

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the FGP Committee, held on Wednesday 4th January 2006 at the Parish Office.

1. PRESENT.

Councillors Stabler [Chair] Pugh, Tripp, Markley, Byfield and Figg [part only]

Due to the sudden illness of the Parish Manager no agenda was circulated and the business of the meeting was determined by the Chairman. The meeting expressed the hope that Jenny would make a speedy and complete recovery.

2. APOLOGIES. Received from Councillors Wright, Hobson and Morsley

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS. None

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes were amended to include apologies from Councillor Figg and to amend the wording relating to the planning application 05/01753 to read "... gives no details of the reason."

It was proposed by Cllr: Tripp and seconded by Cllr: Alum that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December were signed as a true record.

5. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2006/07

The draft budget prepared by the Parish Manager was circulated and discussed with the following amendments being agreed by the meeting: -

- a. Wages item of £33,398. It was assumed that this would include the Parish Manager's spinal column increment and inflation indexing increases from the 1st April. This will be confirmed.
- b. Section 136 grants to be reduced by £1,000 to £2,000
- c. Training sum to be increased by £330 to £500.
- d. Precept leaflets sum to be increased from £nil to £250.
- e. Notice boards sum to be increased from £nil to £100.
- f. Total expenditure reduced by £350 from £112,467 to £112,117
- g. **Precept.** The recommendation to the Parish Council for the 2006/07 precept was £92,360 as suggested in the memorandum from Cllr: Stabler to the Parish Manager, an increase of 54 pence per household per year. This was proposed by Cllr Markley and seconded by Cllr: Pugh. Cllr: Stabler would circulate the memorandum comparing previous year's precepts.
- h. Total income reduced by £900 from £112,854 to £111,954.

6. PARISH MANAGER – PARISH BUSINESS

It was proposed by Cllr: Tripp and seconded by Cllr: Pugh that the Chairmen of the Council, FGP and Recreation should meet to discuss and agree any actions required to maintain the parish functions during the Parish Managers illness. They should ensure access to the computer information was available and determine how long it might be before the PM was able to return to work. It was agreed that Malcolm Lane would be asked if he was able to work additional hours so that the office could be open from 10am until 4pm. The meeting asked if the insurance covered “key man illness payments” should temporary staff be required. This would be investigated. Cllr: Allum offered to man the office if required one day a week.

7. TRAINING.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £43 for a course in web computer training for Malcolm Lane.

8. NEW IT EQUIPMENT

Cllr: Stabler reported that he had purchased, using his Visa credit card, a 5 mega pixel digital camera, case, 258 Mb memory card and three year warrantee from PC World in the sum of £158.97 [£135.85 excluding VAT]. The meeting agreed that Cllr: Stabler should purchase the laptop computer required by the Parish Council from John Lewis in CMK. Cllr: Stabler confirmed that he would receive no cash back incentives by using his Visa or John Lewis cards.

9. GYOSEI SCHOOL SITE

Questions were asked about the funding of the ExtraCare project following the withdrawal of Fairclough Homes as the developer of the Gyosei Canalside site. The cash generated from the sale was to have subsidised the ExtraCare development. Cllr: Stabler agreed to ask English Partnerships for a status report.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of FGP will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2006.

The meeting was closed at 21:03