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Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8th November, 2016, at the Red Lodge Sports Pavilion, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Angie Sewell Chair
Cllr Debbie Rankin
Cllr Sandra Dwan

Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Lance Stanbury.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

None.

Guest Speakers or Reports

Police

None.

District Cllr Lance Stanbury

Not present.

District Cllr Carol Lynch

Informed the meeting that St Christopher's Primary School is really gaining ground and has gone from strength to strength. They have a new Head Teacher who is from Southampton and is employed on a one year contract.

The meeting was also informed that the Secretary of State has been invited to visit the area in respect of the housing growth that the area is undergoing

District Cllr Carol Lynch also expressed her deep concern that there were only 3 Parish Councillors following a further resignation.

Millennium Centre

A report has been submitted from the Millennium Centre, which was read out to the meeting by the Chair.

Sports Pavilion

The meeting was informed by the Chair that the current Councillors have a meeting every week. Three people have been employed on temporary 13 week contracts, they are 2 Assistant Parish Keepers and 1 Admin Assistant. A report was submitted and read to the meeting by the Chair.

Public Questions on any items on the Agenda and opportunity to raise Agenda items for future Meetings.

A member of the public expressed concerns that the Bifold door handles to the emergency exits at the Sports Pavilion should be replaced, if necessary, under warranty.

Another member of the public expressed concern that the parking of cars outside St Christopher's School was still causing a problem, i.e., they are parking on the grass verges. The Parish Clerk apologised as this problem had been flagged up at the previous meeting and unfortunately he had not followed up.

A question was asked by a member of the public, who wanted to know whose responsibility the tidiness of the precinct of shops was. The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that it was the shop owners' responsibility for tidiness and cleanliness outside their properties.

The meeting was informed that a new Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) is to be appointed and will commence employment on Monday 14th November 2017.

Any Other Business

The meeting was informed that Tennis, at the Sports Pavilion, is an ongoing item moving forwards. A Business Plan is to be provided to the Parish Council by interested Tennis players.

The meeting was also informed that the Trip Hazard in the Sports Pavilion Play Area has been removed on the advice of the Parish Keeper.

To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 11th October 2016

Confirmed.

To discuss the Consultation Documentation in respect of Red Lodge Primary School, Kings Warren Business Park, Manor Wood, Red Lodge. IP28 8WG.

The public were invited to scrutinise the Consultation Documentation in respect of the above named project. The public were also invited to forward any comments on to the Parish Clerk. The meeting

was informed that the consultation period had been extended to Friday, 18th November, 2017, however, the Parish Clerk requested that all comments be forwarded to him by no later than Monday, 14th November, 2017.

The Parish Council expressed their desire that any future Section 106 funds from new developments in the village be prioritised towards repairing and resurfacing the roundabout at the entrance to Hundred Acre Way.

To discuss the acquisition of Outdoor Fitness Equipment to be installed in the vicinity of the Red Lodge Sports Pavilion.

The Parish Council have procured brochures in respect of Outdoor Fitness Equipment to be located in the vicinity of the Red Lodge Sports Pavilion. The Parish Council is to decide what equipment is required and then go to three separate quotes. The Parish Clerk is to check with FHDC that funding through Section 106 is available, prior to the Parish Council going to quotes.

Planning Applications:

None received.

Correspondence:

Correspondence received of the Consultation Documentation in Respect of the new Red Lodge Primary School.

A letter has been received from the British Legion at Mildenhall requesting help from the Parish Council in increasing membership.

Finance & Resource Management:

Please see attached the report by Whittings & Partners (Accountants).

It was expressed in the meeting and agreed by the Parish Council that it would help in the future if the Accountants could break down the numbers in the Pavilion outgoings.

It was also noted that under Professional Fees (Solicitors) of £1,250, some of these costs were set against the BDO Annual Audit.

To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council, scheduled for Tuesday, 10th January 2017, at the Red Lodge Sports Pavilion commencing at 7 pm.

Confirmed.

The meeting was also informed that an Extra Ordinary Meeting will be held at the Sports Pavilion on Tuesday, 22nd November 2017 commencing at 7 pm. The purpose of which is to set the forthcoming Precept figures.