RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7th September 2016 Start 7.30pm

 The chairman, Pieter van Dijk, welcomed councillors Charlotte Binder, Stephen Stannard, Roger Davis, Paul Spill, Julie Flatt. The clerk Stephen Wilson was in attendance.

Apologies: Robert Myhill, Work.

- 2. Public Forum No members of the public were in attendance.
- Declarations of interest: None
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting of 8th June 2016 were duly signed as a true record. Councillor Flatt noted that the minutes showed that she had not sent her apologies for missing the last meeting, she was called to work at short notice and was unable to provide apologies beforehand. The Clerk stated that all councillors have to, by law, let the clerk know in advance of any non attendance and that the clerk is contactable for this reason up to 15 minutes before the meeting is due to start.
- 5. Parish Clerks report on matters arising: The issue of dog fouling, which is of real concern within the village was discussed. The clerk advised that he been able to source metal dog poo bins from a company called Advanced Scape @ £119.00 each including VAT and delivery costs.

The clerk advised that was the best price he could find. Information with picture was passed round the councilors and discussion ensued concerning number of bins required the affordability and suitability. It was felt that 4 bins would be required and that the type and colour as shown in the picture was suitable. It was also felt that the council had adequate funds to make this purchase.

The Chairman then put the matter to a vote and the purchase was unanimously approved.

An offer of a donation of up to £125.00 towards the cost of these bins by Stuart Wilson at "Greenhaven" was acknowledged.

The clerk also stated that he had spoken to Waveney Norse concerning the emptying of the bins and had been advised that the emptying would take place once a week and that there would be no cost involved.

The location of the bins would be discussed at the next meeting

- Finances balances as follows C/Acct: £3327.55; BP/Acct: £2298.30.
 Cheques were approved as follows: 100464 Westcotec, additional VAS brackets and clips £180.00. 100465 Clerks PAYE £70.80
- 7. Approval of Annual Return: The External Audit/Annual return and certificate was presented and approved and accepted by the council. It was noted that there were no matters arising.
- 8. Planning Approval only: DC/16/2179/FUL. Pound House, Rumburgh Lane. Construction of first floor rear extension to south wing.
- 9. Correspondence E.Mail from Play Safety advising that they will be doing the the annual safety inspection during this month.
 E.Mail from Halesworth Town Council advising that the barrow crossing at the station will not be closed but is subject to monitoring by Network Rail.
 E.Mail from Halesworth Town Council advising that the one hour free parking has been reinstated. They ask whether Rumburgh P.C. would be able to offer financial assistance by way of a voluntary contribution for financial year from April 17 March 18 so that the town council can retain the free parking long term. All Parish Councils have been approached with this request.
 To be discussed at next budget meeting.

Letter from Kate Cornthwaite asking if the council if they would donate a prize or a promise for her auction of promises and grand draw in aid of Hughes Syndrome.

The Chairman stated that this request was something the council could not support but it should be noted that a number of the councillors had donated individually

- 10. Matters to be bought to the attention of the council at the next meeting. The clerk advised the council that he would be retiring as clerk on or before (if a suitable candidate is found) the meeting of 15th March 2017
- 11. Date & Time of next meeting: November 2nd @ 7.30pm

The meeting closed 19.59

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