the meeting and agreed that the Clerk would take agreed action and circulate for additional information.

1. SBC Planning App 10/2549/EIS Lambs Hill Wind Farm – Approval Subject to Conditions
2. SBC Civic Services – changes to the Civic Office.
3. SBC Law & Democracy : Parish Council Liaison Forum Mtg 16/1/2012 – **Trish to attend**
4. Letter dated 6/1/2012 Maintenance of Trees and Shrubs on The Green from Mr E McDonald – **see below**
5. Email from Susan Ransom, Law & Demo dated 10/1/12 re Standards – Localism Act Item for Parish Council Liaison Forum (See Item 7 below)
6. Email from Mark Nozedar, SBC Countryside and Greenspace dated 10/1/12012 re Tree Survey
7. Parish Council Liaison Forum agenda, reports and enclosures: Minutes 12/9/11, Homecare Services Briefing Note, Neighbourhood Plans, Standards – Localism Act.

A discussion took place re Mr McDonald's request for maintenance to trees and bushes on the Green, and the Clerk informed Cllrs that she understood that SBC would charge for any arboricultural work which was not on Council owned land or, if they did not have the

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resources to carry out the work, would provide details of private companies who could be contacted to provide a quote. At this point Karen declared a 'personal and prejudicial interest' and left the room. The Clerk suggested that an inspection be made and a quote for the work be submitted. Trish proposed that Andrew Walters be contacted to provide a quotation and the Clerk write to Mr McDonald informing him of the decision. Seconded Ronnie. Agreed Lynne, ChrisJ. Karen returned to the meeting.

AOB (10/1/2012)

Trish raised the issue of a letter she, and another resident, had received from Carol Straughan, Head of Planning, Stockton Borough Council re the 'Planning for Housing' consultation which had run from July – Sept 2011. The consultation had been both online and by post and the Council has been made aware that some of the comments received online may not have been submitted by the named individuals and may not be their comments. Trish confirmed that she had not personally responded to the consultation as this had been done via Parish Council. The other resident had also not responded to the consultation. Trish contacted SBC and confirmed that she had not submitted the comments, however the Council could give no information how this had happened. Trish also contacted Stockton Police who informed her that as no crime had been committed, no action could be taken. A discussion took place and it was proposed that the Clerk write to Carol Straughan, copy to Ian Miles, Head of ICT, asking what future security measures could be introduced to limit the likelihood of this happening during future consultations.

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The Parish Council meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Open Forum (11/1/2012)

N/A.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m..

The next meeting will be held on Monday **13th February 2012**. Agenda items to Chris by **Friday, 3rd February 2012**.

Signed:

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