Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2017

at the Birbury, Birdingbury

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs Turner (Chair), Tipton (Vice Chair), Preston, Cllr Mrs Davy, Cllr Mrs Morton and Cllr Mrs Crane.

**In attendance:** Jackie Chapman (Clerk),

1. **Welcome.**

Cllr Mrs Turner opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**

None

1. **Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Representations from the public**

There were none.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th November 2016 as a true and complete record

1. **Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Crane advised Rugby Borough Council’s (RBC) Local Plan is unlikely to have much impact upon Birdingbury, however, the increase in traffic the Local Plan is likely to bring to the area will impact on all. RBC’s Green Bin collection will commence again as from 23rd January 2017. The bin collection rota is on RBC’s website.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Morton commented about the amount of litter around the village. Agreed the Parish Council will undertake a Litter Pick on Saturday 1st April 2017 10.30 – 11.30 am. Litter Pick will be advertised in Birdsong.

Cllr Morton advised the fence has been broken on the left hand side just after the bridge on the Bourton Road. The parapet of the bridge has also been hit.

* **ACTION** Clerk to report broken fence and parapet.

Cllr Morton advised the salt bin by the jitty has been filled.

* **ACTION** Clerk to thank WCC Officer

1. **Recreation Ground**

The hedge laying has been completed and looks very good.

Mr R Lennon has provided a quote for work to be undertaken to the recreation ground following on from the annual inspection.

It was proposed by Cllr Tipton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and **RESOLVED** to accept the quote and commission the work.

1. **Drains**

The work was due to be done to the gullies by 19th December 2016, this has not happened.

* **ACTION** Clerk to chase with WCC Highways.

1. **War Memorial**

The Clerk advised she has received a quote with regard to the War Memorial which is excessive.

* **ACTION** Clerk to make further investigations regarding specialist detergent to clean the plinth.

1. **WALC Training Survey**

The Councillors determined not to respond to this survey.

1. **Filming and Reporting of Meetings**

Noted

1. **Defibrillator**

A discussion took place regarding a defibrillator; is there a need for one, where would it be sited, how would it be funded, could it be placed in the telephone box once the box has been decommissioned. It was decided this is a subject for the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **Verge/trees**

The Clerk has not received any further information as to when the work will be carried out to the trees.

The Clerk has been advised by Bernhard’s the cost of buying a tree and having it planted by them will be approximately £131 per tree.

**15. Telephone Box**

Cllr Mrs Turner advised the main suggestion she has received for the telephone box is to use it as a library. The telephone box could also be used for a defibrillator.

**16. Planning**

Applications – none

Decisions

R/16/2005 Davenport Farm, Long Itchington Road, Birdingbury GRANTED.

Appeals – none

**17. Financial Issues**

It was proposed by Cllr Preston, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morton and **RESOLVED,** the following payments be made.

**17.1 Approval of cheques**

* Clerks Fee – December 2016 £
* Clerks Fee – January 2017 £
* Adrian Dollar Hedge Laying (£1250 + £250 VAT) £1500.00
* Ms D Stevens Website provision £ 45.22
* Bernhard’s Landscaping (£910.00 + £182.00) £ 1092.00

**17.2 Bank Balance**

Bank Balance as at 07.12.16 £5774.76

**17.3 Budget Report as at 31.12.16**

Noted. The Councillors requested they be provided with a hard copy of the report at the meetings.

**17.4 Precept 2017 – 2018**

Following discussion of budget proposals, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Turner, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morton and **RESOLVED** to increase the precept by 1.9%

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Turner, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morton and **RESOLVED**  to retain MFM Grass Cutting as the contractor for maintaining the verges and the recreation ground in the village.

**18. Newcomers to the Village**

Cllr Mrs Davy will visit the new residents at Limecrest.

**19. Correspondence received and action required**

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a list of all correspondence received during the period 11.11.16 – 10.01.17.

**20. Business considered urgent by the Chair** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda)

The Clerk advised she is no longer using the Parish Council’s printer as she has bought a printer which has more facilities on it. Instead of buying and charging the

PC for paper and ink, she proposed charging the Parish Council for the printing and stationary she uses by way of submitting a log of all printing undertaken with the costs itemised. The charges made will be at cost i.e. 4p for each sheet printed.

It was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Preston and **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

Nomination for a Councillor to attend a Royal Garden Party – Cllr Tipton was nominated.

**21. Items for next Agenda**

**21. Date of next meeting** – 28th February 2017

Meeting closed 21.43

Signed

Date