

**Minutes of the Communications Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 6.00pm at Council Offices, Post Office Road, Dersingham**

**Present:** Cllr K Hathaway, Cllr S Payne & Cllr C Davey

**In attendance:** B/Cllr Bubb, Cllr C Shepherd, Mr Robert Smyth, Sarah Bristow (Clerk) & Geraldine Scanlon (Admin Asst).

**73 Apologies for absence.**

**It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Hipkin & Mr Stephen Martyn.**

**74 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 December 2016. It was resolved for the minutes of the meeting to be sign by the Chair as a true and accurate record.**

**75 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that there was to be no increase in the printing charges from Clanpress for 2017/18. Cllr Payne advised that this has not been put out to tender for sometime. Cllr Hathaway advised that the Council have to prove best value for money. Mr Smyth said that it was not easy to find a good printer who can undertake to a good quality. Cllr Payne said that it does not have to come down to price but should be seen to tender. Cllr Bubb advised that Clanpress have undertaken several things for free over the years eg Dersingham Centre, Lottery insert and Open Gardens.

**76 Village Voice**

**a. Current Financial Position**

The Clerk handed round a Committee Budget Sheet. Everything in order. Only one no payer for £18.50 for the last issue.

Cllr Hathaway had contacted Richard and Elaine from Hunstanton Town and Around to see if they would be interested in taking the magazine on. Cllr Hathaway advised that Hunstanton Town and Around would willingly take on the magazine and keep it for Dersingham. They advised Cllr Hathaway that it would be best for cost effectiveness to not use such good quality paper. Cllr Hathaway said that it might be an idea to try a glossy paper and less quality inside. Mr Smyth was concerned about the print being about to see through the paper.

Cllr Payne advised that the gentleman had agreed to become the new Editor as of today. Cllr Davey was concerned that this was the Communication Committee of which he is a member but did not even know that someone had come forward let alone agreed. Cllr Payne advised that a meeting had took place with Cllr Hathaway, Cllr Bubb and herself and the gentleman came to see Mrs Scanlon and then came back today because he has a few more questions and then agreed to become the new Editor.

**b. Content**

Mr Bubb said that articles had already started to come in. Cllr Bubb said that he was still prepared to undertake the old map/ old photo corner if the new Editor wished.

c. Advertisers & Finance

The Clerk advised that the new Editor was talking about charging more for pages 3,5 & 7. The Clerk advised that there was one new advertiser this edition but lots of advertiser wanting to sign up for the next year, including some new ones. **It was resolved for the prices for 17/18 to remain the same and this information put in the letter for the new financial year.**

**77 Village Voice Live**

a) Current financial position

At this present time Village Voice Live is currently overspent. **It was resolved for the Clerk to speak with the Church Hall Committee regarding the lack of heating and not being informed, as people did not attend even though Cllr Bubb had organised temporary heating once he was informed that the heating was not working.**

b. Content

Cllr Bubb advised that January cakes were not used and these were used for February's and February's were in Cllr Bubb's freezer for March. Cllr Bubb currently has Simon Massen booked for March and One-Stop Nature for April. **It was resolved for Cllr Bubb to organise up to and including July.**

**78 Website**

Mr Martyn was not able to be present but no one had any comments.

**79 Noticeboards**

The Clerk advised that the noticeboard for the Co-Op was now in place. Cllr Bubb said that it was a great deal better than the last one.

**80 Correspondence**

None received.

**81 Items for the Next Agenda.**

Same Agenda

**82 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13 March 2017 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office. The New Editor is unable to make this time. If necessary then the date and time of the next meeting could change. If another Councillor can be found to join the Committee that could meet during the day then this committee could meet in a morning again.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm.