

Clerks Report – April 2015

Items relating to the agenda

Item 3 – minutes –written report circulated

Item 6 – Planning

Report attached – only 1 new application which is for North End Barns. The application is for alterations to the barn to cover the works already permitted under 14/00656/COU deadline is 26th March.

You may be interested to know that the appeal for the G&T site in Stagsden has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

Item 7– NDP

Oral report from the group

The group has received the final £600 from Locality – balance of funds £2128
A new round of funding will be available in the next financial year and details have been circulated to the group.

Item 8 – Correspondence

- Sarah Barker has contacted the parish council regarding the village field which she rents for grazing. There are several sycamore trees which need to be removed as these are extremely poisonous to horses. This area is outside the conservation area so does not require permission from the Borough. I can recommend a local tree surgeon to undertake the works but need your approval before proceeding.
- Defibrillator – as you are aware a decision was made by members of the PC (during the Easter holidays) to accept the donation of a defibrillator from Beds Fire Service. This will be fitted to the outside wall of the village hall – installation cost approx £100.00. In addition there will be a yearly maintenance service cost of approx £150.00. This decision simply needs to be recorded in the minutes for the sake of legal completeness.

Item 10– Financial matters

Accounts for payment – written report attached

Bletsoe PC have adopted the NALC model salary agreement which states that following successful completion of CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) a 1 point salary point increase is awarded to the Clerk. This item is for your information only but the decision must be formally minuted. The Chairman will then need to inform Bedford Borough payroll department to action with effect from 1st April which is when the qualification was awarded.

Clerk's report

Following the elections the borough will contact the elected candidates with a declaration of interests and return of expenses forms. These must be returned within 28 days to the Borough. I should clarify that the return of expenses forms is information that the Borough require by law but that no refund of any expenses incurred by any candidate will be granted.

New dog fouling signs have been purchased and I will give to Paul Caves to install. There are 2 for the children's play area and a further 3 for the playing field.

I have contacted Planning enforcement following comments raised at the last meeting:

Planning application 04/01506/FUL for the stable block – there was no condition regarding lighting. However, lighting may well require planning permission so if the lights have been erected in the last 4 years (I am guessing they have) we need to inform the planning department.

Regarding Plot 1 Long Haydens, the Borough has issued a Planning Contravention Notice to collect additional information regarding the ownership and occupation of the log cabin but it has not been returned yet.

Light on Bourne End – I am assured this is now repaired and I have now paid EoN.

Local Green Spaces – these have now been submitted to the Borough for consideration (my thanks to Edward Bean for his support with this item)

Bulk Rural Waste Scheme will take place on Saturday 4th July.

The parish council have received £925 from Bedford Borough Council towards the cost of the new piece of play equipment. This has been ordered (4-6 weeks for delivery) then I shall arrange for installation.

There are no other items for consideration which are not included elsewhere within the agenda as part of the Clerk's report

Item 12 – Date of next meeting

Annual Meeting of Parish Council **Thursday 21st May at 7:30pm**

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8th April 2015