**RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present :** Councillors: R Pearman (Chair), L Brady, S Brett, D Caley, C Garner, B Redfern, R Rockcliffe,C Snell Clerk: P Winson

1. **Accept apologies for absence.**

None.

1. **To consider requests for dispensations from the restriction on participating in the**

**discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None.

1. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

None.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 4th February 2014**

Having been circulated before the meeting and taken as read, the minutes were agreed.

1. **Public Speaking**

*Agreed that meeting be adjourned for public speaking*

None.

*Meeting resumed*

1. **Matters Arising**

Nothing to report.

1. **Correspondence** Folder for Circulation**.**

Thank you card from Lori Allen.

Zurich Insurance letter.

1. **Play Area**

a Rides need cleaning.

Flaking paint on frames, need re-painting - Malcolm Martin to be asked to quote.

Roundabout needs maintenance - Derek Caley to speak to Ian Chapman.

Trees on Car Park have been cut back.

b Wicksteed have confirmed that they no longer make those cradle seats and fixings so new cradle seats would need to be purchased, these are £119.00 each, excluding VAT. Labour for installation of cradle seats and plastic inserts was quoted as £160.00, excluding VAT. The Tom Thumb Unit plastic inserts are £0.45 each. Agreed to purchase the plastic inserts and will monitor seats as given as a low risk.

1. **Playing Field**

Works to Conifers still pending.

1. **Highways**

Sign at Banyards Place now installed. Potholes on School Road and Common Road and at junction of A10 and School Road which need urgently addressing. Also there is a big crater on Oaklands Lane.

Reflector posts still missing at School Road/A10 junction. Junction sign which should be visible on A10 when you drive from Downham is rusted and now on the ground. Church Lane sign has been knocked down on the Watlington side. Rangers to be asked to trim a bit more of the bank on School Road, from The Firs to Oaklands Lane.

Application for highway improvements funding in respect of speed awareness road side gates submitted and was successful, pending formal notification including actual costs.

1. **Anti-Fouling Dog Signs**

Signs ordered but cheque to be sent before they will release as we have no account with them. Additional Dog Bin request to be on next agenda.

1. **Noticeboard and Bench**

All agreed to purchase of 6xA4 page noticeboard, maximum cost £150.00, plus posts from Boards Direct. Agreed not to purchase bench at this time.

1. **Newsletter**

Newsletter articles done, MUGA article included. Paint has been sprayed inside the phone box on Common Road.

1. **Planning**

Decision notice received for the Red Barn, ref 13/01498/F, consent granted

1. **Finance**

a Agreed that cheques be signed.

b Accounts accepted to 14th February 2014.

L Brady asked for agenda and minutes to be emailed to her rather than posted.

1. **Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.**

Road breaking away outside Scout Hut on School Road.

Changes to recycling collection – clerk to contact Borough and County Councillor as no information has been sent out. Clerk to send letter to NCC re charges to be made at village recycling centres, concern that this will increase fly-tipping.

1. **Confirm date of next meeting.**
   1. Next meeting on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 7.30pm. B Pearman to check accounts at that meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman ………………………………………. Date …………………………………