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Westley Parish Council minutes

9 January 2020

Present: Colin Clayton (CC); Jim Sweetman (JS); Alan Green (AG); Mike Spenser-Morris (MSM); Steve McClellan (SM); Gary Smith (GS). Jen Larner (JL) – Clerk.

Apology: Chris Anderson

Meeting chaired by Colin Clayton.

42/2019. Declarations of interest: none

43/2019. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019 were approved. Further to minute 38/2019, it was reported that a further training session has been held, so 36 people have now been trained to use the defibrillator. A regular refresher session – maybe annually – was suggested, and that the link to the BHF training video be circulated.

44/2019. Reports from County and Borough Councillors: Karen Soons had circulated her monthly report.

45/2019. Finance – authorisation of payments: The balance in the bank is £3003. The following payments were authorised: JL salary November £77.83, and December £77.83; payment to the Westley club (agreed in minute 50/2018) for broadband. £501.60 has been received from the Westley club for moneys collected for the defibrillator.

46/2019. Budget 2020/21: the clerk had circulated a draft budget. It was agreed not to add to the reserves set aside for traffic calming or the cycle path, but to donate £500 to the Westley club for broadband expenses. It was agreed not to continue our membership with SALC as it was felt that it was not value for money. The budget was set at £2480.

47/2019. Precept 2020/21: After much discussion the precept was set at £2271, a 3% increase on last year. This will mean a payment of £23.46 per band D equivalent household.

48/2019. Review of risk assessment and internal control arrangements: an amendment had been made to the risk assessment to cover GDPR regulations. This was agreed by all.

49/2019. Code of Conduct: this had been circulated to remind all councillors of their responsibilities.

50/2019. Planning applications: TPO 126 – this had been circulated. No objections received.

The system for commenting on planning applications has now changed and the pc has been registered for consultee access.

51/2019. Correspondence: GS had complained to Suffolk County Council Highways department about the state of the Fornham Road between the A14 roundabout and the chicane, which is very rutted and dangerous, particularly in wet weather. He had received a reply saying that it had been inspected and found to not be bad enough to warrant repair. After discussion, MSM agreed to contact Cllr Karen Soons on our behalf to follow this up.

Date of next meeting: 12 March 2020

Jen Larner
Clerk