

## SILSOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in  
Silsoe Village Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Present: Cllr Jarrard in the Chair

Cllrs. I Kelly, P Kevan, L Mann, H Flack, J McGrory, R Vass, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr J Foolkes and Cllr A Webb.

### 33/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

### 34/17 MINUTES:

Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the Annual Parish Meeting minutes on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were agreed and signed as correct record of the meeting.

### 35/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None.

### 36/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

A report was given at the Annual Parish Meeting prior to this meeting.

### 37/17 ACCESS TO THE CAGE:

Councillor Jarrard has spoken to the owner of the property who has erected a 'private' sign on their drive meaning that no one can access the Cage. The owner was trying to avoid people turning around on her drive and therefore erected the sign, she understands that is misleading and will therefore remove it.

### 38/17 BLOCKED CULVERT:

The culvert at the end of West End Lane is blocked, mainly with builder's debris. Cllr Graham has reported this. The enforcement team are monitoring the works being carried out on the garage. Cllr Kelly will assess the culvert when he meets with the drainage officer in respect of the new development.

### 39/17 FINANCE:

Cllr Kevan gave an update at the previous meeting.

Payments this month:

£4164.00 S Deare

£855 R Shrimplin

£1142.92 & £524.66 Grangers

£263.81 P Biscoe

£143.22 A Muskett

£595.00 BAPTC

£2095.31 EON

£455.00 Neighbourhood Plan (H Flack)

Cllr Kelly has organised a job description and contract for the new Clerk.# The pay rate provided by the previous Clerk did not fit in with the current rates of pay so a new rate has been agreed in accordance with national guidelines. Further review of this will need to take place on completion of CILCA. Payments will be set up through Bedford Borough Council.

The Clerk and Cllr Kevan will meet to finalise the Audit prior to the next meeting.

40/17 PLANNING:

None

41/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Anglian Water joins with NWG information.
- Rural England magazine and AGM details.
- Hag's booklet.

42/17 AOB:

- Cllr Flack has met with Andy Muskett to discuss Christmas lighting. Permission for usage of electricity needs to be sought from residents. The expected costs of erecting and removing the lights are £250 per day for approximately 5 days. The Community Support group have agreed to cover some costs and the Parish Council were asked to contribute. Cllr Mann put forward the suggestion of a contribution of £500; this was seconded by Cllr McGrory. All Councillors agreed.
- Lighting at the entrance to the new estate is down, it has been reported, and the Clerk will report it again.
- £455 expenses on the Neighbourhood Plan but the grant has not yet been received. All Councillors agreed to cover the costs.
- At the top end of West End Rd by the footpath a fence has been put up and a resident is complaining. Cllr Kelly will look into this.
- Residents have been complaining about the bottle bank, noise, it being over filled and rubbish being dumped. There is no longer going to be a new bottle bank at the sports centre so a decision on whether to have it removed needs to be made? Clerk will list it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### 32/17 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.