

Minutes of the Election Meeting and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present

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

Members of the public - Marcus Potter.

Clerk: Julie Finlay

	10th June 2024: Start of Extraordinary meeting 07:25 pm
2024.06.01	Apologies for absence: John Edwards, Carl Ponder, Rosie Humphreys.
2024.06.02	No candidates were put forward for the position of Chair.
Ordinary Meeting	10th June 2024 Start of meeting 07.30 PM
2024.06.03	No declarations of interest were presented.
2024.06.04	<p>Marcus Potter from Wisteria Cottage joined the meeting to present a case for taking on the ownership title, for a wall adjacent to his cottage and the public footpath alongside the wall. There are two separate titles, one includes two pieces of land. A Land Registry Plan was produced that shows title includes both pieces of land.</p> <p>Mr Potter claims that 1. The wall is part of another map that includes another piece of land. 2 Both documents are valid current title documents. 3. Francis Jackson Homes have agreed it is their responsibility to fix the wall. (Work is due to start 11th June 2024.)</p> <p>4. Mr Potter is offering to buy the title for the wall, pay for obtaining the Land Registration and Transfer of Deeds (TP1 Form), providing he can also have the title to the footpath aswell.</p> <p>An agreement is required for whether this can happen. WPC does not want the ownership of the piece of land. Further discussion continued for some time, concerning various maps. A document was produced dated 17th June 2024, the most recent document relating to the land in question. No conclusion was reached, other than the Chairman stated the WPC position is that they do not want any liability for cost, loss of assets or risk. Cllr Egan offered to obtain more maps. Cllr Smith then produced yet another map that provoked further discussion but still no conclusion, other than to enlist NCalc for guidance. Action: Cllr Egan and JF.</p> <p>Refer to previous minutes for previous agreements, which appear to have been updated, with new information obtained by Mr Potter. Cllr Egan agreed to obtain more up to date maps.</p>
2024.06.05	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. D Smith proposed and J Emery seconded.
	<u>Matters Arising & Ongoing.</u>
2024.06.06	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japanese knot weed. Harrabin to be contacted mid-summer when the plant is in full leaf. Cllr Smith offered to view the current situation before JF contacts Harrabin again. 2. Futures Housing. Now nesting season. Contact again in July – Action JF 3. Speed Camera – Camera has been installed and is working. 4. Upgrade to streetlights. - EON have upgraded 6 lights to LED. £315 plus VAT per light. 5. Severe spontaneous flooding within and around the location of The Wilderness and Churchill Road. - Anglian water have confirmed this is not treated water – Fix My Street were also contacted. Feedback required at next meeting – still ongoing. 6. Spinney working party. Successful meeting 6th April, several people attended. Next one planned 22/06/2024

