**ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7pm.**

**Apologies: Colin Manning**

**In Attendance: Councillors: Suzi Pimlott (Chair), Neville Fletcher, Colin Nichols, Keith Panks, Mark Starling, Rev Holmes & 4 members of the public.**

 **Clerk: Pippa Winson**

1. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Colin Manning.

1. **To consider Requests for Dispensations from the restriction on participating in the discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None.

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 7th January 2016.**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record by those present at the meeting.

1. **To record Councillors’ declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**

None.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

1. **Matters arising.**

None.

1. **Correspondence received (for info only).**

Clerk & Councils Direct Newsletter.

NALC Newsletter.

HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Medal info letter.

Various – via email

1. **Highways- note any matters to be reported to highways.**

Flooding still a problem on Station Rd, clerk to contact highways again.

1. **Church Lane/Hall Lane –** Discussed and agreed BC to be asked to have ‘leading to’ on each road sign, at both ends (Station Road & the A148), so that it is clear.
2. **Hudson Fen Leisure**
3. Looking at obtaining swing seats, 4 quotes received of £4-£5,000.00.
4. On proposal from M Rae and seconded by N Fletcher, all agreed to donate £300 towards equipment.
5. **Noticeboards**

Further quotes to be obtained, to be discussed at next meeting. Looking at getting a joint noticeboard with Church. Advised by Rev Holmes that colour not relevant factor but would have to have the Diocese logo on their side.

1. **Neighbourhood Plan**

N Fletcher been looking into this, but feels PC need to discuss further. Also to consider whether to join up with Grimston PC or do it alone. Agreed that there would probably not be enough support to do independently so would need to join Grimston PC. Article to go into Village Link.

1. **Standing Orders**

Deferred until next meeting.

1. **Finance – receive update and agree cheques to be signed.**
2. See below.
3. Cheques: PCC Churchyard maintenance - £500.00

Clerks expenses - £807.37

Village Hall Hire - £78.00 (6 Meetings)

BC Dog Bin Collection - £80.50

Hudson Fen Leisure - £300.00

1. All agreed to re-appointment of M Pearson as Internal Auditor.
2. All agreed no further action required in respect of changes to External Audit arrangements.
3. **Roydon Common**

Nothing to report.

1. **Planning**

Planning application ref 16/00174/CU – All agreed to support the application.

1. **To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.**

Neighbourhood plan, Standing Orders, Noticeboards.

Clerk confirmed September meeting will be on 8th rather than the 1st.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 12th May after the close of the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.**

Chairman ………………………………………. Date …………………………………