EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ALL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held 7 January 2016 at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present

J Bamber K M Bamber T M Jarnell A E Jones N

K Reed T Reed A Riggott (Chair) M Thornhill

1. <u>Apologies</u> Cllrs J Matson, J Prayle

Cllrs

Cllr Matson had sent a message that the 'history' section he was writing for the website is nearly completed and will be passed on asap to put on the website.

2. <u>Minutes of last Meeting</u>

Resolved: Minutes of the All Purposes Committee held 22 October 2015 were agreed to be accurate record of the meeting, signed by the meeting Chairman.

Chair followed up on the WI planter offer, there was no update yet.

3. <u>Website and Communications</u>

Update on progress with the Website, any changes – members viewed the latest changes.

Resolved: Members agreed the website to go live on Monday the 18 January, circulate a link to all Councillors to view prior to live date and ask if they require any updates to their details.

Consider provision/need for Cllr email addresses, costs – members considered the information, received copy of response and guidance from the ICO. Clerk to circulate electronic link to committee members for reading.

Resolved: Members agreed to recommend to Full Council in January that the Council has the email system available for all Councillors, the cost being £2.50 per box/per month, total cost if all boxes used is £540. Councillors will not be required to have a box or for the address to be published on the website, they can opt in or out of these choices.

Clerk to enquire with website builder regarding server protection measures/software.

4. Volunteer Kits

The kit is in place now. Members discussed volunteer dates, linking in with Clean for the Queen 4-6 March initiative, publish on noticeboards and in newsletter etc.

Resolved: Committee arranged two event days, Saturday 5th March at Tesco Buckshaw with Cllr A Riggott and Sunday 6th March from Greenside with Cllr K Reed. Clerk to link in with Clean for the Queen campaign and try to get materials for the days and advertise events.

At the next meeting the Committee will review events and set up events for June.

5. <u>Christmas Celebrations</u>

Carols – need to mix in some more child friendly carols, reduce versus on longer carols. Band – good, book again for 2016 Christmas. Lights – problems were reported to the committee, they broke on Christmas Eve, when the new part came it was put on and they worked for about 8 days further before stopping, a second part arrived but was not put on before the lights had to come down.

Resolved: The Committee agreed that all the lights, parts etc should be packaged up, sent recorded delivery back to the supplier with a letter explaining that they did not work

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for Christmas and feel they are not fit for purpose and require a refund. The refund will be carried forward to consider at the next meeting.

6. Grant Applications

Members considered the application from the community centre regarding improvements to the wi-fi to improve reception in the Annexe. There was only one quotation and no details regarding future speed, quality, benefits etc

Resolved: The Committee requests from the centre two further quotations and clarification on what speed, quality, benefits these alterations will bring to the wi-fi.

7. <u>ROF Lamp Post project</u>

Members received the update report. Clerk to check out planning restrictions.

8. <u>Defibrillator project</u>

The Committee discussed in detail the possibilities for the village of having several public defibrillator points.

Resolved: The Committee proposed to recommend to full council at the precept meeting in January a budget of £15,000, if approved a newsletter article asking residents for input into this project will go in the March issue, Clerk to speak to NW Ambulance Service and First Responders regarding suitable locations, costings to the next meeting.

9. <u>Gala Day</u>

The Committee suggested more volunteers should attend Gala Day to help, the bag competition should be expanded to include more 'local' prizes ie, meal at local establishment and Clerk to speak to them regarding cost/donation, to have a new banner, pens, strap and wrist bands, 400 bags silver on blue.

Resolved: Members agreed to attend Gala Day, run the bag competition, materials to be banner, pens, strap and wrist bands, 400 bags silver on blue.

9. <u>Village Competitions</u>

The Committee discussed the two different competitions their value and judges' feedback reports. Projects which could improve the entry results were discussed, free compost day, maybe with bedding plants, Christmas tree collection point/shredding. Also, a possible survey of areas to identify areas to be tended to.

Resolved: Members agreed to only enter the NW In Bloom competition, to enter into new projects as discussed above to improve the scores, to use the feedback to enhance the entry, to buy up to 5 tickets for the awards ceremony and tell the caretakers in advance to encourage improvements.

Resolved: Members agreed to set up a working group to look into areas of the village and create feedback reports/lists/photos of items to be sorted out, volunteers Cllr **Thornhill**, Jarnell, Jones, T Reed, K Reed.

11. <u>Wayside seat provision</u>

Members were asked to suggest ideal locations to site a new seat or seats which need replacing with a new seat.

12. Other items this Committee can take forward

There being no further general business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

9.55