	<p>Proposal for a bimonthly working party ongoing. A date has been proposed for September 21st2024. 09.30 Am</p> <p>7. Finance sub group of Councillors - Discussion held , asset register reviewed, and appropriate changes made.</p>
2024.06.07	<p>Update on defibrillator. Councillor Dalziel to explore government grant. Councillor Ponder to review installation and councillor Dalziel to review at the school who have been contacted. Discussion took place concerning the way forward, including the possibility of purchasing one by the WPC Action ID, CP</p>
2024.06.08 Changed to 2024/06/05	<p>Update on 2024 Audit preparation. Currently in progress - action MS,TH The paperwork was ready to submit and signed. The Minute reference was established as 2024.06.05 The deadline for the audit is 30th June 2024. It was noted that when the paperwork has been returned from the Audit, the Chairman and Clerk must sign the last page and place the documents on both the Website and the Notice Board, the latter for six weeks from the 1st July 2024</p>
2024.06.09	<p>Update on the working party for the spinney. Cllrs Smith & Emery suggested fresh covering of bark to deter weed growth and a new picnic table would be appropriate in September 2024.</p>
2024.06.10	<p>Update from Planning Representative. The appeal is still outstanding. WPC had no objection to the revised conservatory and single storey application. WPC still receives applications relating to Micklewell Park, due to close proximity.</p>
2024.06.11	<p>To review the council's financial position. Balance at time of press £26,954.91p The first instalment for the annual precept has been received.</p>
2024.06.12	<p>To review and approve outgoing payments :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Freeman – £270.00 • Village Hall - £40.00 for 2 meetings. • CVS - £466.75 Clerks Salary for May 2024. CVS are ceasing trading., ongoing service is still under discussion with NCALC and CVS. • Elan City £1145.87 • EON £2268.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Thorne has paid for her advert. • A Stewart wishes to withdraw his advert. All others have been invoiced. • Quarterly charge EON – hold back. <p>It was proposed by M Souter and seconded by D Smith to pay all of the above sums with the exception of the Quarterly EON charge.</p>
2024.06.13	<p>The annual community meeting for village organisations took place and was well attended. Chairman Souter offered to submit any subsequent reports to Mr S Becker for adding to the Website.</p>
2024.06.14	<p>Play equipment annual inspection. – The inspection was completed and the report viewed at the meeting. Repair to the Reindeer Rocker remains outstanding. Further minor maintenance and general tidy up is required. Cllrs DS and JE undertook to investigate and report back at the next meeting.</p>
2024.06.15	<p>Councillor reports. DS asked for an update on the Land Registry Application for the 4 pieces of land. Clerk to obtain an update for the next meeting. TH expressed concern about school traffic driving up on pavements, requested again about the possibility of moving towards a 20mph speed limit, and the condition of footpaths particularly between Welton and Ashby St Ledgers. A concern was highlighted about some trees appearing to be potentially unsafe in the St Martin's Spinney. This was shown to the tree surgeon previously used by the council,</p>

	<p>and their feedback was that it was safe for now. Advice was to check it again at the next regular inspection.</p> <p>MS suggested a letter should be sent to Highways regarding cutting back of foliage at the places where roads are becoming obscured by overgrowth of trees and bushes.</p> <p>TH Reported concern about school traffic driving on pavements and asked for an update on the WPC application for a 20mph speed limit. He also expressed concern about the condition of overgrown rural footpaths affecting dog walkers. It was agreed that the matter lies with the farmers responsible for the upkeep of the paths, but further research is needed to establish which landowner/tenant is responsible for which pieces of land around the village.</p>
2024.06.16	Elections: Chairman is resigning. Elections must take place. Noone stepped forward for the positions. JF to contact NCALC to find out what happens if the Council has no Chairman.

Minute	Actions	Whom
2024.06.06	Contact Harrabin re: Japanese Knot Weed: Contact Harrabin again due to regrowth of the weed. Cllr Smith offered to review the offending plant.	Cllr Smith / Clerk
2024.06.06	Contact Futures Housing regarding completion of the work at Round Close	Clerk
2024.06.06	Speed Cameras: All are installed and working	DE, CP
2024.06.06	Spinney working party. - The dates were agreed for the next 2 working parties, 22 nd June 204, and 21 st Sept 2024, both starting at 09:30. These need to be advertised in the WNV'S, and displayed on the notice board.	MS / Clerk
2024.06.07	Update on defibrillator - The school has been contacted, but the date of the visit is still to be arranged. No further funding is currently available. Conclusion is that WPC should buy one independently.	ID, CP
2024.06.06	Streetlights – All 6 have been installed and are working.	Clerk, MS
2024.06.05	Update on 2024 Audit preparation. - The deadline for the audit is 30 th June 2024. MS and JF signed an audit document that must be submitted to the internal auditor. This document verifies that we have not exceeded the exemption value as at 10 th June 2024. These minutes stand as a record that the figures stated mean WPC is exempt. The next part of the Audit Form will have to be signed, after the Internal Auditor has returned the documents, and placed on the Notice Board, plus the Web Site.	Clerk, MS, IH
2024.06.14	Play equipment annual inspection. The inspection has been completed and the report circulated among the councillors.	Clerk, MS
2024.06.14	JE/DS reported that the reindeer rocker on the playing field needs to be replaced / repaired. This matter is still outstanding.	DS, & JE

Meeting closed at 09.03 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be Monday 08th July 2024

07.30 Pm. Venue: Village Hall, Welton.