

## ramfield Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Present** ; Guy Tucker (GT) (Chair) Nick Savage (NS) (Treasurer) Marietta Johnson (MJ) Chris Armstead (CA) Cheryl Jackson (CJ) Chris Underhill (Clerk) Michael McMullen (MM) John Wells (JW) (Vice Chair) Graham Lyons (GL)

**Apologies** Marietta Johnson (MJ) Ken Crofton (KC)

(1) **Declaration of Interest** –None

(2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 signed by the Chair as a true record

#### (3) Finances

- Current balances and expenditure outlined in report shared to the committee by NS.
  - a. Opening balance £4163.04, Closing balance £4565.73
  - b. Savings account at £3322.35.
- Payment of £30.00 approved being the quarterly payment for litter picking Village Green

#### (4) AOB updates from previous meeting

- CJ has installed 2 "Slow Down – Children Crossing" signs on Village Hall and Pub land.
- Fallen Tree has been removed by Woodhall Estate.

#### (5) Defibrillator Update

- Purchase agreement has gone through
- Kiosk only transfer NOT the land underneath
- We are responsible for future upkeep. Note JW has had notification of free issue paint to redecorate Kiosk
- BT have said they will continue to pay the minimum electricity costs but reserve the right to stop doing so in the future
- Payment of £1 required by BT. Agreed by all on Parish Council. JW to advise payment method.
- Light inside kiosk needs to be upgraded. JW advised cost of £35 to do so. Agreed by Parish council.
- JW has requested funding assistance from Ken Crofton towards costs. KC has confirmed he will fund £400 from his locality budget. CU/NS to raise formal application on the Herts Direct website under Members Locality budget

#### (6) Blocked Drain Update

- No significant progress.
- JW advised of a Thames Water contact a Mr Colin Charles 0800 009 3932
- GT to raise issue with KC & Thames Water to see if highways can assist in escalation/resolution.

#### (7) Sharp Bend Sign

- No feedback from Highways Department.
- CU and MJ raised with KC.
- CU noted there has been yet another accident since then. CU has provided photos and an update to KC asking for further escalation within Highways Dept which he has done so. CU has also contacted Ben Randall or Ringway who is in charge of these repairs. Awaiting a response.

**(8) .Any Other Business.**

- CJ showed 2 “slow your speed” signs as in use by High Wych. CJ has asked if these can be installed in Village. Parish council agreed. CJ to obtain from Herts Police.
- CJ and GT raised planting of a tree(s) for Queens Jubilee. E.g. Cherry Tree on village Green. GT to action around options.
- CU suggested start time move to 19.30 during winter months. All present in agreement. MJ has advised this is ok with her also so next meeting will start at 19.30.

Date of next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

Signed

Date