

Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 19.30 hours in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley

Members Present	Cllr Jones (Chair) Cllr Linsell (Vice Chair) Cllr Hinxman Cllr Garratt Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
Others in Attendance	Borough Cllr Howes, County Cllr Matthews and two members of the public.

Minute	Action	Action
651	To receive and approve apologies: Cllr Anderson Work Commitments	
652	Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda: None declared.	
653	To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 st February 2017 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Linsell Seconded Cllr Garratt	
654	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: Following the successful bid to the Big Lottery for funding to re-clad the Village Hall and the subsequent receipt of £8,132.00, Cllr Linsell agreed on behalf of the Council to write to Richard Knight (Trustee of Village Hall) setting out the required terms and conditions. Cllr Linsell suggested that a letter be sent to David Wheway, Chair of the Church Lane Residents Committee clarifying the Council's position in any potential fund raising for the repairs to Church Lane. The Chair agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee clarifying that the annual charge would now be made up of 10 meetings a year at £10 per meeting and a discretionary top up donation of £140 on behalf of the village to enable the Committee to meet its costs. Also to request a copy of the Village Hall accounts to display on the parish council website.	AL BJ BJ
655	Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: There were no matters raised at this point.	
656	Ongoing Matters: (i) Unitary Status: Borough Cllr Howes and County Cllr Matthews presented an overview of the local government's position on Unitary Status, where the function of the district, borough and county councils are combined to produce a unified single authority. At this stage the Council agreed to be mindful of any ongoing discussions and to put on the agenda as a standing item.	
	(ii) Access to Dingley Hall Park: The Chair reported that two local residents had volunteered to administer the new 'Access to Dingley Hall Park' scheme which should be up and running in April. This will involve an annual subscription of £25 per person to cover administration. Any surplus will be donated to a charity designated by the Parish Council.	

Chairman Date

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	<p>(iii) Rural Forum: Cllr Garratt attended and gave a brief overview from the meeting on 2nd February. He drew the Council's attention to 'fly tipping' which was on the agenda for the next meeting in June. Full minutes of this meeting can be found on Kettering Borough Council's website http://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/committee/19/rural_forum</p>							
	<p>(iv) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Hinxman reported no crime statistics for this month, however the Council was made aware of a recent spate of break-ins to barns and sheds and incidents of hare-coursing in the area. Cllr Hinxman presented the final draft of the village survey which has been expanded to look at issues that the Council may wish to consider. He advised that he had contacted the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for an introductory letter to be circulated with the survey encouraging residents to register with the scheme. Cllr Hinxman requested that the Council consider and comment on the survey ready for circulation by the end of March.</p>	All Cllrs						
	<p>(v) : Village Hall - Appointment of Representative: The Council discussed the merits of appointing a village hall representative to attend meetings and feedback to the Council, Cllr Jones will contact the Village Hall Committee to gauge its views on the matter.</p>	BJ						
657	<p>Planning: KET/2017/0082 Warren Lodge Farm Change of use and refurbishment of dwelling and outbuildings to guest house, construction of garage, driveway and parking The Council discussed this application at some length, including its effect on the neighbouring property. With two guest houses in such close proximity, concerns were raised at the high concentration of vehicles potentially entering and exiting from a very busy main road with a history of serious traffic collisions. These concerns will be passed to Kettering Borough Council Planning Department.</p> <p>KET/2016/0871 8 Harborough Road Certificate of Lawfulness Creation of vehicular access The Council noted that this application had been withdrawn and a new full application had been submitted by the applicant.</p> <p>The members of the public left the meeting at this point (9.24pm)</p>	JM						
658	<p>Financial Matters: (i) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="225 1525 1342 1599"> <tr> <td>100522</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses February</td> <td>£261.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100523</td> <td>Wilko – Ink Cartridge</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts Big Lottery Fund – Re-cladding Village Hall £8,312.00</p> <p>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation Current Account £11,435.03 Total Balance of Reserves <u>£11,435.03</u></p> <p>The Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statement was unanimously approved and then duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	100522	J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses February	£261.71	100523	Wilko – Ink Cartridge	£20.00	
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659	<p>Parish Highways Report: (i) Speed Camera Update: County Cllr Matthews informed the Council that the Vehicle Activated Speed Camera would be shared between the Welland Valley villages for three weeks each on a rolling basis. The Camera would be in Dingley from 3rd April to 24th April. The Clerk advised that the parish had not yet received the Section 50 Licence or the identified locations for the equipment and agreed to follow this up with Northamptonshire Highways.</p>	JM
660	<p>Correspondence: Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. KBC – Town and Parish Council Planning Consultation II. KBC – Council agenda III. KBC – Standards Advisory Committee Papers IV. NCC Highways – Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire V. Police - Crime Statistics VI. County Cllr Matthews – VAS Camera 2017 Programme 	
661	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting: Unitary Status Fly Tipping</p>	
662	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 9.43 pm

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