

BAUMBER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7.51pm in the Village Hall, Baumber.

Those Present: Mr M Jones (Chairman), Mrs J Fable (Vice-Chairman), Councillors R Espley, Mrs S Elton, M Harrison, S Scholey, Mrs S Willerton, M Grosvenor (Clerk), and Mrs F Espley (Retiring Clerk).

10/17/05. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr S Elton declared a Pecuniary Interest in Minute Item 17/17/05; Planning Application consideration.

11/17/05. The Notes of the Minutes, of the last Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 were read out by the Chairman, agreed and signed as a true copy of the Minutes.

12/17/05. Clerk's Report.

a) The Annual Parish Meeting has been duly advertised in the Parish Magazine, posted village notice board & BPC web site and is being held on Wednesday 24th May 2017 @ 7.30pm. Village Hall open from 7.00pm. Councillor J Fable advised she would be able to organise refreshments.

b) LCC confirmed it is paying 20% of the amenity grass cutting costs for 2017/18.

13/17/05. New Clerk & RFO Contract of Employment and Statement of Particulars.

It was resolved that the Contract and Statement of Employment proposed for the New Clerk be accepted and was duly signed by both the Chairman and New Clerk. Remuneration is to be paid Bi-Annually, 1st payment in May 2017 and 2nd prior to the end of tax yr 2017/18. The hourly rate payable for tax yr 2017/18 to be set at the current National Living Wage @ £7.50per hr. Thereafter the equivalent NALC rate will be applied from the tax year 18/19 at the rate set at that time and will incrementally track the applicable NALC hourly rate thereafter. An initial estimate of the Clerk's working hours over the current year was 10 hours per month, but it was noted that this may average to 12 hours per month, to a maximum of 144 hours per annum.

14/17/05. Financial Matters

BPC's Bank correspondence contact details have been updated to list new Clerk, with no change to Bank Account signatories.

15/17/05. The Bank Account balance is £5454.10, invoices have been received for the first grass-cutting, annual insurance policy premium, and an interim salary payment for the Clerk is due. It was resolved that these payments be authorised and cheques issued accordingly. ELDC 17/18 Precept has been received.

16/17/05. The balance at Bank also includes a grant of £714 for IT equipment for BPC's use. The Chairman reported that he has a responsible personal contact who works in IT, who is willing to locate and negotiate a suitable IT package at a competitive price, on behalf of BPC. It was resolved that the Chairman proceed accordingly and be reimbursed by BPC.

17/17/05. Planning.

Cllr Elton left the meeting. BPC considered a Planning Application from Stourton Properties, for retrospective change of use of an outbuilding now used to provide facilities for visitors to the Walled Garden. It was resolved that BPC support the application. Cllr Elton returned to the Meeting.

18/17/05. The Clerk informed BPC that a tracking portal with ELDC planning had been set up notifying of any forthcoming applications to advise BPC.

19/17/05. Correspondence.

BPC has received a Consultation notice in respect of a Proposed Public Space Protection Order for consideration. It was resolved that this did not affect BPC and a response would be sent accordingly.

20/17/05 AOB. Cllr S Willerton mentioned that she was considering stepping down from the Parish Council.

21/17/05. The Chairman thanked Mrs F Espley for her valuable years of service as BPC's Clerk and presented a gift in appreciation.

The date of the next Meeting was set at Wednesday 19th July 2017.
There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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