

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council
held at 7.30 pm on 19th January 2017 in the Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion

PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)
John Bradshaw
Julia Cunnington
Geoff Dunkley
Simon Hurn
Roger Paull
Sharon Polden
James Russell
Jon Warters

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Davies, Community Devt Officer, RAF Wittering
Three Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Diane Lamb and Wg Cdr M Ainsworth, Officer Commanding Support Wing

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

4. MINUTES of the Third Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council held on 20th October 2016 were reviewed, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman. Mr R Pye had submitted an e-mail requesting that an addendum be added to the Minutes clarifying that at no point had the Wittering Football Club expected any reimbursement from the Parish Council towards the purchase of a line-marker. It was agreed to attach his e-mail to the Minutes accordingly.

Proposed by:- Simon Hurn

Seconded by:- Roger Paull

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group

The meeting due to take place on 20th January 2017 to discuss Planning Application 16/01361 Land to the south of Lawrence Road, Wittering and the Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group with Shailesh Vara, MP has been cancelled and a new meeting date has not yet been arranged. It was noted that the land surrounding the proposed location for the Flyover is now ring-fenced as Land Safeguarded for Key Infrastructure (LP15) on the Draft Peterborough Local Plan 2016 to 2036.

ii) Gas Storage Facility/Damaged Manhole Cover in Boxer Road

The Gas Storage Facility has been made safe and Simon Hurn has agreed to repair the damaged manhole cover in Boxer Road.

iii) Dropped Kerbs

There was no update on this issue as Diane Lamb was not present.

iv) Defibrillator in Telephone Kiosk

James Russell had obtained quotations for the purchase and maintenance of a Defibrillator. After discussion, it was agreed that installing one outside the Parish Hall was a better option than in the Telephone Box. Sharon Polden said that she believed that Wittering Primary School was in the process of raising funds for a Defibrillator. James Russell will liaise with Wittering Primary School accordingly. It was agreed that a vote will be taken whether or not to contribute to the cost of purchasing a Defibrillator at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Wittering Gardening & Allotment Society had sent a thank you letter for the Yearly Equipment Grant which had been used to purchase a strimmer.

7. FINANCE

Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31st December 2016 was reviewed and approved unanimously as presented.

Proposed by:- James Russell **Seconded by:-** Simon Hurn

PRECEPT 2017-2018

After discussion and consideration of the current reserves and likely expenditure required for 2017-2018, it was agreed to set the Precept at £55,000 which is the same as 2016-2017 as proposed by John Bradshaw and seconded by James Russell.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Members of the Public wanted to discuss the following issue:-

- Yearly Equipment Grants – the two representatives from Wittering Football Club requested funding for the purchase of a line-marker storage facility and minor alterations to the size of the changing rooms. They agreed to provide a quote for a line-marker storage facility and a letter from Peterborough & District Football League explaining the necessity of minor alterations to the size of the changing rooms. Once these have been provided to the Clerk, a decision will be taken concerning both these requests.

9. ADJOURNEMENT

Mr M Titmarsh, a Wittering resident, had expressed concerns about abandoned cars in and around Maltby Close and Newman Close. Mr Davies agreed to investigate and report back directly to Mr Titmarsh.

Mr Davies reported he had been successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant for Wittering Primary School. He stated that it is hoped that an on-going parking issue in Lale Walk will be resolved in the next few weeks. He stated that tarmac will be re-laid in three car-parking areas. He stated that the issue regarding the contractor not emptying the dog fowl bins has been resolved. He stated that the Community Learning Centre is now open and educational courses have already commenced.

Draft Peterborough Local Plan 2016 to 2036 – the Chairman had studied this in detail and had produced a Draft Letter to Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Local Communities (copied to Shailesh Vara, MP, John Holdich, Leader of Peterborough City Council, the Chief Planning Officer, Peterborough City Council, Gemma Wildman, Principal Planner Peterborough Local Plan Consultation and Robin Dunlop, local landowner) which was distributed to all the Parish Councillors and discussed at length.

In addition, it was proposed by Sharon Polden and seconded by James Russell that the Clerk would produce a Draft Letter to Gemma Wildman, Principal Planner, Peterborough Local Plan Consultation (copied to Shailesh Vara, MP, John Holdich, Leader of Peterborough City Council, the Chief Planning Officer, Peterborough City Council and Robin Dunlop, local landowner) stating the following:- the Parish Council supports the proposed allocation of Ref: WIT001H Land off Lawrence Road, Wittering as long as its size is reduced by at least two-thirds, ie to 50 properties; the Parish Council supports allocation of housing development at Ref: WIT003H Land at Manor Field, Townsend Road, Wittering and the Parish Council supports the allocation of housing development at the Depot, Church Road, Wittering and other small sites within the Wittering Village Envelope.

Both Draft Letters will be e-mailed to all the Parish Councillors who use e-mail and any amendments/additions will need to be submitted to the Chairman and Clerk by 22nd January 2017 as both letters need to be sent out on 23rd January 2017.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Fifth Meeting of the 2016/2017 Parish Council will take place on at 7.30 pm on 23rd March 2017 in the Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion. Roger Paull and James Russell gave their apologies in advance.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

SIGNED _____
Chairman

DATE 19/01/17