

Sproston Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 23rd October 2017

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

Apologies : Andrew Ramshall, Adam Keppel-Green.

Minutes of previous meeting held on the 6th March were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising : Air quality on A54. A.H. Stated in the eyes of the Environmental Health the A54 is not considered to be “ High Priority “ The department is struggling to meet its objectives despite budget cuts. A.H. had sent a further email to Ian Nadine, Senior Regulatory Services Officer, stating the ever increasing vehicle count on this road due to recent developments and forthcoming planning issues.

Website upgrade : The meeting went on to discuss in detail requirements necessary to bring our current webpage up to date, it was agreed to arrange a date to meet with our current web designer and to seek alternative arrangements should it be necessary.

Financial Figures : A.H. Presented the final signed figures for year 2016 /17 signed off by our external auditor BDO. All figures now on our website.

A.H. Presented the petty cash book for analysis, this was signed by Cllr.J. McKechnie. A.H. Had submitted a request for £40 to top up this fund.

Broadband : A.H. Informed the meeting he had been asked on several occasions about High Speed Broadband in Sproston and the fact that “Open Reach” had no intention of running HSB into the village any time soon. To this end A.H. had contacted Vital Sat, this company specialises in radio links to provide HSB into rural areas. A.H awaiting estimate from Vital Sat.

Clerks Forum : A.H. informed the meeting he had arranged for CllrJ.McKechnie and himself to attend a meeting with Esther McVey M.P. To discuss the lowering of the speed limit on the A54 and the ever present air quality question.

A.H. Had been contacted regarding the hedge alongside the A54 obstructing visibility when leaving Beechfield Smithy. The owner of the hedge is arranging to get it cut.

Councillors Reports : Cllr C. Sherwin informed the meeting of a police speed Check on the A54. Cllr. McKechnie asked if we could obtain any information on how often these speed checks are put on this road and also how many motorist are caught exceeding the 40mph limit . Action A.H. Cllr. Percival stated he had been asked about the parking of a caravan and the new milking parlour construction at Dairy House Farm.

Cllr Sherwin stated that all documentation allowing the caravan and the construction of the parlour was obtained prior to commencement of building.

Cllr Sherwin asked why the Meals on Wheels service will not bring meals to his aged parents who are both recovering from serious illness. Action A.H.

Meeting closed 21.00

Signed_____

Date _____

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