

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Victory Hall.

**AGENDA:**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes as circulated
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Accounts to pay and approve accounts to date
6. Any other business
7. Date(s) of next meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Victory Hall, Partney at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr J Hudson MBE, Mr. M Lovelock, Mrs A Lovelock, Mr N Blanchard, Mrs. ME Dawson, Mr. P Middleton, Mr. J Boulton, Mrs. E Middleton

Two members of the public – Mr and Mrs I Donnelly

**1. Apologises:** Mr. S Oliver

**2. Minutes as circulated:**

Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman (sheets 168- 169)

Proposed: Mr J Hudson, Seconded: Mrs B Dawson

**3. Matters Arising:**

- **Planning Application for Lorry Park:** No further information available.
- **Louth and Horncastle Constituency Commission:** Mrs. B Dawson enquired about the completion of the survey to seek views on local life. This has not yet been completed. The Chairman and Mr. M Lovelock agreed to follow this up and submit a formal response on behalf of the Parish Council
- **Bus Shelter:** A Highway Officer is due to make an inspection of the village and will support with the issues highlighted in the previous minutes.

**4. Correspondence:**

- **Amendments to Planning Application:** for Mr. R Oliver, Field Farm, Skegness Road, PE23 4PY. The amended plans were made available to view. The number of houses has been reduced from four properties to two detached houses situated at the side of the drive to Field Farm.
- **ELDC Footway Lighting:** Parish Councillors have been made aware by email that the County Council is actively pursuing ways to reduce its budget outlay and that the Government funding to support local services will also

reduce. It is proposed that Parish Councils will take on the responsibility for the running costs and maintenance of the footway lighting in the village in order to safeguard their future. There are four footway lights in Partney. Safety concerns were raised if the lighting was turned off. The issue was discussed fully and the Parish Council agreed to look into continuing to provide this facility for Partney with the likelihood that the cost will lead to a small increase in the Parish Precept.

- **Future Funding of Parish Council Elections:** The Parish Council have received notification that from 2016/17 the County Council will no longer fund the cost of Parish Elections and this will be recharged to the Parish Council. There is a need for Parish Councils to make financial plans to cover this cost. The cost for a Parish By- Election is £2,000. This was discussed and this new additional cost to the Parish Council to be considered when setting the Precept Budget. Mrs. E Middleton expressed concerns that the Parish Council may face additional cost in the future and there is a need to maintain a reserve.

#### 5. **Accounts to Pay and Approve Accounts to Date**

Mrs Middleton made the Parish Council accounts available and fully explained the accounts. Two cheques payments to be made:

Grass Cutting Cemetery £581

Anglian Water £11

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr P Middleton for the excellent upkeep of the cemetery; members of the public had also passed on their appreciation.

Mr. M Lovelock highlighted that the grant for the Parish Council laptop and printer on the accounts also included money for an internet connection in the Victory Hall. Mr. M Lovelock has investigated the various options and the initial cost to the Parish Council would be £81 the Victory Hall Committee would meet the future charges. It was agreed to fund this initial cost.

#### Precept

The Chairman invited discussion on whether there should be an increase in the existing rate considering that the Parish Council will need additional funding to cover the cost of the footway lighting and the funds to meet the cost of future elections. It was agreed to move money to the deposit account to maintain a balance of £2,000 and £200 to cover repairs to footway lighting. It was agreed to increase the precept by 5%. The agreed Precept was set at £2,045

#### 6. **Any other Business:**

- **Bollard Disappeared at the A16 Roundabout:** A letter to be sent to the Highways Department

- **Hedge on Chapel Lane:** Overhanging hedge causing an obstruction making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. The Chairman and Mr. M Lovelock to contact the executor of the property.
- **Pot holes on Harding's Lane:** Mr. P Middleton expressed concerns about the number of pot holes along Harding's Lane. This will be highlighted to the Highway officer when he visits Partney. Mr M Lovelock informed the Parish Council of a website, [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com) where members of the public can report potholes.

The Chairman invited any comments from the members of the public present. Mr. Donalley suggested that the information on the footway lighting could be displayed on the notice board

#### **7. Time & Date of Next Meeting(s) 2016**

March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> May (AGM) at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed by Chairman .....