

# Little Horkesley Parish Council

meeting to be held in the Village Hall at 1930

on Wednesday 17 January 2018

## Apologies

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary Interests in relation to agenda items.**

### 1. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2018.

### 2. Clerk's Report

#### a. Superfast Essex

To discuss the Countrywide Parish Event 1900 Monday 22 January at the Anglian Ruskin University, Chelmsford.

#### b. Playing Field

To receive a report from Steve Clarke/Hannah Taylor on the state of the playing field/playground and to consider any actions needed before Spring.

To note that

- The Clerk was still chasing up bark delivering from CBC;
- Roger Munson has confirmed his availability for the 2018 Grass Cutting season;
- The Clerk would chase up Paul Cutler over the tree trimming exercise required before Spring.

#### c. Roads/Verges

To consider the state of roads/verges in the village now we are in the sugar beet season.

#### d. Data Protection

To receive a report from Maria Oats on the new Data Protection legislation

#### e. Affordable Housing

To receive a report from Chris Exley on his discussions with RCCE.

#### f. Litter in the Village

To discuss the CBC initiative 2 – 4 March to clean up the Borough.

#### g. Parish Council Elections

To note that the next Parish Council elections were May 2019

#### i. Royal Wedding 19 May

To consider a Village Party to Mark the event.

### 3. Planning

#### Motts/Thrift Farm

To note that the Thrift Farm Barn appears to be nearing completion and Nigel Chapman's Email of 21/12.

**4. Finance**

a. FY 18/19 Budget

To note that EALC had confirmed that the Government’s 6% cap on increases in Council Tax did not apply to Parish Councils and, therefore, increases of more than 6% in the Precept would not be subject to a local referendum.

To note that the agreed FY 18/19 Budget of £3,971 and the subsequent Precept of £3,292, giving rise to a Village Rate of £36.02, had been forwarded to CBC.

b. Quarterly Report

To note the attached Quarterly Report to 29 December 2017

c. To approve the following expenditure:

- J R Drury £50.00 – computer repairs

d. To note that HMRC are introducing a new system for reclaiming VAT – details in the New Year.

**5. Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received:

- DV & SV Project December AONB Update;
- Acknowledgement of the Parish’s donation to DV & SV Project;
- Essex Warbler;

**6. Items for the Next Agenda**

..... (J R Drury – Clerk)

..... (Date)

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 1930 on Wednesday 21 February 2018**