

Ropsley & District Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk's Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 6.45pm in the Memorial Hall Ropsley.

Present: District Cllr Sarah Trotter

Cllrs Present: Cllrs Buckley, Sentence, Gosbee, Marshall, Leslie, Reeves and Porter.

Note taker – Adrian Illingworth – Clerk

Meeting started at 6.45 with Cllr Leslie joining the meeting at 6.54.

3 members of the public present

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES (APM 19/1)

Cllr M Hill. Reason for absence noted and approved by members present.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018 (APM 19/2)

The Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018 were accepted as the minutes of that meeting and were signed and dated accordingly by the Chairman.

4. PRESENTATION BY VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS (APM 19/3)

Scarecrow Group

A representative from the organisers of the scarecrow party asked the Council for a donation of £100 towards the cost of organising. Council resolved to agree in principle. As this was not on the agenda, the item will be included for the next meeting to formally approve.

Gary Reeves, Ropsley Colts

- Football Club now has 120 members
- Playing in two leagues
- Have been awarded Charity Standard Status

Ropsley Baboons

A report was read out by a representative from the Club

- Now have 70 members. Teams made up of 12 – 17year olds and adults
- Gradually improving the condition of the square and surrounding field.
- English Cricket Board are encouraging clubs to have covers and have funds available to cover the cost. The Baboons would like a contribution from the Council of £350 towards covers.

A question was raised regarding other organisations making payments. Cllr Reeves informed the meeting the Village Hall contributes. For home and away fixtures the cost is shared equally.

The matter of the payment for 2017-2018 was raised, as this had not been received by the Club. The original amount claimed was £500 but the actual cost came to £378. The Responsible Finance Officer felt this had been paid and would check Council finances as well as contacting the Bank. Council agreed to this approach and would ensure payment is made immediately after investigation.

Matters investigated /clarified post the meeting.

Following the meeting it was established that the Ropsley Baboons were not paid the 2017/18 grant. The Clerk therefore paid the Club £378.79 on 22nd May 2019.

Furthermore, it was established that the payment of £500 in May 2018 was for a new mower as previously agreed.

The payment of £350 for the grant request made on 9th May to be formally approved at the next meeting.

5. PERSONAL REPRESENTATION (APM 19/4)

The problem of dog fouling was raised. The Council has investigated providing dog bins but due to the cost and the cost of emptying have decided not to pursue. However, the PC are investigating extra litter bins for the village.

Grass cutting is not being done by LCC Highways. An explanation was given regarding the criteria set out by LCC. However, it was agreed the Clerk would contact Highways.

Cllr Sentence will address the areas of concern.

Meeting closed 7.13pm