**A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE NEW VICTORY HALL, MUNDON.**

**Those present Cllr. S. Livermore, G. Rowsell, B. Hollis, L Clark, I McDonald, the clerk and seven members of the public.**

1. **There were no apologies.**
2. **Cllr Rowsell declared a non- pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7J and as the subject also referred to traffic from his farm, offered to leave the meeting when the item came up. Cllrs S. Livermore and B. Hollis also declared a non-pecuniary interest.**
3. **Public Comments – Three residents were present to report on a traffic accident near their properties, the latest in a long history of car crashes. This one involved two cars from opposite directions, one car taking the corner too fast, spinning and hitting the driver of the other causing a great deal of damage. The first car ended up in a ditch further up the road and the driver ran off. Residents took care of the passengers from the remaining car and called the police who did not turn up until one hour later. Fortunately, the passengers were not hurt but a child was very distressed. The police suspected that the missing driver had been taking drugs. The council have been trying for many years to get more traffic calming measures through the village and in particular this local area but on nearly all occasions we do not meet the criteria. Cllr Rowsell agreed to write to Highways and the Police to see if there are any other ways in which this dangerous bend can be made safer. The residents are to let the council have copies of the details of the accident and any photos to support our contacting the Authorities. Cllr. Hollis said that this is something that we need to be constantly aware of and continually badgering the authorities for some action.**

**It was also mentioned that there is a lot of loose straw being dropped onto the road from farm lorries. Residents are continually having to sweep up in the front of their properties. The council will approach the farmer and ask that this be dealt with.**

**Cllr Hollis mentioned that Highways are planning to repair Wash Bridge and thought it may provide an opportunity for the road in this area to be improved also at a lesser cost if done at another time. The road will be closed for some time. He also reported that under the Local Highways Panel validation scheme it appeared that Mundon may be awarded £4000 for improvements scheduled for 2019/20. This will be investigated further.**

1. **The minutes of the October meeting were approved and signed.**
2. **Matters Arising/clerks Report – covered by Agenda items.**
3. **District Councillors report – there were no District Councillors present.**
4. **Mattes previously agreed for the Agenda.**
5. **Transport – Cllr Clark was unable to attend the last meeting but there appeared to be no problems with the local bus service.**
6. **The Furze – the clerk had spoken to Moat Housing regarding its tenants parking on the grass verge but has not yet received a report from them.**
7. **Grass cutting – no problems at the moment.**
8. **Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr McDonald reported on a break in at West Chase where the police attended. No further news as yet. NHW stickers were available for anyone who wanted them**
9. **Woodside – nothing to report.**
10. **Speed calming – ongoing. Cllr Hollis mentioned Finches lorries**
11. **Website – Cllr Rowsell confirmed it was up and running but would welcome feedback and suggestions.**
12. **WW1 Commemoration – the model soldier has been taken down and stored in the shed for using again next year.**
13. **Broadband – this will be going live between January and March 2019 and will include New Hall Lane but some properties further down may not be connected. Anyone who wants to needs to ask for connection.**
14. **Farm traffic, Vicarage Lane. Cllr Hollis, who had asked for this matter to be put on the Agenda, suggested that Cllr Rowsell stay in the room and be allowed to comment, as the traffic was from his farm and he would be best placed to answer questions. This was agreed. Cllr Hollis reported that these lorries were often operating at unsocial hours late into the night. This was acceptable at harvest time but generally he thought that they would be contravening hours of working laid down by planning or local authorities. Cllr Rowsell replied that he had no knowledge that this was the case but if Cllr Hollis could send him copies of the paperwork that supported this he would challenge the tenants. He has done so before on other matters.**

**Cllr Hollis said that he would draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council and asked that this matter remain on the Agenda.**

1. **Planning – nothing to report.**

**9. Highways – covered earlier in the meeting**

**10. Correspondence – see separate sheet.**

**11. Finance – the following cheques were issued.**

 **Hall Rent 48.00**

 **Clerk Nov/Dec less £20 PAYE 160.00**

 **HMRC £60.00**

 **G. Rowsell – Laptop £499.98**

 **DHGLC Quiz £18.00**

**PRECEPT**

**The clerk had prepared a summary of expenditure and passed copies to Councillors. A discussion took place and it was agreed to apply for a Precept of £4750.00.**

**The clerk took this opportunity to declare her intention to resign. She had been clerk for over 23 yrs and had really enjoyed the experience.**

**12. Items for future Agendas**

**13. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 19th February 2019.**

**Signed …………………………………………………………. Dated ……………………………**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OCTOBER 2018**

**Weekly rural bulletins**

**MDC Consultations**

**DHGPC Quiz**

**NOVEMBER**

**Strategic Plan consultation**

**E. Bulletins**

**Essex Cllrs and MPs Highways**

**Rural Crime Advice Day**

**MDC Press Releases**

**EALC Legal Updates**

**RCCE Coffee morning**

**NALC Newsletter**

**Passenger News – Sandon Park and Ride**

**MDC Remembrance Day Sunday**

**Rural Bulletins**

**Bradwell LCLC**

**Highways advance notice of LImebrook Way closure**

**Local Highways Panel**

**Highways Briefings**

**Consultation on draft MD Homelessness**

**NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**

**NALC Newsletter**

**Crime Prevention Booklet**

**LCR Winter 2018 Survey**

**Essex Library Service Consultation**

**Superfast Essex Programme Update**

**Message on behalf of Roger Hirst – Fire and Rescue**

**Rural Bulletins**

**DECEMBER**

**County Update**

**Rough Sleeper Estimate**

**Bradwell LCLC meeting**

**MDC Parish Tax Base**

**MDC News releases**

**MDC Elections**

**Minutes of Parish Clerks Forums**

**Rural Bulletins**

**Passenger Transport**

**NALC Newsletter**

**Protecting Public Rights of Way**

**E. Bulletin**

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