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Shustoke Parish Council



SHUSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2017

At

Shustoke Village Hall

Ordinary meeting

1. **Persons present** – BC, RH, LK & Temporary acting clerk
2. **Apologies** - None
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest:-** None
4. **Public Session (Lasting a maximum of 30 minutes)** No public attended
5. **To hear any reports from County and Borough Councillors' and local police** – As there will be an election in May for the next County Councillor, the Clerk will contact all concerned after that date to invite written/email reports. It is hoped that this will bring more information from these Authorities.
6. **Minutes of previous meeting** – proposed RH, seconded LK, signed BC. The chair advised that the Clerk had resigned and that CF had resigned from the Parish Council. CF had agreed to be the Temporary Acting Clerk, until a new Clerk was found. CF will receive no pay for doing the job as per legislation that states no Councillor can hold a paid position for 12 months following their resignation.
7. **Matters arising** – none
8. **Planning** – Lawrag have requested donations to help fight the Daw Mill Planning issue and it was decided that whilst the Council has had no representation from the public, a small donation of £100 should be made. Clerk to action.
9. **Verification of Precept setting** – As there had not been a meeting, Councillors had already agreed to a 2.5% increase via email. This was voted on in the meeting and carried unanimously.
10. **Potential for funding bid in relation to recreation ground** – Clerk advised of a new funding stream called Active Nations. It is aimed at creating more opportunities for people of all ages to exercise. As the Council is already working on the play equipment, the Clerk has submitted an expression of interest in this and is now waiting to see if it can be taken forward. The outdoor gym equipment is aimed at over

14's upto any age at a cost of £5-7K each piece of equipment and if we are invited to go forward with the bid, the Clerk will obtain full quotes. Clerk is also meeting with play equipment specialists to see what can be done on our existing play equipment. Initial repair costs are coming in at between £3-5K. It should be stressed that the equipment is rated as satisfactory with the Inspector.

11. **Complaint about dog fouling on Recreation Ground** – This is a recurring problem and there are dog bins on the area. The Council will monitor the situation.
12. **Update from Village Hall Committee** – A written report was given outlining a new successful funding bid, which will see, new ceiling, lighting, heating and a moving wall in the hall. This report will be in the Village Hall Notice Boards.
13. **Application for funding as requested for Village Newsletter** – As there was very little information to discuss this request, the Clerk is to email the Applicant to ask for a Business Plan and example of the Newsletter to discuss at the next meeting.
14. **Members reports** – None
15. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – To hold a secret ballot for two co-options onto the Council.** This was taken and the Clerk will advise the two successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm
Next meeting 8th May/AGM

Approved on 8-5-17 Chair 