



St Giles on the Heath
With Northcott Hamlet Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman)
Cllr S Paulger
Cllr S Trusler
Cllr E Williams
Cllr A Nicholson
Cllr G Thorne
Cllr L Pugh
Cllr R Nicholson
Cllr E Hunt
Cllr R Atkinson

In Attendance:

Clerk Kayleigh Walker
County Councillor James Morrish
District Councillor Stephen Gibson
Members of the public: 1

The Chairman welcomed all those present and commenced the meeting.

1 PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 County Cllr James Morrish thanked the Council members for their patience during his time of ill health. He advised that £17million had been spent on pot holes to date this year with around 45million left in the budget with lots left to do. Cllr Morrish said that Holsworthy Rural had received its fair share of the spend. He reported that the Councillor budget had been reduced this year but he has around £5.5k left and welcomed a grant request for any project the Parish Council may have. Cllr Morrish received 9 communications from the Parish last month on various matters including adult care and roads. The Chairman raised the matter of the unfinished pavements in the Village and the poor workmanship, Cllr Morrish suggested writing to Keiron Stanbury at Highways in relation to these issues along with matters including a radar speed sign in Chapmans Well and the speed limit painted on the road in the Village. The Chairman thanked the County Councillor for attending.

2 RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr A Curtis - apologies accepted.

2.2 The Chairman requested all declarations of interests to be raised at the appropriate agenda item.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held June 20th 2023 were previously circulated, proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

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4. MATTERS ARISING
 - 4.1 2 East Panson Cottage is being sold and a buyer has been found.
 - 4.2 The crack in the wall at Little Heath had been inspected by TDC and is being investigated.
5. RECEIVING CLERKS REPORT AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE
 - 5.1 Councillors confirmed they were pleased with the Facebook page setup by the Clerk. The Clerk shared a quote from the current website host to build a more modern website at approximately £500 and shared the cost from another provider of approximately £1125. Cllr Williams volunteered to look at building it himself and will report back at the next meeting.
 - 5.2 Cllr Paulger signed the declaration of office.
 - 5.3 The Chairman reported that the benches in the playpark and opposite the Pint and Post had been painted. Following comments from members of the public about the quality of the repairs Councillors agreed to inspect the work on Tuesday 18th July at 10:30am.
 - 5.4 Cllrs reviewed the application for Co-Option. A vote was held for Co-Option of Hannah Lewitt, Cllr R Nicholson proposed the co-option, Cllr Pugh seconded and all Cllrs voted in favour. Mrs Lewitt was welcomed to the Council and signed the declaration of office.
6. RECEIVING REPORT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
 - 6.1 1/0431/2023/AGMB – permission granted
 - 6.2 1/0461/2023 – permission granted
7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
 - 7.1 Community Speed Watch – Cllr Atkinson advised that two sessions were planned for July 12th.
 - 7.2 Defib at Chapmans Well – No response has been received from the tenants at the property. Further attempts will be made unless an alternative option arises to site the defibrillator elsewhere in the area.
 - 7.3 Additional radar speed sign – Highways have refused the application for an additional radar speed and/or an additional standard speed limit sign within the village. The Clerk will explore the options regarding painted speed limits on the road.
8. OAB
 - 8.1 Following a question the Clerk received the Chairman confirmed that the boundary hedge that runs between the playing field and the Coronation Hall is cut on the field side by the Parish Council and on the hall side by the Coronation Hall.
 - 8.2 Cllr Pugh raised concerns over the unreliability of the Stagecoach buses following several comments by Parishioners. Cllr Pugh had reported it to Stagecoach and will pass the reference to the Clerk to follow up.

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- 8.3 Mr Hobby had emailed regarding not receiving a response to his previous emails. The Clerk had responded to confirm the Parish Council are waiting for advice from Devon County Council and will respond in due course. Councillors agreed no further action at this time.
- 8.4 The Clerk read an email from Cllr Atkinson following her recent training from Devon Association of Local Councils which she found very informative. DALC offer group training sessions for Councils, the Clerk will request details of times and costs and report back at the next meeting.
- 8.5 The Chairman stated that the hall rent for Parish Council meetings had not been paid since May 2022. The Clerk will contact the treasurer to discuss payment options.
9. FINANCES
- 9.1 Authorisation of Expenses – Clerk wages: £61.95 x 2 months due to bank mandate not being updated, Julian Sanders: grass cutting £480.00 invoice 3. DALC invoice 4923, part 1 online course for Cllr Williams. Proposed by Cllr R Nicholson, seconded by Cllr S Trusler, all agreed.
- 9.2 Current Account as of 17 June 2023 is £10718.85
- 9.3 Monthly budget sheet – for Cllrs information.
- 9.4 The Clerk reported that the bank had added Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Pugh and Cllr Trusler to the bank mandate however when removing Cllr R Nicholson they had incorrectly removed Cllr Hamlyn. The Clerk has been advised to call the business number to obtain a new form.
10. NEXT MEETING
- 10.1 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8th August 2023, 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Chairman sign and Date _____