

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor C Ambrose Smith
Councillor D Ambrose Smith
Councillor P Cox
Councillor S Green
Councillor D Jordan
Councillor J Lee
Councillor L Malkin
Councillor G Norman
Councillor E Dos Santos
Councillor C W Webber
Councillor J Webber

Members of the Public: 9

Also present the Clerk and Clerk Emeritus

17/18-1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None.

17/18-2 APOLOGIES & ABSENCES:
Cllrs Wright and Kerridge – Apologies. Cllr Murfitt – Absent.

17/18-3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The Chairman's Announcements had taken place during the Annual Village Meeting.

17/18-4 CLERK'S FOLLOW UP DIARY:
Further to the Planning Meeting which had taken place on Monday 8th May where the application by Littleport Rangers Football Club had submitted a Section 137 grant application, the Chairman closed the formal meeting to enable representatives of Littleport Rangers Football Club to re-present their request for grant funding to enable them to obtain DBS checks for their volunteer coaches/staff along with first aid training and possible replacement of goal posts.

The representative outlined the current plans of Littleport Rangers to move back to Littleport from their current training ground at Pymoor and it was hoped that this would take place once the new Leisure Centre was completed and operational. There are currently 38 children participating twice weekly and a further 10 players starting later in the year. They had also been granted academy status which would result in a further 6 to 8 players. Their annual presentation evening had taken place the day before this meeting and had been well attended and supported by the children and their parents/carers and it was acknowledged that the club was growing successfully and quickly.

The Chairman reopened the meeting at 7.22pm for the request to be discussed by full Council.

As the Parish Council had not awarded all of the budgeted Section 137 grants from the previous financial year, Cllr Lee proposed that £1,000 from that underspend and £500 (total £1,500) from this current year's budget be awarded to Littleport Rangers to assist them. Cllr Dos Santos seconded this proposal.

Cllr D Ambrose Smith requested an amendment to the proposal insofar as he proposed that a total of £2,000 be awarded to Littleport Rangers, Cllr Cox seconded this amendment. The amendment was carried unanimously.

It was further agreed that the Clerks investigate the possibility of using this grant as the evidence base in a bid to obtain further funding from other sources, namely the District Council and possibly the landfill tax charged to Amey Cespa and/or Veolia.

17/18-5 MINUTES:

The following Minutes were signed by the Chairman as true and accurate: Full Council and Finance Committee – 18th April 2017; Planning Committee – 8th May 2017.

17/18-6 RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The recommendations of the Resources Sub-Committee which took place immediately prior to this meeting of the full council were accepted.

17/18-7 SKATE BOWL AND CHURCH

The Clerk had distributed a report of PC S Gilbey concerning recent damage that had taken place in the porch of the Church and at the Skate Bowl.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee be called and PC Gilbey invited to attend to enable all issues of vandalism and anti-social behaviour to be discussed and possible action formulated.

The Clerk to liaise with PC Gilbey to ascertain his availability before calling a meeting of the Amenities Sub-Committee.

17/18-8 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr C Ambrose Smith informed the meeting, for those who may be unaware, that James Palmer (Leader of ECDC) had been elected Mayor in the recent elections and he had published a list of 32 commitments for his first 100 days in office. The first item on the list was the proposal to develop a business case for the improvement of the A10.

Cllr Charles Roberts (Deputy Leader of ECDC) will be serving in Mr Palmer's cabinet. A new Leader of ECDC is due to be announced in a couple of days.

17/18-9 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

No report received from the outgoing County Councillor. Cllr David Ambrose Smith had been elected and confirmed that a regular report would be provided to the Parish Council in the future.

Cllr D Ambrose Smith reported that he was participating in the training and induction process at the County Council and this was expected to last approximately 6 weeks. He had requested a seat on the Highways Committee.

He had received confirmation from the Highways Department concerning the work due to be carried out in Black Horse Drove that the road would now not be closed (resulting in a lengthy diversion) but that traffic control would be installed for the duration of the works.

Items for inclusion on the agenda for 19th June 2017 were noted by the Clerks, these being: Mobility Scooter/Wheelchair access around the village – external report.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

Dated:

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