

Wacton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wacton Village Hall.

At 6pm on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

Present: - Chair Ian Mortimer. Councilors: Gary Mullhall, Kat Marshall, Laura Doulton.

4 members of the public was also present plus District Councilor Barry Duffin

Public Participation.

It was brought up that the wreath was not laid or a member of the parish council did not attend and the clerk commented that the wreath was in the clerks office and it had been removed by someone and we are unsure who this was.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Felicity Perry and Pete Fraser sent their apologies. All agreed to accept

2. To receive any disclosures of interest.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Gary Mulhall

Seconded: Laura Doulton

4. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only).

None reported.

5. To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Councillor Alison Thomas gave no report as she was unable to attend

6. To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Barry Duffin gave no report as he did not attend.

7. To receive the Footpath Wardens report.

No report

8. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee.

Village Hall committee gave the following reported that the next meeting is on the 19.01.2023

9. To consider Planning applications.

Planning Application 2022/2209 was discussed and it was agreed to support this application

10. Correspondence.

Bill from 1-2-1 Computers for Laptop repair
Planning application 2022/2209
GDPR Training dates received
HMRC information and update done by the clerk
Tax Base and Precept received
Pension spreadsheet sent in
NGF Play Deposit Invoice received for play area and paid
GLS enquiry if they can cut Hayntons Lane and sent to Long Stratton TC for reply – None received yet from Long Stratton Town Council
02 Invoice received
Plus net Invoice received
Enquiry on free sand bags from SNDC and one pallet ordered
Emails regarding WI-fi at the village hall
Email regarding Parish Councilors having Parish Council email addresses
Email regarding Village Hall Being left unlocked
Email changing the code for the key safe
Complaint received on the wreath for the remembrance service.

11. Authorisation of Payments.

1. Finance

Payment of Clerks monthly salary and expenses (incl Back Pay)	£833.36
Payment to Norfolk Pension Service For Clerks pension	£237.20
Payment to Ruth Barnes For Grass Cutting	£144.00
Payment to HMRC for Tax and NI	£124.83
Payment to PKF Littlejohn for External Audit	£288.00
Payment to NGF Play for Play equipment deposit	£3253.86
Payment to 02 for Clerks Mobile	£10.49
Plusnet broadband service D/D	£32.28

Proposed: Gary Mulhall

Seconded: Kat Ireson

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was in good financial health and produced an up-to-date financial report. The current balance after the payments are made at today's meeting is £26,305.39

The Parish Councilors will discuss the budget the clerk has produced after the meeting has finished and it will be agreed at the January meeting with the paperwork for the precept request duly completed.

12. Report of ongoing matters.

- **Common Road Work**
Ruth Barnes has completed the work
- **Victoria Cottage Hedges**
The clerk has received a quote of £50 to get the hedges cut and it was agreed that this was acceptable and The Clerk was instructed to inform the contractor to go ahead asap
Proposed Laura Doulton Seconded Ian Mortimer
- **Woodland Project**
No report
- **Councillor and Clerk Training**
Clerk attending networking morning on 8th December on local issues
- **To discuss Broadband Proposals**
Nothing to report
- **Pond Area**
Strimmer string needs ordering and clerk will do this asap. Councillor Mullhall has completed the work and commented that we needed a small rail around the pond are and could GLS be asked to remove the waste.
- **Play Equipment**
The Deposit for the play area has been paid and it is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of Feb 2023
- **Events**
To be discussed at the budget meeting later
- **Hunt Master problems**
The clerk has received details that the problem hunts master has been replaced and is no longer in post and a new hunts master has been installed in post and has started work learning about the hounds etc There may be extra noise whilst he is learning

13. Matters raised by councillors and members of the public (for information only)

Road to Long Stratton there is a pot hole to be reported Clerk to do this.

Complaint about the ditch at the back of Little pumpkins blocked

Finger post directional sign to be reported.

Pond Rail and Rubbish

Bus shelter needs cutting back

Strimmer blade

Send letter to Ros and Faith for the flowers on the green and common road

Card for the war memorial

14. To receive details of Parish Speed Watch.

The clerk has downloaded the SAM machine and the results were actually very good with an average of most cars sticking to the speed limit. We have one speeder on 2/9/2022 at 3.15am doing 60mph. The clerk has also emailed the reports to the police

15. To discuss the need for New Parish Councillors.

We need new councillors and will look for these asap

16. Items for next Agenda.

Precept Request paperwork ready for sending to SNDC

Events to be agreed moving forward

Clerks Appraisal Report

Meeting dates for 2023-24

Training for councillors

Meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

Next Parish Council Meetings 4th January 2023 at 6pm