

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 19th March 2019
in the Thornton Steward Institute

Apologies: Cllr R. Ormston, Carol Brierley

Present: Chris Leak (in the Chair), J. Brierley, J. Waterman, A. McCormack, S. McCormack, J. Gedling, N. Thompson, P. Thompson, G. Wilman, Y. Wilman, W. Hoare, S. Hird (Clerk).

1. Defibrillator. There is a problem with the defibrillator's sensitive plate inside the unit. The AED is not at fault, and has a battery life of between 4 & 5 years. It is coming up to 5 years so it would make sense to replace the battery. The warranty is for 10 years, but the electronics are only covered for 1 year. Jim Brierley has made some enquiries about costings, and it would cost approx £158 for the parts plus the Engineer (who comes from Penrith) £286 for an hour. It is too expensive to replace the whole unit, but there is enough money to get it repaired. The cost of a new battery would also be looked at. There might be the possibility of a grant, and a Charity in Northallerton might cover the maintenance. There was unanimous consent to Chris and Jim going ahead asap to get the unit looked at and possibly get a new battery at the same time. It is not possible to move the defibrillator to the front of the Institute as the Conservation Officer will not allow that, and also it would be too hot in the Summer, which is as bad as the unit being too cold. It was suggested that some form of activities in the Institute be investigated to raise funds.
2. Resignation of Clerk. Sue Hird has tendered her resignation as Parish Meeting Clerk due to ongoing family commitments.
3. Angela McCormack has agreed to be the new Parish Meeting Clerk, was proposed and unanimously accepted and was duly appointed, and will take over completely from 1st April 2019.
4. Resignation of Finance Officer. Chris Leak has informed the Meeting he will resign his position as Finance Officer, but will carry on until mid May when all the accounts will be up to date. A new Finance Officer is being looked for, and anyone who would volunteer for the position please contact Chris. If one is not found in the Village, an outsider may have to be appointed.
5. A.O.B. The Clerk brought the Meeting up to date on the registration of part of the Village Green, the result of which is due soon.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed.