

WISTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Wistow Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2022

Present Cllrs Hewan (chair) Harrison (vice chair) Kendal, Pownall, Richardson, Golton and 3 members of the public

22.136 To receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons for absence

No apologies received

22.137 To receive declarations of interest from Parish Councillors

Cllr Richardson declared interest in item 22.139 (and b)

22.138 To consider approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15th November 2022.

Draft minutes amended and approved Cllr Hewan to amend and re circulate for information

Extraordinary meeting 15th November 2022

Minutes approved

22.139 To consider Members of the Public issues:

a) Request from Smart Start for financial Support

Discussion took place about the request from Smart Start who confirmed that they did not require any assistance at the present time as they had gained funds through financial donations.

b) Request from Smart Start for the Parish Council to mediate in their issues with Jubilee Hall.

After discussion it was confirmed by the Parish Council that mediation does not fall within their remit of council. Clerk confirmed that Jubilee Hall sits on the PC land but the PC does not have any involvement in the running of the Hall, she confirmed that this was agreed when Jubilee Hall was built.

c) Request from the Wistow Gardening Group to place a flower barrel on the verge at the corner of Selby Road and the Green (corner near the Notice Board).

Agreed to the request the Parish Council all agreed how lovely the barrels looked on the village green .

22.140 To consider planning applications.

a) Decision Notice - 2022/1175/TPO - Beech Grange, Felling of TPO Poplar Tree : Refused.

Noted

22.141 To consider the request from Cllr Pownall for the setting up of a Committee for the Coronation celebrations next year.

Agreed to set up a working group and ask for volunteers from the village to assist, Cllrs kendal and Harrison to take lead role it was also noted that the Parish Council supported this request.

22.142 To consider the need to change the arrangements with regard to inspection of the village green defibrillator and payment for any expenditure.

Agreed to leave the present arrangements of the above to J Jones , Parish Council pay for electricity and supplies. Discussion took place regarding the signage of the defibrillator agreed Cllr Harrison to source suitable sign.

22.143 To receive updates on Working Group activities and consider any actions arising.

a) Cemetery

Work to commence 14th December on the removal of bushes and hedging and dig up roots. Agreed to discuss the hedge near the village green at the next meeting.

b) Repair of Pond Fencing – Cllr Harrison confirmed that all works completed the Council thanked him for his work.

- c) Social Media Policy- agreed subject to one amendment that items would not be published on the web and Facebook Cllr Harrison to amend.
- d) Risks and Contingencies Policy-Agreed that Cllr Harrison and Richardson would draft the policy for approval of Council.
- e) Web Site- Cllr Hewan and Pownall to update web with minutes and agendas
- f) Willow Tree, Pinfold Hill- Confirmed that the tree a TPO on it, any works would require SDC approval.
- g) 20s Plenty campaign- Cllr Harrison confirmed that the PC were signed up with 20,s plenty, agreed the Cllr Harrison would continue with this initiative
- h) Playground including ROSPA report- No significant actions identified, Cllr Kendall confirmed that she was seeking quotes for new equipment and sourcing any funding sources.
- i) Footpaths – council thanked Cllr Harrison for his organisation of the walks, confirmed at the meeting that this was not a PC initiative.

22.144 To receive an update regarding the requested meeting with the Jubilee Hall as to Trustees.

Agreed to have a meeting in January Clerk to arrange with secretary of Jubilee Hall

22.145 To receive an update on the progress to fill the vacant Councillor position.

Clerk confirmed some applications had been submitted but reminded Council that the closing date was not until 31st December 2022.

22.146 To consider Financial Matters

- a) To consider the LGA agreement of new pay scales and application to our Parish Clerk.

Agreed to the new rate of pay as outlined by LGA, backpay would be paid in January salary.

- b) To complete a new Bank Mandate with the names of signatories

Agreed that the Clerk to obtain a new mandate.

- c) To consider the use of Internet Banking Dual Authorisation and increased transaction limit to £500

Agreed to increase the limit from £200 to £500 thus saving on cheques which incurred bank charges
Dual authorisation to be investigated further by Clerk

- d) To note the ongoing requests for payment from Total Energies that we do not use.

Noted

- e) Bank Statement

Noted

- f) Bank Reconciliation Statement

Noted

- g) Approve the list of payments

All payments approved

- h) Budget and Precept for 2023/2024

After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 10% Clerk to submit papers to SDC

Date of next meeting 10th January 2023