

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on 9th November 2023 8pm in Village Hall

Present: Chair Jules O'Brien, Cllrs Keith Lee, John Gagen, John Squirrell, Garry Russell, Ashley Simpson

1. Apologises for absence:

- i. Louisa Pepper, Deborah Saw
- ii. Consent approved GR seconded KL

2. Members 'Declaration of Interest:

- i. None
- ii. None
- iii. None

3. Minutes of meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2023 Approved GR, Seconded KL

4. Matters arising

Right of way top of Blacksmiths Lane leading to Bulls Wood Lane JS will pursue Public Rights of Way Queries Suffolk County Council and copy to Robert Lindsey.

5. District and County Clls reports

Robert Lindsey gave his report. Possible funding for Bus Link to Bury J'OB to put article in Thorpe Times. RL gave details for Food Bank in Bildeston Cala Russell to put article in Thorpe Times. JS asked about change from Kia to Milestone for council highways repairs. Deborah Saw. Written report read and circulated.

6. Public forum

No members of the Public attending.

7. Correspondence (all correspondence had been circulated to Clls ahead of the meeting)

8. To consider draft precept for 2024-2025

Agreed to increase provision for Clerks Salary and check Defib costs.

9. To consider draft items waiting approval of payment

Website hosting £95 Approved JG seconded GR
Grass cutting for Whitethorn Ley and Village Hall 13 x @£60 per cut = £780 Approved KL seconded AS

10. Clls reports

GR raised Village Hall floor sinking at bar end. Agreed to get outside advice on possible remedial action and to check on insurance policy cover for subsidence.

JS Police report, August - No crimes, September - 5 crimes of anti-social and public order plus violence, 7 reported crimes in the last 12 months.



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JO'B has been contacted by a parishioner who would like to set up a Geocache in the village – Clls had no objection.

JO' B Cafe has been reasonably well attended.

KL Anglian Water on going application passed. No start date yet.

11. Recruitment of Parish Clerk

All local councils have been contacted with no response. SALC advert no response. One applicant, JO'B will talk to them and see if they are aware of job requirements as they live a long way from the village. KL will talk to other local councils with a vacancy to see if we can offer a joint position.

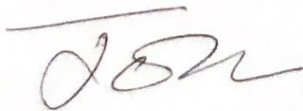
12. Planning

DC/23/04952-AGDW, Manor Farm. No objections to plan. Comment on Broadband provision for this site. Council response needs to come from Clerk Nicola's email JS to organise.

Thorpe Hall. Solar panels in field, no objections.

Next meeting 11th January 2024 8pm

Meeting closed 9.55 pm



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