

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present

Chairman Malcolm Souter. Councillors: John Emery, Derek Smith, John Edwards, Tim Hill, Ian Dalziel, John Edwards

Members of the public - Mr & Mrs Dawson, Mr Cliff Mortimer

Clerk:

Ordinary Meeting	8th April 2024 Start of meeting 07.30 PM
2024.04.01	Apologies for absence: Derek Egan, Julie Finlay
2024.04.02	No Declarations of Interest were presented
2024.04.03	Mr & Mrs Dawson were involved in a discussion ref the siting of a memorial bench. Two options were suggested :- Emery Close / Kiln Lane , The playing fields, final decision to be made in due course. Mr Mortimer raised the issue that the speed camera had “gone missing”. It was confirmed that the camera had been sent for an upgrade to solar power and would be returned soon.
2024.04.04	Minutes were not approved as the clerk was absent owing to a serious accident.
	Matters Arising & Ongoing.
2024.04.05	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japanese knot weed. Harrabin to be contacted mid summer when the plant is in full leaf. Action JF 2. Future Housing. Now nesting season contact again in July – Action JF 3. Councillor training. Three dates have been given – these to be circulated – Action MS 4. Speed Camera – Camera is away for upgrade to solar expected back imminently. 5. Upgrade to street lights. EON instructed to upgrade lights to LED . Approx. 4 weeks leadtime £300 per light. 6. Soap box derby. To be covered under section 8. 7. Severe spontaneous flooding within and around the location of The Wilderness and Churchill Road. Anglian water have confirmed this is not treated water – fix mystreet also contacted. 8. Spinney working party. Successful meet 6th April several people attended. The council wish to pass on their thanks to any attendees. Proposal for a bi monthly working party. Action JF. 9. Finance working party - Meeting held , asset register reviewed and appropriate changes made.
2024.04.06	Update on defibrillator Councillor Dalziel to explore government grant. Councillor Ponder to review installation and councillor Dalziel to review at the school.
2024.04.07	Update on 2024 Audit preparation. Currently in progress - action MS,TH

2024.04.08	Grant Application for Soapbox Derby. Chair gave an appraisal of the benefits to the village of the SB derby. Commitment from the organisers that majority of the “profits” are returned to the village by way of donations. Proposal for grant of £750 agreed and passed. Action MS to contact organisers.
2024.04.09	Update on the working party for the spinney. Covered I item 05 – 8.
2024.04.10	Update from Planning Committee. Please see attached report
2024.04.11	To review the council’s financial position. Balance at time of press £29,910.
2024.04.12	To review and approve outgoing payments :- Village hall £20 for this meeting CVS £466.70 clerks salary plus £420 backdated pay award Both payments proposed by DS and seconded by TH
2024.04.13	To consider Council reports. JE stated ivy at Stockwell cottage had been cut back MS to advise Wisteria Cottage – Francis Jackson own the land – they will attend a meeting in two weeks. MS 7 CP to attend. Footpath was last shown as being the property of the parish council. However, the wall is not on the footpath. Action MS
2024.04.14	AOB – none raised

Meeting closed at 09.00 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be Monday 13th May 2024

07.30 Pm. Venue: Village Hall, Welton.