Minutes of the meeting of Cherry Burton Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 in the Sports Pavilion.

Present:- Parish Councillors Peirson (in the Chair), Arandle, Baker, Jeffrey, and Wardale.

9 members of the public.

Clerk - J.Wardale

03/19/111 Precept

Standing Orders Suspended

Cllr Peirson updated the meeting about the reasons for the large increase in the Precept demand and invited questions.

He explained that the Precept was set in January before any future costs were known and that budgeting had taken account of worst-case costs because the Council is unable to borrow money (other than for assets) and is unable to go "bankrupt".

Residents were concerned about the lack of notice of the increase, but Cllr Peirson explained about the concerns about any information leaked that might affect the case.

Standing Orders Re-instated.

03/19/112 Apologies for absence

Cllr Dickinson

03/19/113 Declarations of Interest

None

03/19/114 Privacy Discussion

It was agreed that a general progress update could be made in public on the status of the County Court Claim involving the Parish Council but that details and possible options open to the Parish Council would be discussed in private and details only released after a Court decision had been made. Resolved – to publish the minutes with the information and discussion about the Court Case redacted until after settlement.

03/19/115 <u>Minutes of the meeting</u> held on 12th February 2019 were agreed and signed as a complete record.

03/19/116 Matters Arising

Charitable giving policy

This had been amended in accordance with the comments

Resolved – the Chair signed the policy and it was adopted.

Declarations of Interest

Following the enquiry last month, the Clerk clarified the procedure concerning Declarations of Interest.

Standing Orders state:-

7d Councillors with a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at a meeting may (i) make representations (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must, thereafter, leave the room or chamber.

Annual Parish Meeting

There was a discussion about the venue for the meeting, given the amount of concern in the village about the increased precept.

Resolved – to contact the School to see if it could be booked, with the Village Hall as second choice.

03/19/117 ERYC Matters

(a) Highway matters

A hit and run accident had been reported at the crossroads yesterday. Resolved – to report to ERYC

(b) Precept funding

ERYC had agreed that the payments could be earlier in April and May. Resolved – to request the early payments in the light of cash flow projectionswhich were discussed.

(c) Parish Council Elections

The Clerk reminded Councillors that are re-standing for the Parish Council that their completed nomination packs have to be returned from 20th March until 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

(d) Play Area Rent Increase

Notice was given that this would be increasing to £68 per annum.

03/19/118 Accounts for payment

J. Wardale Salary and expenses February £ 412.57 Cllr Jeffrey Bluebells & primroses for SFMC £ 16.20

03/19/119 Correspondence received

Hornsea Offshore Windfarm Information

A meeting to update interested parties is due to be held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at Lockington Village Hall between 5.30 and 7.30pm.

Play Area Inspection

This had been completed and the report is to be circulated. There was a discussion about the broken flower on a spring which still needs re-attaching. Cllr Peirson suggested Mr Gray on Etton Road may be able to spot weld the spring to prevent it "unscrewing" out of the base fittings.

Resolved – Cllr Wardale agreed to contact him.

Joint Local Access Forum

The next meeting of this group was due to be held at Bishop Burton College on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 2pm.

Freedom of Information Request

A resident had requested the unredacted minutes. The current situation and the need to have qualified exemptions in the minutes had been explained to him.

03/19/120 Pond Matters

The Court proceeding had concluded today and the draft written verdict should be received in a few weeks.

03/19/121 Parish Council Committees

Planning

Applications received

Erection rear extension 3 Elm Drive – no comments.

Notice of Appeal

Erection of dwelling on land west of 2 The Meadows.

The Parish Council had objected to the original application and these comments would go forward to the Planning Inspector, but further comments could be added by the 11th April 2019.

Resolved – to pull any additional comments together and discuss at the next meeting.

Shooting and grazing rights

There was a discussion about the safety of auctioning off the shooting rights on Highgate Tip so close to the allotments and allowing residents to bid to graze on Etton Road when the verges do not belong to the Parish Council. **Resolved** – to consider reviewing the rights before the Annual Parish meeting.

03/19/122 Sportsfield Management Committee

Pavilion Refurbishment

The roof has now been replaced. The disabled toilets construction is in progress and the windows will be replaced shortly.

The drainage work has been sorted. The approved contractor began to add additional constraints to delivering the work and therefore another contractor has been found who will match the original quotation. A SFMC meeting is to be arranged shortly and to discuss organising an open day to publicise the new facilities.

Container on Sportsfield

The container has been removed by a scrap merchant and most of the non-metal mess has been removed. The Cricket Club have been contacted to ask them to clear up the remaining mess and they will be billed for the skip hire.

More primroses and bluebells are being planted and the addition of bat boxes is also being planned. Cllr Baker had attended a Scout meeting with a Bat Charity to publicise the new boxes.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm