

extended for two years at the same cost.

To endorse the recommendations of the PFMP

Prop: Cllr Long

2nd: Cllr Askew

Agreed

11. Highways issues

Andy Wallace (Highways Engineer) had advised that the extension of the trod to the corner of Trinity Road would now be completed during April.

New issues to report:

Rands Lane – poor condition of road surface and grass growing in the middle.

School Road – pot holes near to the Marshland Arms pub.

St Pauls Road (South) – pot holes.

Dades Lane – overhanging hedge obstructing the road.

Action: Clerk to report issues to Highways and send letter to owner of hedge.

Cllr Gathercole advised that he would be travelling around the village with Highways in the next few weeks to identify all of the missing finger posts.

Cllr Long commented on the condition of some of the sunken sewerage covers on Smeeth Road and was informed that Anglian Water were monitoring the situation regarding the covers that had already been replaced before doing any more.

12. Finance

a. *Accept accounts to 29th February 2016.*

Prop: Cllr Long 2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

b. The Clerk read out a list of payments due:

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – replacement parts/repairs to playground	£650.34
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CGM Ltd – grass cutting for February	£44.40
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URM (UK) Ltd – glass recycling	£3.60
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Westcotec Ltd – replacement at cost for 2 streetlight brackets	£102.00
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The Clerk advised that the broken brackets had been discovered when the street lights were replaced and approval for the expenditure had been given by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as an urgent decision had been needed and the company had agreed to only charge the cost value.

Agree to sign cheques and approve payments.

Prop: Cllr Long 2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

c. Internal Auditor for 2015/16

The Clerk advised that the PC's previously appointed Internal Auditor had now retired and she had approached Christine Hurley from Fincham with a view to taking on this role as she already did the Internal Audits for two of her other PCs. The Clerk confirmed that she was suitably qualified for the role and had no conflict of interest.

To appoint Christine Hurley as the new Internal Auditor for 2015/16

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Askew

Agreed.

13. Planning Matters

The Chairman provided information on the decision by the BC to send consultations on planning applications electronically, rather than posting paper copies, from 1st June 2016. It was agreed that the PC should consider purchase of a laptop and that this item should be added to the next agenda and the Clerk should provide three quotations along with a recommendation. A letter should also be sent to the Church to ask for permission to use the projector.

a. Applications received since last meeting:

Cllr Gathercole left the room at this point.

i. **16/00198/O Outline application: Proposed dwellings at land on School Road.** The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

Cllr Gathercole returned to the room at this point.

ii **16/00334/O Outline application: 2 dwellings at land SW of Hunters Lodge, 70 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

iii **16/00412/F First floor extension over garage at 291 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

b. Planning decisions from the BC. The following applications had been permitted:

Chairman..... Date.....

- i. **16/00127/O** Erection of one dwelling at land opposite 342 Smeeth Road
- ii **16/00104/F** Application for fence screen on top of existing garden wall a Old Stable Barn, Dades Lane.
- iii. **16/00104/PACU3** Change of use from agricultural grain stores and implement stores to dwelling at farm buildings adjacent to Bishops Lodge, Moyses Bank.

14. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2nd: Cllr Chapman

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

15. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on agenda as already agreed.

16. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 30th March at 7pm for an Extra-ordinary meeting and then 11th April 2016 at 7.15pm, for a Playing Field Management Partnership meeting followed by Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm; all meetings at St James Methodist Church.

Cllrs Long & Norman to check accounts before the April meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.