

AMBER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT HUBBERTS BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 15th JANUARY 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors C Stephenson (Chairman), R Bowler, E Gadd, N Hardy and R Hunn
Mrs J Barnes (Clerk)

- 1 **AN APOLOGY** was received from Councillor J Webb and Boston Borough Councillor E Ransome and Lincolnshire County Councillor M Brookes. The attendance record of Councillor M Webb was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk contact him, reminding him of the rules.
- 2 **NO POLICE REPORT**
- 3 **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 4 **THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on the 27th November 2017, were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.
- 5 **NO MATTERS ARISING**
- 6 **PLANNING**
 - 6.1 Heckington Fen Wind Farm – It was stated that nothing further was available to report at present.
- 7 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 7.1 Highways – Mention was made of the issues relating to Fly-Tipping in the parish.
 - 7.2 School Buildings and Grounds – nothing further to report at present.
 - 7.3 Claydyke Bank Scoop Wheel – Councillor Stephenson had nothing further to report at present.
 - 7.4 Noticeboard - This would be discussed again at a future meeting.
 - 7.5 Planning Meeting – Councillors Stephenson and Gadd had attended the training session and the full copy of the presentation had now been received. All councillors were handed a summary for them to go through; with the full document available if required.
 - 7.6 Standing Orders - The clerk stated that she had looked at the Standing Orders which had last been reviewed and adopted on the 26th September 2016. The councillors agreed the small number of changes and these were formally adopted and would be available on the parish website.
 - 7.7 New Data Protection Regulations – These would be coming into force by May 2018 and further details would be available later.

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8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Lincolnshire County Council – The Minerals and Waste Plan had now been adopted.
- 8.2 LALC – The latest newsletter had been forwarded to all councillors in December 2017.
- 8.3 Clerks & Councils Direct – The January issue was handed to Councillor Stephenson.

9 FINANCE

- 9.1 The Clerk presented the up-to-date accounts, which showed the receipt of the second half of the precept, along with an update of the precept spending to date and evidence of the bank balance.
- 9.2 The following payment was agreed.

	Payee	VAT	Amount
Cheque No 370	Hubberts Bridge Community Centre		£24.00

- 9.3 External Audit – Information had been received that the external auditor appointed was PKF Littlejohn who would provide some training on the forthcoming changes under the new regime. They were running an interactive webinar which the clerk had registered for and would report at a future meeting.
- 9.4 VAT Claims – Information had been received that changes would be made in the near future.
- 9.5 Precept – A full discussion was held on the proposed expenditure for 2018/2019. The amounts for annual expenses were expected to be similar, apart from the audit which was increased. £750 was set aside for the grass cutting of the Playing Field, this being the maximum amount that would be contributed. It was noted that the cost for the lighting would be the same as the previous year, this being taken direct from the precept, and prior to being paid into the parish council's account. The clerk's salary was discussed, noting that the transparency fund would not be available in the coming year.

It was unanimously agreed to have a precept of £3000 (an increase of £200); with an estimated amount per household of £34 per year.

- 10 **NEXT MEETING** was arranged to be held on Monday, 19th March 2018 to follow the annual Parish meeting at 7.00 pm at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed by

Chairman

19th March 2018