

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman
 Cllr Shirley Firth
 Cllr Martin Jones
 Cllr Chris Cannon
 Cllr Nigel Smith
 DCllr Charlotte Lowe

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)
 1 member of the public present.

		Action
57	Apologies and reasons for Absence Cllr Ben Poulton, Cllr Rachel Griffin, DCllr Adele Costello, CCllr Steve Criswell	None
58	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda Cllr Jones for Village Hall Invoice.	None
59	Public Forum – DCllr Lowe informed the meeting that there were community grants available for help with biodiversity / environmental issues / sustainability aids to include assistance with ponds, wild flower planting, hedgehog hotels. The 1 st phase of this will be completed at the end of November with the 2 nd phase starting in January 2024. Cllr Jones enquired if this would be allocated with match funding and Cllr Smith said he believed there was £8000 available but there was no further explanation on the website. DCllr Lowe also mentioned that the LHI bids deadline was in December.	None
60	Minutes – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
61	Finance – Financial Statements were agreed. Payments to be made – Agreed Cllr Notman proposed Cllr Smith seconded Clerk Salary £181.44 Village Hall Invoice (July 2022 to October 2023) £650.00	All
	Budget / Precept – The budget for next year was discussed and it was agreed not to increase the precept as the Parish Council has plenty of funds. Cllr Notman proposed Cllr Jones Seconded.	SM
62	Planning – Envar CCC/21/008/FUL A letter has been received from Huntingdon District Council stating that the objections to Envar planning application decision appeal can be made using rule 6 status. Cllr Notman proposed that the Prish Council does this and will attend the conference call and the appeal hearing. A member of the public spoke saying the rule 6 guidelines were opaque which was putting people off making a formal statement. They enquired if Woodhurst Parsh Council would be working with other local Parish Councils to make a joint statement. Cllr Notman confirmed that there would be a discussion to look at the possibility of presenting a joint case at the appeal hearing.	AN
63	Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – To be carried forward.	None
64	Health & Safety / Public Right of Way – The new poles around the village were discussed with Cllr Smith highlighting the issue of three poles very close together as one provider is unable to use the pole of the next provider so additional poles are installed.	

	Cllr Notman has emailed and completed form regarding issues with the new poles and some of these will be moved to more appropriate positions.	None
65	Conservation and Environment – Cllr Notman commented on the improved appearance of Ridges Pond and thanked the work party for their help with this.	None
66	Maintenance – Cllr Notman commented that the road sweeper has now been in the village four times in the last two weeks.	None
67	Village Hall and Church Reports – Cllr Jones reported that there would be a Hedgehog information event held in the village hall tomorrow at 7pm. Cllr Notman gave thanks for emailing the accounts and invoice for rental. Also for removing the gazebo from the car park. Cllr Firth reported that the church was holding an advent fayre on 25 th November and a Christmas Concert on the first Sunday in December.	None
68	Correspondence – Cllr Notman has completed a form applying for defibrillator funding but as yet has received no reply.	None
69	Items and date for next meeting – None	
	The Meeting Closed at 20:23	
	The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 th December 2023 at 19:30.	
	2023 Meeting dates 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 17th October Tuesday 14th November Tuesday 12th December	

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