

POWERSTOCK & NORTH POORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Given below are the minutes of the Annual General meeting of the above parish council held at the Hut, Powerstock on 21 May 2018. The meeting commenced at 8.05pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. S. Lester-Card (Chairman), Cllr Fooks, Cllr Marsh, Cllr Poole, Cllr Butler, Cllr Seal, Cllr Frampton, David Hakins, District Cllr Roberts, Mrs A Stephenson recorded the minutes

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Pot holes on top of Eggardon

Discussion if possible to get a sign saying 'powerstock next left' on the Leigh Gate fingerpost. Cllr Roberts will find out.

Cllr Marsh requires paint for fingerposts but will check with Cllr Bunney first.

Road from West Milton to Meplash has many pot holes and needs reconstruction as has gone past the point of repair.

Whetley - pot holes near farm.

David Hawkins spoke regarding footpath 3 (Castle Mill Farm) - awaiting more information on this. Cllr Frampton could help to sort this as it is quite dangerous at the current time. D Hawkins and Cllr Frampton to look at this together.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Bunney

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN – As there had been no applications received for Chairman, Mr. Lester-Card was asked to be re-elected for another term of office. Cllr. Poole proposed Cllr. Lester-Card be re-elected as Chairman, Cllr. Butler seconded the proposal. **ALL AGREED.** Cllr. Lester-Card duly signed the Declaration of Office notice.

VICE CHAIRMAN – As no-one had come forward to be Vice Chairman for the following year, Cllr. Lester-Card had already asked Mr Bunney if he would be prepared to carry on for another year. Mr Bunney had replied he would. Cllr. Fooks proposed Mr Bunney be elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Butler seconded. Cllr. Bunney to sign the Declaration of Office notice.

Councillors in other roles agreed to carry these on for another year.

All Councillors present signed the Declaration Of Office notice.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Butler regarding item 8.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman asked if everyone had both received and read the minutes of the last meeting, if so, were they a true record. **ALL AGREED** that the minutes were a true record. The minutes were duly signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Steps at West Milton bus shelter have now been fixed.

7. FINANCE REPORT

a) The balance of the Current account is £5,147.10, The Savings account stands at £2,230.12

b) The only donation requests that had been received were from Citizens Advice Bureau. It was proposed by Cllr Fooks to donate £150 to CAB and this was seconded by Cllr. Butler.

c) It was agreed to donate £150 to Powerstock PCC, proposed by Cllr Lester-Card and seconded by Cllr Poole

d) Parish Council insurance had come in at £292.36 - it was proposed to accept this by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Fooks

e) BALC/SLCC Revised Pay Scales - a new payscale has been introduced which although means the clerk stays on the same scale point, it does mean an increase in wages from £201 per month to £205 per month

f) The following cheques were authorised by the council: Clerk's wages (for past month) £164, HMRC £41, Citizens Advice Bureau for £150, clerks expenses from feb to may £118.59, parish council insurance £292.36

g) Internal Audit was presented, no issues had been found, agreed to accept. Proposed by Cllr Lester-Card, Seconded by Cllr Butler

h) The External Audit has been completed by the Clerk and was handed to all Councillors to view. It was proposed by Cllr. Butler and seconded by Cllr. Seal to approve Section 1 – Statement of Accounts, Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement. It was noted that all the answers to Section 2 were Yes other than where they were not applicable. This was agreed and accepted by all. Exemption Certificate to be sent off.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/D/18/000518 - Browns Farm, Nettlecombe - erect a timber shed, provide hard standing apron on north side and base from scalplings. No objections

9. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Mark Roberts informed all that the main topic is the coming together of the two councils - Shadow Authority will be meeting in June.

In May 2019 there will be elections.

There was a survey about services which most parishes were not happy with regards to taking on services. They felt they did not have enough information to respond to this survey.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Various correspondence which was available for all to read.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 23rd July 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm

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