

COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of The Joint Parish Councils of Covenham St Bartholomew and Covenham St Mary which took place on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms, Main Road, Covenham St Bartholomew

Before the meeting commenced the Cllr Cooling on behalf of all the Parish Councillors gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Aldridge for his 26 years of service to the villages. Cllr Aldridge was presented with a card and gifts as a token of their appreciation of all his tireless work and support to the Villages and best wishes for the future were given.

AGENDA - Minutes

1. Appointment of Clerk for the meeting – Cllr Emma Cooling offered
2. Apologies: Cllr Lee and Amanda Daniels, Cllr Chris Denny and Cllr Dave Tall
3. Code of conduct – reminder to all Cllrs given
4. Declaration of Interest: None
Cllr Tony Bridges recently re-elected at LCC chaired the meeting to oversee the election of officers.
5. Election of officers:
 - The first nomination was for the chair, Cllr Brader nominated Emma Cooling and this was seconded by Cllr Gulley-Brown. Cllr Cooling accepted this post and therefore was elected the chairperson of the Covenham parish council.
 - The second nomination was for the vice chairman and Cllr Beasley nominated Cllr Nicky Gulley-Brown and Cllr Fields seconded this motion Cllr Gulley-Brown accepted the post
 - The third post of responsible Officer/Clerk was not elected and it was agreed that Cllr Bridges would approach the Clerk of Tetney Parish Council Sue Booth to enquire if she would be interested in carrying out this post. It was arranged that Sue Booth would contact the Chairperson as soon as possible. It was agreed that if this wasn't viable then an advert for the post would be published. All in favour.
 - The Chairperson Cllr Cooling took the chair and continued with the meeting.
6. Completion of Acceptance to Office Forms and the Declaration of Interest Forms took place.
7. Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes 5th April 2017 Cllr Gulley-Brown proposed the approval and Cllr Fields seconded it and all were in favour.
8. Open Forum – There were no members of the public present.
ELDC – No representative present.
LCC – Cllr Bridges present and a warm welcome was given to him. His update focused upon the lots of emails received about grass cutting on the grass verges. He stated that these would take place but due to financial challenges the frequently of cuts had been scaled back due to budgetary constraints.
7. Nomination of Covenham Emergency Officer – Cllr Beasley stated that he would voluntary for this post. Cllr Gulley – Brown proposed that Cllr Beasley should take up this post and this was seconded by Cllr Fields. All were in favour of this.
8. Completion of the Audit for Grant Thornton – This had been completed prior to the meeting and ready to be sent off with the accounts.

9. The Transparency Funding was discussed and agreed that the questionnaire to apply for the funding to be completed, Cllr Gulley-Brown offered to do this. Cllr Beasley proposed that Cllr Gulley-Brown to do this and Cllr Fields seconded this. All were in favour of this.
10. The details of the Public Space Protection Order – Dog Fouling consultation was looked at and discussed. It was agreed that no action was required.
11. Bills for payment – already agreed at the AGM meeting prior to this meeting
12. Planning application was looked at and discussed. Cllr Beasley proposed that the planning application is to be objected against and this was seconded by Cllr Gulley-Brown. All were in favour of this.
13. The fees for the use of the Parish rooms discussed and all in favour to keep them the same as last year.
14. Grass cutting at St. Marys churchyard discussed and Cllr Gulley-Brown proposed it continues and Cllr Brader seconded this. All were in favour of this.
15. Correspondence – None
16. Other Matters - None
17. The meeting closed at 8.50pm
18. The date of the next meeting agreed to take place on Wednesday 12th July 2017