

BUTLERS MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 15th September 2015

Present: Mrs. Sarah Henderson (SH), Mr. I. Crockett (IC),
Mr W.H. Faulkner (WHF), Mr. D. Nelson (DN), Mr. J Read (JR)

Minutes of the previous meetings:

The minutes of the 3 previous meetings were agreed, and signed by the chair.

Matters arising:

13.5.2015 - None

10.6.2015 – None

7.7.2015 – the clerk reported that the planning application for 29 Butlers Marston had been withdrawn, following the Parish Council's response

Planning :

15/03120/FUL & 15/03121/LBC – Moorlands Farm

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the application as it was in accordance with the design agreed with conservation officer. However, the Parish council wished to express concern about the delays caused by the conservation officer's handling of the application which had originally been submitted some 12 months previously. The clerk was instructed to reply to the application , and to forward the Council's concerns to the planning department.

Finance:

The following payment was agreed unanimously.

Item	Amount	Proposed	Seconded
Photocopying – reimbursement to clerk	£30	Derek Nelson	Ian Crockett

End of year return for year end 31 March 2015

The clerk reported that the return had been certified by the external auditor. The clerk had been asked by the auditor to draw the Parish Council's attention to the fact that the accounting statement had been signed by the chair and responsible finance officer on different days, contrary to recommended practice.

Finance (continued)

Purchase of village marquee

The clerk presented a summary of the costs involved (see attached), and explained how the purchase had been funded. The village resident who had donated the £300 (and who wished to remain anonymous), had also advanced the sum of £1,500 to enable the purchase to be made in time for the Harvest Supper.

This sum of £1,500 would be repaid in part by the clerk's fees which the clerk wished to forgo this year on the understanding that the £700 be used to fund the purchase of the marquee. This was agreed and it was unanimously agreed to authorise payment accordingly.

It was also agreed that £700 due in respect of the VAT refund due would be used to repay the resident.

There was a discussion about how the balance would be funded; an anonymous donation of £100 was accepted. DN then proposed and JR seconded that the Parish Council fund the balance of £548.31; this was agreed unanimously. The clerk will forward the payments to the resident.

Correspondence

The clerk reported that following a village meeting about the former school site, the agents involved had e-mailed asking if they could meet with Parish Council to discuss the future of the site, following the village meeting's unanimous rejection of the proposal for "up to 15 houses" on the site.

It was agreed to instruct the clerk to reply to the agents saying that the Parish Council would prefer to await any formal planning application before entering in any discussions. It was agreed that should a formal application be received, that a village meeting be called to discuss the matter before the Parish Council responded.

The clerk read the letters sent to SDC planning department, the agents, and SDC's reply; copies are attached to these minutes.

AOB

SH had asked the chair to ask about the mowing of the mound on the village green. The clerk advised that he had arranged with Fosseway Hire for the loan of a suitable mower, and that the mound would be mowed. IC had been approached about parking on the road junction by the bus shelter. IC will speak to the resident involved.

There was no further business.

Date and time of next meeting : Wednesday 11th November 7.00pm

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