

Milburn Parish Council

10th January 2017

Present

Councillors D Richardson (Chair), P Moran, S Linsley and R Healey

Clerk J Connelly, A Armstrong Eden District Council

Members of the Public - D Bellsham and P Bridge

Apologies - Councillor M Armstrong

17.01.02 Register of Interests

None

17.01.3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2016 had been circulated prior to this meeting. All agreed this was a true record and were approved and signed.

17.01.3A Matters Arising

The bonfire proved to be a huge success, well organised and very well supported, raising more than £1000, some of which was used for the Children's Christmas Party.

The trees up Fell Lane have now been trimmed back and the branches has been left so that anyone may take the wood if they wish.

17.01.4 Update General Parking within the Village and Village Green

1. A letter has been received from a concerned home owner within the village regarding the parking of vehicles on the cart tracks and the tracks from the road to the cart tracks. Vehicles parking on these tracks cause an inconvenience to residents attempting to gain access to properties within that vicinity. This could become a serious problem should the need ever arise for any emergency service that requires to get to a person or property without delay. As Milburn is a small, friendly community, perhaps we could all consider our actions and consider parking in an appropriate manner so that everyone can gain access to their properties with ease.

2. Regarding the parking of a vehicle in the road outside Croft View, Milburn. This appears to be still an on-going problem, the Clerk has contacted Two Castles and they are looking into the matter. In the meantime the Police have called to this address as, in their opinion, the vehicle is causing an obstruction to the highway, the owner of the vehicle has stated it will be parked in the car park available for Croft View properties. The Police are also in contact with Two Castles Housing Association.

The Councillors agreed to forward a note to residents within the village politely asking them to park in a courteous manner, ensuring that access to all properties, tracks etc are clear at all times.

The Police advised that should there be a vehicle obstructing the highway, the public should telephone 101, option 1 and report the matter, as this can be very dangerous

Signature _____ Dated 7th March 2017

17.01.5 Finance

Estimated Accounts 2016/17, Draft 2 had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting, no queries.

The setting of the Precept for 2017/18 was discussed and resolved to reduce the precept to £2500.

17.01.6 Correspondence and e-mails

An e-mail, including a questionnaire, has been received regarding EDC's proposal for electronic planning consultation. The Councillors agreed the present system in place works well, plans are passed to each other and they can peruse them at their leisure, and if they have any qualms, a meeting can then be called to address any issues that have arisen.

The proposed electronic system would require a meeting for every planning application received. The notice of such a meeting would be short notice, as the Parish Council have to respond to planning applications within 21 days. There would also be a requirement for a projector to work with the laptop so that plans may be seen at the meeting.

The Clerk to complete the Questionnaire, expressing these concerns, including the requirement of training for the Clerk on how to use the projector etc.

An e-mail has also been received regarding the lighting of a Beacon on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The Councillors resolved to take part in this commemoration, the Clerk to notify accordingly.

Also received was an e-mail regarding the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, Councillors requested Mr & Mrs Richardson be put forward for this, the Clerk to complete application.

17.01.7 Public Participation

A Armstrong reported he has not been able to ascertain why Milburn roads are not gritted, but is still asking the question. Also no confirmation as yet regarding the garden waste skips for 2017

Mr D Bellsham reported blocked drains and gutters again on the road, draining water from the fields and water running down the road on the corner going out of the village, suggested piping the gutter so that it drains the water whilst maintaining the wall, which appears to deteriorating

Mr Bellsham has sent an e-mail to the Highways Dept and requests the Parish Council write to Mr Martin Stephenson and ask if there is any funding available from Cumbria County Council regarding this problem.

Dates for meetings the next year are 7th March, 2nd May, 4th July, 5th September and 7th November 2017.

The Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.50pm

Signed _____ *Dated 7th March 2017*