

# Mileham Parish Council

## Minutes

### 21st June 2018

1. Apologies- Tracey Reynolds, Brendan Reynolds
2. Co-option- We still require 2 councillors

Chairman opened the meeting with the announcement that no decisions could be made because the Clerk had not posted the Agenda leaving the required 3 clear days before the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting- omissions noted and Shaun to email Tracey with these for them to be added.
- Open forum : A number of parishioners expressed their concern about the performance of the parish clerk in respect of her undertaking her prescribed duties. An expression of no confidence was voiced, seconded by 2 other members of the parish
    - Clerk had promised to report the potholes, as reported by a parishioner and would then undertake to contact that parishioner with the outcome. She failed to email him OR to respond to his emails or phone messages in regard of the pothole enquiry.
    - Expression of clerks lack of urgency in submitting the councils response to planning. Had a parishioner not stepped in no response would have been made by the given timeframe, which could have meant the planning permission being granted against the wishes of the parishioners and the Parish Council.
    - Copy of letter to Charities Commission has not been sent to Parishioner who raised the matter in meetings.
    - Beeston Road caving in - was this being actioned by the clerk?
  - The tree that fell on the village hall has still not been removed . Mark Butler Stoney will pass the message regarding the urgency of its removal to the appropriate person..
  - Mr and Mrs Wheeler queried the sale of the pond which is in need of maintenance. One parishioner was against the sale of the pond. Parish clerk had undertaken to look in to the upkeep of the pond but there is no evidence that this has been done. Mark Butler Stoney will contact Dr Karl Sayer and liaise with Mr and Mrs Wheeler with a view to clearing the pond but the waste soil would need to be spread over their field.
  - Playing fields Lack of action over the cutting of playing field grass . Mark Butler Stoney stated that he had spoken to Norse, who had commented that they had had no response from the Clerk to their correspondence or calls. Clerk had previously been asked to copy in all councillors to all outgoing

correspondence.

- Clerk not responding to IT tech emails regarding her broken laptop.
- Mark Kiddle-Morris informed the council that Councillor Cliff Jordan had died and his funeral will take place on July 6th at St Nicholas Church, Dereham at 2.30pm. Following an extraordinary council meeting Mr Proctor was elected as the new leader with Graham Plant as Deputy Chairman
- Charities Commission has decided that Norfolk County Council can sell Mileham school and money from the sale must go into a charity to benefit children. It was suggested that we set up a charity to benefit Mileham children. Mark Kiddle-Morris was not able to comment further on whether this would allow monies to go towards Mileham children.
- Status of Mileham village was raised in previous meeting and Mr Kiddle-Morris informed us that he would email Trevor Carter for an update.
- Notice board has not been revarnished as the person who had agreed to undertake the work was not longer able to do the job. Mrs Harmer to contact a local person who has been recommended by a parishioner.

4. Financial Business:unable to agree any payments due to notice received of the Parish meeting

5. Planning applications . None

6. Roads and Paths:

- Bus shelter - parishioners confirmed that this was now being used.
- Litcham Road- highways have inspected and confirm that action is to be taken
- The Street- has been inspected by Highways and confirm that action is required, on average this can take 6 weeks
- Burghwood Drive- highways are investigating the problem

Other matters:

- General concern regarding lack of responses from Parish Clerk to parishioners.
- Grass cutting, Graham Hull has agreed to cut the grass and pit area. Pit area has been cut and a nice job has been made of it. Mr Hole has provided a quote for continued maintenance.
- Person who arrived to empty dog bins pointed out that the area around the bins was overgrown. This bin is located near to the village hall. Areas around other bins needs looking at. Clerk to inform highways.
- Finger post has still not been repaired by highways. Shaun to contact NCC highways
- Claxton Close - weeds in the gutter contributing to poor drainage of water. Clerk to contact highways

Agenda items for next meeting:

Update on status of the school

Mileham Charity

Notice board

Guttering outside Manor Terrace

Litcham Road -water bubbling up outside number 38