

Harkstead - Parish Council Minutes

Date/Time: Monday January 8 2018 - in Harkstead Village Hall

Councillors Present: Simon Leatherdale, Tony Roberts, Alison Looser, David Rose
Also present: clerk.

1. **Apologies** – William Wrinch and David Wood.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Simon Leatherdale.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – December 11 2017 minutes signed.
4. **Matters Arising** – 1. Phone box **SL** hasn't go the glass yet. **Clerk** hasn't found out what power supply is needed for a defib. 2.**Clerk** still trying to find out how to encrypt data. 3. **SL** had drafted a notice for the parish magazine, ref. fitness equipment.
Adjournment – **DR** -With reference to talk of a merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk, David said that the opposition and about 9 conservative councillors, opposed the merger, mainly over the wasted costs in time and money it would instigate. In view of this there would now be a referendum. Council also voted to remove the leader due to her lack of action, listening and understanding of council matters. She resigned. A new leader - John Ward was appointed in an election and he appears to be more on the ball and has promised a lot of improvements, particularly in the housing area. It's hoped he will be better at communicating with opposing parties.
5. **Millennium Green** – Equipment inspection had been done and clerk had finally received The ROSPA report from the Play Safety inspection back in September.
6. **Planning Applications** – No new, but Gallister Cottage had an application in for demolishing and building another garage.
7. **Footpaths** –**SL** has re planted finger post in FP45. FP44 still to be done. He is also writing FP number in ink on each signpost. FP29, which is a public right of way though is on private property, has been made a mess of due to building work at Copperas Reach. Builders have offered to make it good, but landowner not interested.
8. **Financial Report** – Current Ac. -£903, Bus. Saver - £3470, Savings - £1720. Expenditure - Clerk's expenses 1.10.2017 to 31.12.2017, £277.27 was agreed, cheque raised and signed. ROSPA - Play equipt. inspection - £105. Clerk to arrange BACS payment. **PRECEPT** - paperwork signed asking for agreed £2500. Will be sent to Babergh before end of January.
9. **Correspondence** - It was agreed to ask Margaret Harward, if she would like to be nominated in a draw to attend Queen's Garden Party.
10. **Any other business** – **TR** - Planning permission for 9 new houses has been applied for in Erwarnton, so look out Harkstead. Parishioner Christine Boon had asked on behalf of GNS, when Alton Water mast would be built. Probably imminent as the recent extra height application has been accepted and passed.
11. **Next meeting** – Monday February 12 at **7.30pm**
Meeting ended at 21.00