



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Parish Councillors Present:** Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman), Cllr E Williams, Cllr G Thorne, Cllr R Nicholson, Cllr S Paulger, Cllr S Trusler, Cllr R Atkinson, Cllr A Nicholson, Cllr A Curtis, Cllr H Lewitt

**In attendance:** Clerk Kayleigh Walker, District Cllr P Hackett, District Cllr S Gibson, Invited members of the public: B Scott, K Dimmock, H Bowyer, Other members of the public: 0

**1. PUBLIC SESSION**

None.

**2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 None.

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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were previously circulated. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 None.

**5. REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT**

5.1 Co-option – Councillors considered the applications received. A vote was held for the co-option of Mr B Scott, proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Paulger and all Cllrs voted in favour. A vote was held for the co-option of Mr K Dimmock. Cllr Paulger declared an interest and abstained from voting. Co-option was proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Williams and all Cllrs voted in favour. A vote was held for the co-option of Mrs H Bowyer, proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson and all Cllrs voted in favour. The three new Cllrs were welcomed to the Parish Council and each signed a declaration of acceptance to office.

5.2 Cllrs reviewed the four tree felling quotes and agreed to proceed with Langleaves. Proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Curtis and agreed by all Cllrs. (The 3 new co-opted Cllrs did not participate in the vote.)

5.3 Cllrs discussed the community feedback regarding a new tree in the Parish and agreed it could be planted in the playground following the felling due to take place. Proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Curtis and agreed by all.

5.4 Cllrs agreed to add Cllr Curtis and the Clerk to the bank signatories and then apply for online banking. Proposed by Cllr R Nicholson, seconded by Cllr Paulger and agreed by all. (The 3 new co-opted Cllrs did not participate in the vote.)

5.5 Cllrs discussed a replacement cheque to be written to the Coronation Hall for the skittles team’s grant. Cllrs agreed this was appropriate subject to written confirmation by all parties that the funds were for the skittles teams expenses. Proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Paulger and agreed by all.

5.6 The Clerk read out thank you letters received following grants provided. Letters of thanks were received from the Luncheon Club, St Giles Women’s Guild, St Giles Cemetery, St Giles Parish Church, the Men’s and Ladies Skittles teams and the Community Shop Project.

Chairman Sign and date .....



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5.7 Cllrs discussed the SCARF response and additional speed signs for the village. The Clerk will find out how much a temporary mobile SID unit would cost. The Clerk will also report the pothole at Jay’s Cross and the VAS near the school not working.

5.8 Cllrs instructed the Clerk to acknowledge both emails and to respond regarding the footpath to confirm the grass has been removed and will be attended to regularly.

5.9 The Chairman reported that following the closure of the Village Connection Darren made around a £600 loss. The Clerk will file a copy of the paperwork.

5.10 The road issues at Jays Cross and Colmans Cross were discussed and had been reported to Highways by the Chairman and Clerk. Highways have advised that it was to be raised at a site meeting for the development over the next few days.

**6. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT**

6.1 Tipple Cross – the Clerk reported that despite many attempts and writing to Cllr Ken James she has still been unable to obtain any update on this case. District Cllr Hackett agreed to follow this up.

6.2 1/1189/2023/FUL – Poole Farm Caravan Park, PL15 9SZ – permission granted.

**7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

7.1 Community speed watch – Cllr Atkinson reported that the group require more volunteers to run sessions.

7.2 Chapmans Well defib – Two contractors have quoted for the groundwork required to install a defibrillator in Chapmans Well. Cllrs Cutris and Trusler met on site and reported that the parking area at the discussed property may still be too dangerous. The Chairman will discuss an alternative site with the owner of the bungalow on the opposite side of the road.

7.3 Playground subcommittee – A public meeting will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in the Coronation Hall to obtain community ideas and feedback.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 The Clerk advised of a traffic notice for the road from Whitehall Cross to Cross Green between April 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

8.2 The Clerk advised of a traffic notice for the road from Boyton Bridge to Chapmans Well between May 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

8.3 District Cllr Hackett advised that the rate of unanswered calls to 101 is usually around 70% which is unacceptable. The precept will increase to try and tackle the issue.

**9. FINANCES**

9.1 Authorisations of expenses: Coronation Hall £6 due for January meeting, £18 due for February meeting, Eco-playground £1296 due for playground repairs, T Barriball £42 due for gatepost, proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Curtis, agreed by all (The 3 new co-opted Cllrs did not participate in the vote).

9.2 Current account as of 17th January 2024 - £9712.83

9.3 Monthly budget sheet – circulated for Cllrs information only.

**10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

10.1 Tuesday 12th March 2024 7.30pm.

**11. CLOSE**

11.1 Meeting closed approx. 8.40pm.

Chairman Sign and date .....