

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council

8.00 p.m., Wednesday 4th May 2010, in Elkstone Village Hall

Present: Mssrs. Hobbs (Chair) Collins, Cooch, Luck, Muschamp; Mrs. Eyre (Clerk)

1. Co-options - It has been established that all vacancies arising at the time of an uncontested election, when there are fewer candidates than seats, can be filled through co-option by a quorum of Councillors, within 35 working days of the election.

Mr. Hobbs reminded the Meeting that he had submitted nomination papers, although these had not been received by the Returning Officer by the deadline, and he was therefore willing to be co-opted.

To co-opt Mr. Hobbs: proposed Mr. Collins; seconded Mr. Luck; carried nem. con.

Mr. Cooch indicated that he was also willing to be co-opted.

To co-opt Mr. Cooch: proposed Mr. Muschamp; seconded Mr. Hobbs; carried nem. con.

2. Election of Officers

Chair: Mr. Hobbs: proposed Mr. Luck; seconded Mr. Collins; carried nem. con.

Vice Chair: Mr. Collins: proposed Mr. Muschamp; seconded Mr. Luck; carried nem. con.

RFO: Mr. Cooch; proposed Mr. Collins; seconded Mr. Hobbs; carried nem. con.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting (Wed 13th April 2011) were accepted and signed.

4. Matters arising: re item 3 – see item 1 above

Re item 5 – no further news

Re item 7 – no reply to date.

5. Finance

5.1 Payment of Accounts – there were none.

5.2 R.F.O.'s Report on Year to Date Income & Expenditure against Budget was received with thanks.

Insurance renewal. Mr Cooch had circulated prior to the Meeting renewal information from the current insurers (AON/Allianz) and a new quote from Came & Co/Aviva. The new quote offered a considerable saving if the three year option were taken, and allowed for the population of the Parish to increase by many more than 10 without increase to the premium; the only disadvantage being a larger excess on any claim for property damage (£250.00 instead of £125.00). Mr. Cooch had checked with AON; AON could not offer any further discount having given one in 2008.

To Insure with Came & Co/Aviva: proposed Mr. Cooch; seconded Mr. Hobbs; carried nem. con.

A cheque for £333.69, payable to Broker Network, was prepared, signed, and will be sent in time for the renewal date of 1st June.

6. Emergency Resilience Planning

Mr. Luck reported that he had been considering the documentation sent by CDC. He had identified a very long list of possible emergencies, of which the most likely seemed to be motorists stranded in deep snow or by blockage of the A417, long electricity outage, property damage by high winds or fire, and restricted access due to notifiable diseases such as FMD. Mr. Luck recommended that the Parish Council should continue to work on drawing up a plan, with reference to emergency use of the Village Hall (liaising with the Management Committee) and the Church (liaising with the Church Wardens/PCC); identifying keyholders and sources of emergency supplies. To this end, Mr. Luck offered to approach named CDC and GCC contacts on behalf of the Parish Council, and to report back to the next Meeting. This was accepted gratefully.

7. Correspondence from the Parish – there was none.

8. Other correspondence – other than forwarded e-mails, there had only been three items of incoming correspondence, none urgent. These will be put into circulation at the end of the month, together with anything else which has arrived by then.

9. A.O.B. – there was none

10. Dates of next Meetings

proposed dates are Wednesdays:

in 2011: 6th July; 21st September; and 9th November.

In 2012: 11th January; 14th March; 18th April and 16th May.

Clerk to check Hall availability, and confirm.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.