

NORTHCHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of a Meeting held at Northchapel Village Hall On Monday 1st December 2014

Present: Councillors Willie Poste (Chair), Jane Walter, Sharon Holden, Lynda Bell, Paul Markides, Stephen Wordsworth and Georgina Murphy

In attendance: Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk

Comments and Questions from members of the Public

There was one member of the Public present.

The Chairman said the defibrillator is now located at the top of the village green adjacent to the notice board. Training from SECAMB is due to be organised although it can be operated without any training. Phoning 999 will give you the nearest location of a defibrillator and the access code required to open the case. Clerk to chase SECAMB and contact the First Responders at Billingshurst who provide the training.

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillor Simon Arnold
Councillor Gaye Jordan

2. Declarations of Interest (with regard to agenda item 4)

Councillor Jane Walter declared an interest as her husband is Church Warden at St Michael's Church.
Councillor Lynda Bell declared an interest as her husband is Church Warden at St Michael's Church.
Councillor Sharon Holden declared an interest as a member of the Northchapel Swimming Pool Committee.
Councillor Georgina Murphy declared an interest as an employee of Northchapel Primary School.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Grants and Donations 2014/15

The figures for the current budget 2014/15 were examined at Appendix 2. All budgeted annual grants and donations previously agreed were approved. Clerk to check the status of the Rother Valley Together project now the new Grange Centre has opened and also whether there is a Citizens Advice Bureau due to be opened at the new centre. Clerk also to look into the Purple Bus costs and funding.

It was determined there were some spare monies for the additional grant requests. It was agreed £500 be donated to the Community Swimming Pool project for improving the changing facilities, £1000 be donated to St Michael's Church for urgent tree work and £1000 be donated to Northchapel Primary School towards their outdoor project. Clerk to invite a representative from Home Start along to the next meeting to explain a bit more about the charity and its work before any money is donated.

5. Budget 2015/16

The draft figures for 2015/16 were considered. Clerk to issue figures at the next meeting for approval. It was agreed the precept would not increase and stay at £30,000 (less the grant from CDC).

6. Items to be included on the next agenda

Clerk to contact Linda Grange the rural housing enabler at CDC to organise a meeting with the Parish Council. Please inform the Clerk by 29th December of any items you wish to see on the agenda.

7. Date of next meeting - Monday 5th January 2015 at 8pm at Northchapel Village Hall.

Signed..... Dated.....