

**Minutes of the
Meeting Of Freeby Parish Council
Held on 9th October 2017
at 7.30pm in Freeby Village Hall**

Those Present: Mrs Beverley Howes (Chairman)
Kerry Conboy (Vice Chairman)
Ian Manchester
Simon Faulks
Peter Barnett
Frances Waberski (Clerk)

Apologies: Malise Graham

1 The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

2 Matters arising

Broadband – Buckminster Broadband have been unable to confirm they can supply superfast broadband to properties in Wyfordby and the villages of Brentingby and Wyfordby are not shown on their coverage map as being areas they can service. Frances Waberski is to contact Niall Mullins at LCC and advise him of this.

3 Bank Account Update and Amendments - Under new regulations, the Clerk can no longer be a signatory on the Parish Council Accounts. Beverley Howes and Simon Faulks are to be the signatories. Internet banking has been set up on the account.

4 Accounts update- The Accounts have been approved by Grant Thornton who are the External Auditors. Frances Waberski read out the External Auditor report for the year ended 31 March 2017. Under the comment 'Reserves' it states ' We note that the Authority holds a high level of reserves, approximately 3.4 times the annual precept for 2016/17. The Authority should review the level of general reserves required and consider taking steps to reduce the level on future years if necessary'. The bank balance currently stands at £4490. After a discussion, it was agreed that this is an appropriate level of funds to have and not excessive.

5 Pension – Frances Waberski confirmed that a NEST pension has been set up in the Parish Council’s name and the statutory requirements complied with. The Statement of Declaration has been completed and submitted to the Pensions regulator.

6 First Aid Course -

A Heartstart Course will be run at Freeby Village Hall. The best nights to hold it would be either a Monday or Tuesday at the end of November.

7 Recording of minutes - Advice has been received from the NALC about how Minutes are to be recorded. Accordingly, names of Parishioners who attend will not be detailed and minutes should be a record of decisions made and little else. These guidelines will be followed henceforth.

7 Freeby Village Bus Shelter – Correspondence on this matter was received this afternoon (9th October) and will be discussed when all the Councillors have had a chance to look at it.

8 Closure of B676 and diversion – Frances Waberski is to email Leicestershire County Council to ask if the works can be speeded up and more sandbags put on the signs.

9 Proposed Eastern Distribution Road around Melton Mowbray – Option 2 has now been discounted and Option 1 will be pursued.

10 Planning –

The Old Bake House, Freeby – Permission has been refused.

Glen Farm, Freeby – No objections

11 The Asfordby Big Discussion – Not to be taken further.

12 Parish Liaison Meeting – this is to be held on 16th October 2016. Frances Waberski cannot attend and is to send Beverley Howes the details.

Any Other Business –

There has been some flytipping in the area recently.

A Data Protection Officer needs to be appointed.

Date of next meeting – Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.