

Minutes of the
Meeting of
Freeby Parish Council
Held on the 6th July 2015

Those Present: Mrs B Howes (Chairperson)
Dennis Fisher (Vice Chairman)
Ian Manchester

Simon Faulks
Kerry Conboy
Frances Waberski (Clerk)
Malise Graham
Byron Rhodes

James Brown

1) Apologies

No apologies were received.

2) The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and agreed.

3) Matters Arising

Any matters arising will be dealt with later in the meeting.

4) Accounts 2014/2015

The accounts have been internally audited by Dave Cadman and sent to the External Auditor for approval.

5) Transparency Code/ Parish Council website

As has been discussed at previous meetings, under the Transparency Act which is now in force, the Parish Council needs to have a website. Beverley Howes has looked into this and Melton Borough Council run a website which we can use and which should satisfy the requirements of the Act. There will be a charge of £50 plus VAT per annum for this. Beverley Howes will go ahead and set this up.

6) Site Visit review/ Parish Council Liaison Meeting

In accordance with the discussion at May's meeting, Frances Waberski arranged to put Site Visits on the Agenda for the recent Parish Liaison Meeting. She attended both the Agenda Setting Meeting and the Liaison Meeting. A lively discussion took place at both meetings which resulted in John Illingworth, who is head of the Planning Committee, and Janet Stimpson, who is the Vice Chairman, agreeing that they would be happy for Parish Councils to attend site visits again and also that they should be notified of when site visits are to take place. These changes have to be agreed by the Planning Committee and hopefully will take effect.

7) Planning Applications

None received.

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8) Insurance Renewal

The insurance policy with Zurich has been renewed.

9) B676 accidents

Concerns have been raised, in particular by James Brown on behalf of the Freeby Estate, that there continues to be a very high number of serious accidents along the B676 between Saxby and Melton Mowbray. In recent months, yet another car has been through the hedge and into one of the Freeby Estate fields, another into Hawley's farm and the particularly gruesome accident when the motorcyclist was beheaded close to the entrance to Shipman's Barn Stud.

Byron Rhodes said he believes the best way to slow traffic down is by using an interval speed check system. This is however very expensive and none have been put in place in Leicestershire. He will look into whether anything can be done effectively.

9) Any Other Business

Basil Exton, who was a Parish Councillor for a number of years has recently passed away.

Ian Manchester warned the meeting that thieves broke into a locked outbuilding last week and stole a ride on lawn mower. It was possibly taken by some people driving a large white van.

Date of Next Meeting: 5th October at 7.30pm (later changes to 3rd November)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

B. Howes 3.11.15