

Sproston Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 9th July 2018

Present : Cllr.J. McKechnie, Cllr.J. Sheldon, Cllr. J Norbury, Cllr.C Sherwin,
Cllr Andrew Ramshall, Alan Hartopp (Clerk)

Also Present : Stephen Walker

Minutes of previous meeting held on the 14th May were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising : Following on from our previous discussion about the proposed development of some 200 + houses on land opposite the Salt Cellar public house it was agreed that we should consult with the Planning Officers involved with this project so as to get our objection logged on the system. A.H. To look into.

A.H. Informed the meeting that C.Cllr. Mark Stocks advised the village sign is insured with Cheshire West Council. Mark Stocks also advised with regard to S.P.C taking over the maintenance of the Green that Mr. Mark Simmons of CWAC will telephone A.H. With information on the financial implications. (Possibly attend our next meeting)

Clerks Vacancy : At this point Mr Walker was asked to leave the room. A.H. Stated he had received an email from Mr. Walker saying he would be willing to take on the clerks job for a salary far in excess of the present Clerks salary. Following a discussion a show of hands by Councillors confirmed the council was not prepared to pay this level of salary.

Cllr.J.McKechnie asked that Mr. Walker be bought back to the meeting, Cllr. McKechnie offered a salary more in line with what the council was prepared to pay. Mr. Walker declined this offer. He would however like to be considered for the position of Parish Councillor .

A.H. Advised that before we could Co-Opt Mr. Walker onto the council we would have to advertise the position of a requirement for a Parish Councillor on the village notice board and the councils website. A.H. To place appropriate notice.

It was also agreed to advertise by the same means for a Parish Clerk. Action A.H.

Planning : Only one application and that was to discuss extra use of the shooting ground, Cllr Norbury left the meeting at this point. All councillors agreed there were no reasons not to support this application.

Councillors Reports : Cllr. J.McKechnie stated he would like a letter sent to our MP. Esther McVey advising her of our inability to get the speed reduction she supported on the A54. Action A.H.

It was agreed by all councillors to take up David Hurstfield's offer of using the shooting lodge for all future meetings. This would save the council £230 p.a. A.H to cancel church hall.

Signed _____

Date _____

Seconded _____