

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18 March 2015 in the Reading Room at 8.00pm.

Apologies: Cllr Smith - other engagement.

Present: Mr Martin, Mr Wheeler, Mr Sole, two members of public and the Clerk.

Minutes: of the February meeting, previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest: None received

Co-option: Mrs Susan Slator offered to stand as a Parish Councillor and was unanimously voted onto the Council. Required paperwork was completed and signed. Clerk will send the appropriate copies to the Monitoring Officer at SCDC.

Matters Arising and Village Issues:

Reading Room: Nothing further to report, as Mr Friend was not in the meeting.

Recruitment Leaflets: Council is pleased to report that Mrs Slator felt she was able to return to Council, following receipt of the Recruitment Leaflet.

QA: No further news on a projected opening date - there is no decision on the planning website regarding the application to build a house in the grounds of the QA.

CLP: The Chairman met with Mr Ralph and Ms Brant, chairs of the Community Led Plan committee. He stated that Council could not undertake to do everything that has come out of the Plan, but would support any action groups that were set up for specific tasks.

Solar Farm: There has been a lot of confusion about the roadway adjacent to the access road to Manor Farm. Planning Permission has been put in for cable which appears to run to the north of Manor Farm and on to the sub-station at the QA.

Glasdon UK Ltd: It was resolved to approve signing the cheque for £173-32 for the litter bin plus 20% VAT. Clerk was asked to arrange for disposal of the old bin and to site the new one.

Dog Bin: SCDC put in a quotation of £456-00 to site a dog waste bin in the High Street adjacent to the footpath between Bedlam Cottages and North/South houses. Council felt that this was reasonable and resolved to accept the quotation. All in favour. Clerk to action.

With the forthcoming elections, there was no written report from our District and County Councillors, but Cllr Kindersley gave a brief update:-

Cambridgeshire: Is a pilot area for the Business Rates Protection Scheme. Any funds over the "target" figure goes to the local authority. It would be used for Planning and Transport.

Lower Road: Potholes have been mended.

Solar Farm: The drainage system currently in place at the site is inadequate and causing huge problems for some properties in Arrington. Planners are apparently looking into this with a view to improving it..

Correspondence:

Electoral Register: Council was notified of two additions to the Register.

SC Transport: A directory of the transport services available in South Cambs was received and distributed to Councillors.

Police Outreach Worker: Rebecca Avery has been appointed as a Police Outreach Worker.

Police Volunteers: Rebecca Avery is looking for volunteers to help with speed checks and other Police related jobs; Control Room posts at Hinchingsbrooke Park headquarters are also available; these are paid positions.

Village Printer: It was suggested that Council could fund a printer for use by the village - preferably A3 and colour. The Reading Room is not suitable to house a printer as the temperature is not controlled. It was suggested that the best place to site one would be in the queen Adelaide. Mr Wheeler will look into costings for this.

Transparency Code: The Government has issued a Transparency Code for smaller authorities. The Clerk will read the Code and précis it for Councillors at the next meeting.

Electronic Correspondence: All circulated - nothing raised.

Finance: Current account balance is £3598-14.

Items for the next agenda: Annual Meeting reports

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 April 2015 in the Reading Room starting at **7.30pm**.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date