

BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council Annual Meeting was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Wednesday 16th January 2013 commencing at 8.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Janine Paterson
Cllr Phil Hills
Cllr Tim Sheppard
Cllr Claire Mortlock
Cllr Paul Culpin

1. Apologies for absence

Received from K Clark and accepted

2. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting of 13th November 2012

Approved and signed

3. Finance report and expenditure approval

K Clark – reimbursement for BT phone bill £43.95
Church Hire £60

Councillors also discussed the Churchyard Maintenance contribution. An invoice from the PCC had been received in figure of £726.50. It was confirmed that the contribution had been capped at £650 and that we needed evidence of how the costs were calculated. It was agreed that the PCC would be asked to resubmit their invoice for £650 and they would provide a breakdown of the full cost (£726.50)

4. To approve Planning applications as notified by the District Council

None received

5. Speed limits

No one responded to the call for volunteers to man speed guns in village.

Ashwell have applied to reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph and Cllr Hills suggested Bygrave should consider doing the same. The rules have changed and there is no need for speed humps and other required changes to be eligible.

Cllr Hills will investigate the process by speaking with his contact at Ashwell Parish Council and he will check with Paul Marina to ascertain whether the rules may be different for Bygrave.

Cllr Hills will ask the clerk to put something about this on the website.

6. To enhance village appearance

Cllr Hills raised the issue of works at the Church the Council had planned to do. The grass triangle in front of the Church- posts in the corners and with help from the Church to repair the Church wall. The verges alongside the Church need attention and bulbs/plants need to be planted. There were also discussions regarding a bench outside the Church to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr Hills will investigate and will speak to the Northerns.

Cllr Hills will ask the clerk to add something to the website about this.

7. To discuss frequency of meetings

Cllr Paterson raised changing the frequency of meetings. Legally the Council has to hold 4 meetings per year. After much discussion, it was agreed to reduce the number of meetings to 5 on the following basis:

February, May, July, September and November.

The dates for 2013 were set as:

1st May
10th July
18 September
27 November

As a meeting was held in January, the February meeting will be skipped.

Following on from these discussions and what the Council could do for the village, Cllr Shepherd proposed that a flyer be created to be delivered to every house in the village asking the village what they would like the Council to do for the village.

Cllr Shepherd will draft the flyer and circulate for comments and get quotes for printing.

The clerk will be asked to make sure the website is up to date before the flyers are distributed as the website is publicised and villagers are directed to it.

8. Correspondence

None discussed

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9. To confirm date and time of next meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2013 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....Dated.....