

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room, St. Remigius Church on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.15 pm

Present:	David Bartrum	DB	
	Paul Curson	PC	Chairman
	Andrew Daniels	AD	
	David Goldson	DG	District Councillor
	Jenny Shorter	JS	
	John Taylor	JT	Vice Chair
	Elizabeth Taylor	ET	

In attendance Gareth Roderick-Jones GR-J Clerk

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Action

- 1 The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Councillor Jenny Chamberlin and Councillor Pam Murton

Declarations of Interest

- 2 No declarations for the Agenda were received.

Introduction to new Parish Clerk

- 3 The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Gareth Roderick-Jones

Residents Forum

- 4 a Traffic has caused considerable damage to the verges and banks along Snow Street causing a build-up of mud on the road. This was exacerbated recently when police diverted traffic along Snow Street following an accident on the main road.

There is also a build-up of mud on Hall Road.

The land drain on the green has been damaged and repairs carried out were of poor standard – the owner is having the repairs re-done.

SNDC Highways need to be contacted for street cleaning to be carried out

GR-J

b concern was voiced over a van which has been seen near the recycling centre, either abandoned or, as it has also been seen elsewhere, being used as a free mobile advertising board. This will be investigated and if necessary a photo supplied to the police.

PC

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2015

- 5 The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. All in agreement.

Accounts for Payment

- 6 The following were approved for payment

	Grounds	
JM Crerar	Maint	£490.00
	Green	
Powley Engineering	Maint	£408.00

Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

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Monthly Income and Expenditure Report 24 November 2015			
	Current	Deposit	TOTAL
Balance B/F 2.10.15	£25,641.13	£7,826.68	£33,467.81
Total Receipts 4.11.15	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
Total Outgoings 4.11.15	£2,923.24	£0.00	£2,923.24
Inter-Account Transfers Oct	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Closing Balance 4.11.15	£23,117.89	£7,826.68	£30,944.57

2016/17 Precept

8 PC distributed a budget proposal for 2016/17 for review and discussion, to form the basis of the 2016/17 Precept application (attached).

Noteworthy items where there will be an increase in 2016/17 over 2015:

- JM Crerar will be asked to do additional work and therefore his costs will increase in 2016/17;
- Increased costs for churchyard maintenance have already been discussed and approved;
- Norse have sent a circular informing local authorities of increased costs because of the introduction of the National Living Wage

Proposal accepted: proposed , seconded DG, all in agreement

Highways: speed monitoring

9 Diss Town Council have rejected the idea of Roydon having partial use of one of DTC's speed monitoring units on the grounds that it would reduce their own capability below desirable levels. They have suggested that Roydon purchase a half share of a unit at £1500.

In view of the work to be carried out on the school extension and subsequent disruption on the road, plus traffic calming measures which will accompany this work, it has been decided to defer decisions on speed monitoring until 2017.

Parish Noticeboards

10 The Parish noticeboards, the war memorial and the village sign will all be checked and reported on at the next meeting. **PC, JT**

Street Lights

11 Two street lights are not working in The Close: outside number 9 and outside number 19. This will be reported asap **GR-J**

Allotments

- 12 The tenant who has already been asked to vacate Allotment 6C still has her possessions there. She will receive a further letter from the Clerk asking her to remove her possessions by Sunday 6 December, or have them removed and placed at the exit by the Chairman for her to collect. **GR-J, PC**

Brewers Green

- 13 Drain by the pond has been repaired, and grounds maintenance work carried out. The siting of some "Brewers Green" signs is under consideration for 2016. Native wild flower seeds will be sown. Plans for the removal of electricity poles have been passed – this should happen in 2016 and overhead wires replaced with underground cabling.

Planning

- 14 none

Recycling Centre

- 15 This facility is still used by residents so it was unanimously agreed to retain it.

Correspondence

- 16 Letter from Norse regarding increased charges for 2016/17 (referred to in 8 above)
Copy of letter from Bressingham & Fersfield PC regarding unsatisfactory progress on the Snetterton to Diss High Voltage Cable installation – this was circulated to councilors and no further action is required.

Report from District Councillor

- 17 DG commented that a thorough clean-up of the Snow Street area would not be worthwhile until the current work had been completed. However, in view of the current extent of the inconvenience for residents, he would support a request from the PC for some street cleaning in the area (see item 4a above).
DG reminded councillors of the forthcoming Boundary Reviews of Parliamentary Constituencies and also of then interactive Parish Boundaries review. There is also speculation about any changes in the Financial Review to be delivered to Parliament tomorrow, and whether there will be any implications for local government.

Report from County Councillor

- 18 none

Any Other Business/Items for next Agenda

- 19 Medical dispensation for councillors
Dates of meetings in 2016 need to be confirmed and passed to AD to **PC** organise bookings of the Parish Room.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 20 Tuesday **12 January**, 7.15 pm in Parish Room, St. Remigius Church.
NOTE: this meeting is earlier in the month than usual due to the need to agree and then submit Roydon's precept request for 2016/17.