**Rossett Community Council**

**Staffing Meeting**

**Tuesday 15th January 2019**

Attendees: Cllr Parrington, Cllr Woods, Wendy Pace, Terry Price and Colin Hughes

The issue of the ground maintenance contract was discussed and Terry confirmed that he was very happy with the current contractor and the work they carried out. It was confirmed that three companies had quoted and a selection would be made based on the quotations received.

The Clerk confirmed that the Living Foundation living wage had increased to £9 per hour so this would be payable with effect from 1st April 2019.

The issue of communication was discussed to ensure that messages are easily passed without the need to go through a third party. Cllr Parrington suggested establishing a WhatsApp group so generic messages could be put on by the Clerk to inform both Terry and Colin and also if they identified additional work that was required they could message so everybody is aware who has been informed. **Action: Clerk to establish Whats App group.**

The Clerk confirmed that it was the usual time for appraisals and each member of staff could complete an appraisal should they so wish. Both Terry and Colin declined.

The Clerk asked if they currently needed any additional equipment/uniform and the following requests were received:

Terry – extra long litter picker (unsure if one is manufactured), bin bags x 4 boxes

Colin – Working boots size 9.5 and a Stihl leaf blower, there was a discussion considering if a leaf blower was necessary but it was agreed to price one up and if it’s not too expensive it could be considered.

Terry raised the issue of a large amount of rubbish around the bus stops near the playground. He advised that for an additional 2 hours per week he could litter pick around the 4 bus stops (2 x playground, 1 x Church and 1 x Alyn). It was agreed that this will be considered at the main RCC meeting and Terry informed of the outcome.

Colin asked if it would be possible to request a bin be installed at the layby on Holt Road as a large amount of rubbish is regularly left there. **Action: Clerk to pursue with WCBC.**

Terry confirmed that there is a bin in the playground that was starting to rot so would probably need replacing in the next 12 months.

Cllr Parrington asked if it was necessary to have the cable ties on the top of the infant swings. Terry confirmed they had been installed in order to deter birds from sitting on the top of the swings and leaving a mess on the swings below. Since the cable ties had been replaced it was having the desired effect. The Clerk confirmed that there are spikes that could be put on the top of fences to deter birds and these would be considered to see if they would be more aesthetically pleasing.