

**Clerks notes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday
10th March 2020**

In Attendance: Parish Councillors Joan Brocklebank, Louise Isaacs, Geoff Mayling, Philip Sagar and John Smith, 10 members of the public were also in attendance.

		Action
1.	<p>Public Forum: Crisis at the Tallington Village Hall and Playing Field Association – explain the situation that is occurring. Item 5 of this agenda “will there be a “Secret Ballot” – response NO.</p> <p>A resident queried the Car Park outside his house in Church Lane. It is in a disgusting state – Cllr Smith looking at fencing off – he has been assured by church committee that it is their land! Cllr has been to see Vicar and understand this is not case – so who does own the land!!!</p>	
2.	<p>Opening of Meeting: Cllr Mayling welcomed everyone to meeting. Cllr Mayling stated that he wished to make a personal statement. He stated that Cllr Otter had made a complaint to the SKDC Monitoring Officer about his conduct. He has been accused of “attempting to rig the co option process thereby bringing the Parish Council into disrepute and losing respect for the position of the chair”. Cllr Mayling refutes this 100% and is confident that there is no complaint to answer and will let SKDC resolve the matter. The accusation relates to the how the Parish Council have arrived at two applicants for one position on the Parish Council. Cllr Mayling then referred to the statements about him made by Cllr Otter in his e mails to SKDC as follows (word for word): “... insidious reasons for my actions...” “... mental capacity has however been discussed on several occasions...” “... I would be threatened with the co option of a normal applicant not nominated by other Cllrs...” “... I will be forcing through a secret ballot which Cllr Otter will not be allowed to attend as he cannot now respect the chair...” Cllr Otter had requested Cllr Mayling to resign. Cllr Mayling proposed that we delay the co-option vote until SKDC have arrived at their decision. Cllr Mayling apologised to the two applicants for the delay caused by Cllr Otters actions. <i>Post Meeting Note: on 13 March SKDC informed Cllr Mayling that they “have found that there is no complaint to answer”.</i> <i>They have also suggested “that the Parish Council review its co-option procedure....”</i></p>	
3.	<p>To receive any apologies for absence: Cllr Otter – reason given “Cannot respect position of the current chair.”</p> <p>Clerk to advise Cllr Otter that if does not attend a certain number of meetings, without a valid reason, he can be disqualified from being a Parish Councillor.</p>	Parish Clerk
4.	<p>Declaration of Interest: <i>(Councillors are reminded of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare pecuniary interests):</i> Cllr Isaacs item 20 Heron’s Trust Almhouse.</p>	
5.	<p>Co-option of Councillor: Agreed to delay until further notice.</p>	
6.	<p>To agree Minutes of 14th January 2020: Cllr Isaacs proposed, seconded Cllr Smith that the above minutes be signed as a true and accurate record, all Cllrs in agreement.</p>	

	<p>to the village up and running. Cllrs L Isaacs will represent the Parish Council and Cllr Sagar agreed to be a trustee. An article will be put in the local magazine asking for volunteers.</p> <p>Village Hall Roof Insurance claim and funding – insurance company informed re lost roof tiles (storm damage).</p> <p>Funding – 5 tenders originally sought increased to 6 as one declined to tender. Two tenders received, chasing remainder. Now registered with Mick George (grantscape) for funding. Submission required by 1st April. If we fail with Grantscape we will require 4 tenders to apply for SKDC funding.</p>	<p>Cllr Mayling</p> <p>Cllr Mayling</p>
15.	<p>New Playground Equipment for the Playing Field and Funding: One quote received approx. £9000 excl VAT, too many items excluded from quote and need to be included, revised quote required.</p>	Cllr Mayling
16.	<p>Children’s Fitness Classes in August and Funding: Submission to National Lottery Community Fund last week in January, 18 week adjudication period. Decision expected early June.</p>	
17.	<p>Field in Trust Dedication (Millennium Green) – Application forms submitted; no funding required for this matter.</p>	
18.	<p>Trees on Millennium Green: Rob Golland will carry on cutting and maintenance of the green.</p>	
19.	<p>Action Group for Works on Millennium Green: No progress. Agenda item for next meeting. Rob Golland and Rob Burdock for update.</p>	Parish Clerk
20.	<p>Reports from Councillors: Herons Trust – Vacancy exists for occupancy of a Charity Bungalow (Almshouse) at Herons Close, Tallington. Application for appointment must be made in writing to: Mrs L C Isaacs, The Farmhouse, Mill Lane, Tallington PE9 4RR on or before 1st May 2020. Please state name/address, date of birth and occupation.</p>	
21.	<p>Public Forum: Gigaclear outstanding items - Cllr Otter will chase up again. No update for this meeting.</p> <p>Defibrillator for Tallington Lakes?</p> <p>Increased cost of car parking in Stamford.</p>	Cllr Otter
22.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2020 commencing at 7 p.m. (subject to what is happening re Coronavirus).</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed:

Dated: