

## **FULBECK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Fulbeck Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Councillor Sampson welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 2 members of the public present including DC Sampson.

1. The notes of the last annual parish meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Greenhalgh and seconded by Cllr Hughes. Agreed unanimously.

### **a) Reports**

#### **i) Fulbeck Parish Council – Summary of Parish Council Activities 2016-2017**

There have been some significant small changes in the village in the last year

- The potential wind farm application for ten wind turbines on Fulbeck Airfield was turned down by SKDC on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017. However the developers, Energie Kontor, now have 6 months in which to decide whether to go to appeal, so it will not be until the end of September, early October that we shall know their decision.
- The straw storage application on the same site, Fulbeck Airfield, was passed but with 13 conditions attached which included ecology, netting of loads, two section 106 agreements covering the cleaning and removal of straw debris from the A17 and Stragglethorpe Lane. Vehicles have been restricted to 20 a day entering and exiting the site, but the straw on Stragglethorpe Lane is still a problem and has been referred back to the Planning Officer.
- The Precept remains the same £6550, which included a small grant.
- There have been considerable cutbacks in the grass cutting of the verges that Highways are now prepared to do, and because of this the Parish Council have had to extend the area that is cut by our contractor who cuts the greens. It would be much appreciated if residents could maintain any grass banks or verges near their properties, especially where hedges and trees from their garden hang over onto pavements and walkways, or obstruct street lights.
- We are still awaiting news of whether SKDC are prepared to provide some further parking facilities in Lime Tree Close to ease access problems for Emergency vehicles, especially at weekends and in the events when most residents are at home. We are told we are on the list but, as always, money is the key feature at this present time.
- The Village Emergency Telephone System is still in action, there has only been one call this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have agreed to stay on the list to go for the defibrillator if necessary. I would like to thank Peter Hughes who regularly checks the defibrillator for us.
- The grant applied for by the Parish Council for resurfacing the Sports Field car park was unfortunately turned down, though we were fortunate that when the A607 was resurfaced some of the left over tar was used to fill the worst potholes.
- In July, the annual fete again was a great success and another is planned this year for 9<sup>th</sup> July. It would be nice to see some younger villages involved in the event, as it involves quite a lot of work. Many thanks to David Morison and the team for their efforts.
- A tidy up of the churchyard was organised in April. Many thanks to the volunteers. The wildflower garden in the church continues to flourish.

- Cllr Paul Ward resigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and Cllr Simon Caunt was co-opted to the Parish Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- A very enjoyable evening was spent in the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> May to celebrate 30 years since the village won their battle against Nirex's plans to make Fulbeck Airfield into a nuclear waste area. Many thanks to Julian and Julia Fane and several volunteers who organised it.

## **ii) Charities Report**

On behalf of Mrs Hughes, Cllr Hughes gave a resume of the gifts and grants given from the Relief in Need Fund and Relief in Sickness Fund and it was noted that the balances were, as at 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, £3711.62 and £898.74 respectively.

## **iii) Parochial Church Council and Church Matters**

Cllr Fane reported that Revd. Stuart Hadley had been appointed as Priest in Charge with 10 parishes and 12 churches.

Mr G Cottingham had received the quinquennial report and it was hoped that nothing too major had been identified.

Cllr Fane also gave an outline of the proposed additions to the interior of the Church which included a toilet and baby changing facilities.

## **iv) Village Hall & Playing Field Committee**

Cllr Hughes stated that the AGM was to take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 p.m. when it was hoped the balance sheet would be accepted.

He was pleased to report that the finances were in a healthy state and outlined the four sources of income.

Last year two and half car boot sales had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather but this year the first car boot sale of the season had raised £495. He thanked everyone for all their help. The funds from 'Bob's Bucket' goes toward the upkeep of the children's' playground.

Major renovation work had been carried out to the Village Hall and thanked Iris Morison for her hard work in sourcing and obtaining grants from South Kesteven District Council and WREN. He also thanked Cllr Morison and Mr G Cottingham for their support.

The diary events were noted.

Thanks were also given to Lesley Rand for her donation of £250 towards the Firework Display and to Fulbeck Communications for £1000 towards the new curtains in the Hall.

Cllr Hughes pointed out that with an older building regular maintenance and up-dating was required.

2. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

