

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman  
 Cllr Shirley Firth  
 Cllr Rachael Griffin  
 Cllr Martin Jones  
 DCllr Charlotte Lowe, CCllr Steve Criswell

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)  
 2 members of the public present.

		Action
93	<b>Apologies and reasons for Absence</b> , Cllr Tony Reynolds, Cllr Ben Poulton, Cllr Andrew Pendered, DCllr Adele Costello	None
94	<b>Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda</b> Cllr Notman declared three invoices that he had already paid.	All
95	<b>Public Forum</b> – CCllr Criswell informed the meeting that the Envar application would be discussed by the planning committee on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March and advised that a representative of the Parish Council could attend the meeting where there would be an opportunity to speak.  During a budget meeting cuts to highways were discussed with a trial agreed where there would be no weed spraying just manual removal if a hazard. Also gritting routes were discussed in a similar manner to previously where areas were no longer gritted on a regular basis.  Cllr Jones asked if anything could be done about the mud on the road in Somersham caused by building works, CCllr Criswell explained that this was a police matter if deemed dangerous.  Cllr Notman asked if the planned works to W heatsheaf crossroads would be affected by the budget cuts and CCllr Criswell assured that the funds for this had been agreed and so it would go ahead.  A member of the public asked how much was being charged for the Townlands field rent. Cllr Notman explained that this was not a responsibility of the Parish Council but confirmed the market rate was charged. The public member then asked if anything could be done with this to get the public assess agreed on the field in Church Street. Cllr Notman said that the fields were used by different people in the same family so this was not possible. Cllr Notman was also asked about the placing of the speed indicator devise and when it would next be moved. Cllr Notman confirmed that it was moved throughout the village on a regular basis and was not placed in any one area more than another.	None
96	<b>Minutes</b> – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
97	<b>Finance</b> – Financial Statements were agreed. Payments to be made – Agreed Clerk Salary £181.44 Invoices paid by Cllr Notman: Replacement bin at West End - £86.34 and £36.46 Replacement Defibrillator pads - £76.00 Cllr Jones proposed Cllr Griffin seconded	All
98	<b>Planning</b> An extension has been agreed until the 9 <sup>th</sup> March for comments on the application for Josaol, Church Street. The next meeting has been moved to 7 <sup>th</sup> March to accommodate this.	None

99	<b>Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</b> – Cllr Griffin has reviewed and sent to Cllr Poulton.	BP
100	<b>Health &amp; Safety / Public Right of Way</b> – Cllr Notman reported that the bridge at the end of the Pringle path has been repaired and he has again reported the damage on the bridge at the end of Butt Lane. The potholes around the village have also been reported.	None
101	<b>Conservation and Environment</b> – Cllr Notman reported that a TPO had been put on several trees at The Chapel.	None
102	<b>Coronation Plans</b> – Cllr Griffin commented that other villages were purchasing commemorative mugs for the children. Cllr Notman said this was done for the Diamond Jubilee and a lot were wasted. Cllr Firth suggested that a group was set up to organise celebration events. Cllr Jones said this could be discussed at the Village Hall meeting next week.	MJ
103	<b>Streetlights</b> – Cllr Notman informed the meeting that the lights at the end of Abbots Close and Moot Way had been replaced. Cllr Notman shared the new power quote at £1146 per year up from £430 per year. The supplier would be SSE and it is unmetered for either a 12 or 24 month contract. Cllr Notman proposed to go ahead with the 24 month contract and all voted in agreement. AN to organise.	AN
104	<b>Maintenance</b> – Cllr Notman to organise a replacement barrel planter for the end of Moot Way as the current one is damaged beyond repair.	AN
105	<b>Village Hall and Church Reports</b> – Cllr Jones reported that books of the village hall were going well with several recent enquires. Cllr Notman asked if there would be a new quiz date as the previous one was cancelled. Cllr Jones said this would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Firth reported that there had been some excellent Christmas services. The February coffee morning had seen 50 people attending and £250 raised by the raffle. Ron Pinder had shared photographs and stories of his time in the Antarctic when he had been part of conducting scientific investigations.	None
106	<b>LHI / HGV's – 20mph limit</b> – Cllr Notman has not yet received any update on when this will be completed.	None
107	<b>Correspondence Log</b>  Planning email was distributed to all Councillors.	SM
108	<b>Items and date for next meeting</b> - None  The Meeting Closed at 20:16  The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 19:30.  <b>2023 Meeting dates</b> Tuesday 14th February Tuesday 7th March Tuesday 11th April – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 9th May – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th June Tuesday 11th July Tuesday 12th September Tuesday 10th October Tuesday 14th November Tuesday 12th December	