

SMEATONS WITH HORNBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (back room), Great Smeaton.

Present: N Frost, P Spence, G Newnam, G Tuer,, N Temple, G Fisher, S Watson, A Barker
& PCSO Iain McNeill

- 1. Absence:** G Lidster
- 2. Minutes of meetings** - Parish Meeting held Wednesday 30th September agreed and signed off.
- 3. Crime report** – The report received from PCSO McNeill was discussed. Several burglaries in the area have recently been committed and there is a security awareness programme ongoing.
- 4. Matters arising:**

Parish Website – The Parish website is now fully up and running. Further possibilities to enhance the website to provide further Parish information will be discussed at the next meeting.

A1 Roadworks – Cllr Frost has contacted our local MP, Rishi Sunak, to report the problem of large vehicles travelling through the village. Unfortunately it's difficult to control if no speeding traffic is travelling through the village. The A1 improvements are due to be completed within 6 months so this should see the end of any problems. Highways England have contacted local haulage firms to make them aware of the traffic issues and to ask for consideration by the drivers. Cllr Frost is to approach the Highways Agency to request that an illuminated speed awareness sign can be placed in the village on a temporary basis.

Public Open Space, Sport & Recreation Action Plan – Further to the letter received from HDC advising that an amount of £8910.16 is available to Smeatons & Hornby Parish Council to improve public open space, sport and recreational facilities, Parish Councillors are still investigating any areas where the funding can be utilised. To be discussed at next meeting.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – Due to the transparency code which is being introduced in order to replace the need for external audits, funding is available to provide Parish Councils with IT equipment. There is a possibility that a laptop computer could be purchased to be the property of the Parish Council to aid the circulation of Parish documentation. Further investigation is to be carried out and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Planning Applications

Willow Grange, Little Smeaton – Refused

The East House, Great Smeaton - Ongoing

6. Finance

Balance C/F from 30th September 2015 - £1638.30

Monies Received Since 30th September 2015

£0

Cheques Signed Off

25th November 2015 – Walkers (Grass Cutting) - £189.60

25th November 2015 – Walkers (Grass Cutting) - £154.80

25th November 2015 – Claire Copeland (Clerk’s Salary) - £100.00

TOTAL = £444.40

Bank Balance after above cheques cleared - £1193.90

Petty Cash Balance at 30th September 2015 - £22.65

Parish Precept 2016/17

As no increased costs have been identified, the decision was taken to apply for £1757.00, which is the same figure for the previous financial year (2015/16).

7. Correspondence

8. AOB

9. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th January 2016.

Signed:..... Date:.....