

CRIDLING STUBBS PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING October 19th 2016 7.00 pm

Members present: Alan Anderson-Coe, Lorna Haddock, Robert Klaasen, Ian Phillips
Clerk: Lynda Anderson-Coe

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Debbie White (SDC Councillor), Mark Stringer
- 2. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest in the following business to be transacted**
None.
- 3. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2016 as a true record.**
Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 31st August**
 - Footpaths
This was brought up in Public Time at the last meeting following comment in Citizenlink and appears to be an initiative based solely on Selby itself, to promote the health benefits of walking on guided footpaths.
 - Chairman's business
Further to the discussion at the last meeting the Clerk has been in touch with SDC Democratic Services. If any Councillor resigns, his resignation has immediate effect. The Clerk would inform Selby DC who would issue a notice announcing a casual vacancy. If there is a suitable response the person can be co-opted onto the Council and serves out the remainder of the term of office. If there are multiple responses, or if enough residents request it an election can be held. If there is no response Selby DC will offer support and guidance.
We have also been advised that once a Councillor has been elected the residency rule no longer applies so long as he can continue his duties.
- 5. Public Time**
A comment was made in anticipation of the later discussion under Planning. A resident expressed concern that he had drainage pipes very close to the surface running through land with proposed development.
- 6. Standing orders**
There were no amendments.
- 7. Correspondence**
 - Response sent to resident following our last meeting. There has been no further communication.
 - Clerk responded to an email earlier in the year concerning access to online services – an initiative from Selby about how they can help the village. She has now had a follow-up to say they will be in touch shortly.
 - Communication regarding consultation about the removal by BT of certain red phone boxes. It would appear that the one in Cridling Stubbs is not under immediate threat.
- 8. Training**
Chairman and Clerk attended training earlier in the month on financial management to ensure that everything that would be handed over to the new clerk was in order. We were advised that we should make sure everything we spend money on is within our statutory remit (things like grass-cutting, playgrounds, contributions to community building) and that we can apply Section 137 for anything that can be described in no other way than 'for the benefit of the community'. In any one year this is limited to £7.42 per elector or just less than £1000 per year. The purchase of the beacon would fall under this heading, and probably training costs for councillors.

The issue of reserves was also discussed and it was stated that 6 to 12 months of revenue costs is reasonable as a reserve figure, which is currently about what we hold (we're about 12 months, having inherited more)

9. Planning applications.

The Clerk advised Councillors about the consultation for a new gas-fired power station at Eggborough.

2016/1080. ful planning application for conversion of lean-to agricultural building to private stables, blocking up walls to barn and creation of riding arena. Concern was expressed about the potential for extra traffic on an unsuitable unadopted road, development in green belt, the environmental impact, impact on local wildlife, impact on surrounding houses (noise and smell). It was agreed the Clerk should forward the concerns to SDC.

10. External Audit

The Annual Return had been returned and was now displayed on the Notice Board and on the website. The Clerk read the external auditor's reporting drawing attention to amendments for the following year's return.

11. Current financial position and payments

Spending against the budget for the current financial year was itemised.

The clerk's vacancy had been advertised and the Clerk presented 3 cheques for signature.

12. Preliminary budget 2017/18

The clerk provided a draft budget for the year 2017/18 so that Councillors could consider the figures in advance of the next meeting. There were some 'unknowns' such as whether a grant would be received towards the funding of the Transparency regulations. There would be additional expense connected with the employment of a new Clerk.

13. Telephone

It was agreed that the decision regarding the telephone line installation in the Village Hall should be deferred until next year given the uncertainty over the future of the Village Hall.

14. Grass cutting

It is likely there will be one more cut this year and then after February next year. A contract will have to be drawn up for a new contractor.

15. Reports from various meetings

None

16. Play Area Report

Discussion was held about signage for the play area and it was agreed this should be progressed.

17. Minor items and items for the next agenda

None

18. Clerk application

There has been one application and it was agreed that an interview should be held after the next meeting.

19. AOB

None

20. Date of next meeting

December 7th 2016 7.00pm

Signed: