RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd November 2016 Start 7.30pm

- The chairman, Pieter van Dijk, welcomed councillors, Robert Myhill, Roger Davis, Julie Flatt, Paul Spill.
 The clerk Stephen Wilson was in attendance.
- Apologies: Charlotte Binder, Stephen Stannard.
- 3. Public Forum Mr Boyd Coote was in attendance as candidate for Parish Clerk position.
- Declarations of interest: All members of the council present declared an interest in Section 7 Budget & Precept and were given dispensation by the Clerk
- 5. Minutes of previous meetings 7th September & 26th October (Planning) were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6. Parish Clerks report on matters arising and Council action points: The Clerk advised that the four dogs waste bins and fixing posts had been delivered. The Clerk read out an email from the residents in "Hathaway House" voicing their concerns about the possible locating of a bin near the entrance to their paddocks which are adjacent to a public footpath. It was agreed by the council that a bin would not be sited in that area. Discussion then took place as to the best locations. It was agreed that there should be one opposite the camp site on the allotment side of the road to the left of the main gate. One at the bottom of Malt Office Lane. The other two bins would be subject to survey by the councillors which would include an area near the cricket pitch and also near "Home Farm". The Clerk advised that he had received 2 reports and quotations for remedial work required on the Horse Chestnut tree on the Pleasure Ground. Both reports advised that the tree is not diseased but required reducing and removal of crossing branches. Quote 1 from M.B.Trees was £888.00 Quote 2 from Waveney Norse was £587.40 both amounts include VAT. After discussion it was agreed to seek a further two quotations from contractors known to the council. Councillor Davis to provide contact details of McCarthy Tree Services to the Clerk. A quotation from Paul Godbold Tree Services will also be requested by the Clerk.
- 7. Finances balances as follows C/Acct: £4897.55; BP/Acct: £2298.30. Cheques were approved as follows: 100466 VAS Insurance £14.34. 100467 "PlaySafety" RoSPA £84.00. 100468 "Advancescape" Dog Waste Bins. 100469 "C.A.S" Website Hosting" £60.00. 100470 £27.10 Clerk Back Pay. The Budget for 2017/18 was discussed and approved, it being agreed to keep our precept @ £3500.00. Proposed Robert Myhill, Seconded Paul Spill. Unanimous.
- 7. Planning: DC/16/4326/TEL Proposed removal of BT telephone box. This was discussed and based on the usage data provided of zero over the last 12 months the council approved this application.
- RoSPA safety inspection report on the Pleasure Ground was discussed. It
 was agreed that a working party be organised for spring 2017 with details to
 be discussed at the February meeting 2017 but with particular attention to the
 goal posts.
- 9. Correspondence: None

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- Interview/Appointment of candidate Mr Boyd Coote for position of Parish Clerk.
 - The Chairman invited Mr Coote to appraise the council of his business experience and reasons for his application to the position of Parish Clerk. Mr Coote gave details to the council as requested and following further discussion Mr Coote was duly unanimously appointed as the new Parish Clerk for Rumburgh P.C.
- 11. Following the appointment of the new clerk a mandate for the alteration of the remuneration payee, salary amount and bank statement address was duly signed by two authorised signatories for posting to Barclays Bank the following morning.
- 12. Matters to be bought to the attention of the council at the next meeting. Horse Chestnut tree update.
- 13. 2017 Meetings Calendar. A copy of next years meetings calendar was given to councillors in attendance.
- 14. Date & Time of next meeting: January 4th @ 7.30pm

Before the meeting closed councillor Myhill offered his thanks to the outgoing clerk for his work not only for the council but also for the village over the last five years. This sentiment was endorsed by all members present.. The Clerk, in response, thanked the council for their support and stated it had been a pleasure to work with them and bring to fruition so many projects in the village.

The meeting closed 20.22

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