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MINUTES OF DOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Ripper Hall 7pm

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Public Session.**

**3. Present:** - Mr Wroth, Mrs S Playford, Mrs Hack, Mr Meek, Mr Todd, Mr Able, Mr Gillett, Mr Cooke and Cllr Morrison (Left at 7.20pm)

**Apologies** Mr R Playford, Mrs Edge

**Not in Attendance,** Mr Crompton

**4. Declaration of interests on agenda items.**

**5. Minutes.** The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> December General Meeting 2017 were proposed Mr Todd seconded Mrs Hack and carried.

**6. Matters arising**

6.1 Spar Car Park. The clerk has not made any further progress on this matter.

6.2 Memorial Bench. This matter is to be placed on hold till the spring.

6.3 Visit to Whin Close. The clerk is waiting for a date from Mr Barber for the visit.

6.4 Allotment Gates. Mr Wroth has a quote of £150.42 plus VAT for the gates and will arrange to get them in the near future. **Action Chair**

6.5 Burnstalk Road Safety Measures. No further communications from residents received

**7. Correspondence.**

7.1 NCC Proposed Highways Work Station Road. Councillors raised concerns that there was not a clear indication of a footpath from the Railway Inn into the new development. The clerk will respond to the consultation and make the point that there needs to be a footpath into the development for residents. **Action Clerk**

7.2 HMRC changes to VAT claim form- noted

7.3 NALC have updated their training timetable

7.4 Data Protection Officer for the Parish. The clerk informed the meeting he had spoken to the local association and had been told to wait and see what comes out in the near future.

7.5 Borough Council Planning Meeting update 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March.

7.6 Police meeting. The clerk informed the meeting of the SNAPP meeting he had attended.

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## 8. Agenda Items for Council decision.

**8.1 New lamp Church Place.** Network Power quote for the power to the pole. £351.00 plus vat. Quote from K and M for the new lamp £430. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the council would proceed with the quotes and the clerk was asked to contact the contractor to confirm their decision. **Action Clerk** This was proposed by Mrs Playford seconded Mr Gillett and carried. Councillors agreed that the residents should be made more aware of the work the Parish Council are doing. It was agreed a small article should be placed in the newsletter to keep the residents informed. The clerk agreed to write a piece for the newsletter. **Action Clerk**

**8.2 Defibrillator.** The clerk had obtained a quotation for a new defibrillator and cabinet to be possibly placed on the Ripper Hall. The complete project would be in the region of £2300. Mrs Hack suggested that the Parish Council should apply for a grant from the Jacks Lane Windfarm. The clerk said he had included the costs in the budget for 2018/19. It was agreed the clerk should apply for a grant. **Action Clerk**

## 9. Financial Matters.

### 9.1 Accounts approved for this month.

Name	Business	net	VAT	Gross	Non-Reclaimable VAT
K and M	Street Lights	£ 18.60	£ 3.72	£ 22.32	None
Eon DD	Electricity	£ 39.19	£ 1.96	£ 41.15	None
CGM	Grass cutting	£ 81.40	£ 16.28	£ 97.68	None
Matthew Todd	Grass cutting	£280.00	£ 0.00	£280.00	None
Ripper Hall Hire		£ 60.00	£ 0.00	£ 60.00	None

Proposed Mr Todd seconded by Mr Gillett and carried.

**9.2 Financial Statement.** The clerk presented the statements for January. There were no questions.

**9.3 Budget setting 2018/19** The clerk with the assistance of Mrs Hack had produced the budget for the coming year. It was noticed that one land rent had been missed and this will be corrected. There was a discussion about the percentage to increase the precept. It was agreed that 2.5% was a reasonable rise. The council approved the budget with the amendments. The clerk will issue revised papers next month. **Action Clerk**

**9.4 Precept 2018/19** The precept for 2018/19 was set at £13,000 plus the grant of £212 a total of £13,212. This was proposed Mrs Hack seconded Mr Todd and carried.

## 10. Planning Matters

17/02033/F Kingsdown Stanhoe Road – amendments the council discussed the application and asked the clerk to send the following comments back to the Borough Planners.

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- The Parish Council does not consider the development suits the character of the area.
- The site is over developed, the council firmly believes there should be a 1 for1 policy.
- The development will have a bungalow beside it which will overshadow it.
- There are rooms in the roof which make it a 2.5/3 storey property which is out of character with the area.
- The turning area on site is not big enough to allow vehicles to turn and access the highway in a forward direction.
- With volume of cars at this development the council believes it will lead to further on road parking in this narrow and dangerous area of the village on a heavily used road.

**Approved Plans by the Borough Council – 17/02199/F The Old Rectory 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**11. Any other business** (for information only) and to consider any item for next general meeting. No matters raised.

**Close 8.05 pm**

**Date of the next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**