

Minutes of Meeting held on **Wed 9 Oct 2024** at 19:30

Present:

Cllr Jeremy James (Chair), Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Sara Reilly, Boro Cllr Tim Willis, Moira Pendlebury (Clerk & RFO)

102. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence – Apologies from Cllr Chris Eldred, Cllr Sarah Evans, Boro Cllr Simon Ward, Boro Cllr Derek Poole, Cty Cllr Heather Timms were noted.

103. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda – none

104. Public Participation: none

105. Borough and County Councillors' Reports (TW):

- RBC Climate Emergency Group is holding a meeting on Sat 9 Nov – JJ to attend and raise Skew Bridge flooding
- An Ecohub is being opened at the Claremont Centre, overseen by RBC Climate change Officer, including a Repair Café,
- Wolston and Brandon Flood Action Group has met: Brandon issues largely resolved but very disappointing outcome for Wolston homes.

106. Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11 Sept 24 were approved and signed

107. Brief matters arising, not on agenda

- Brinklow Quarry traffic – JJ has contacted for an update
- Village event at pub – agreed to leave for now

108. Policy Document Review

MP has reviewed all current policies, which seem generally fit for purpose other than needing updating re: names etc.

MP to circulate list and update over the next few months

109. Planning

Cemex at Lawford Heath (pre planning), JJ has attended a meeting called by Long Lawford PC on 8 Oct, attended by Cemex and residents likely to be most affected. The area of concern is just outside CL Parish boundaries (A45 end of Lawford Heath Lane, JJ has a set of plans). Concerns were raised over volume and frequency of lorry movements over a 10 year period. **JJ** to feed back to CL residents in Parish Magazine.

110. Finance review

Date	Description	Amount	Notes
4/9/24	Dog poo bags	13.99	
16/9/24	Clerk's salary September	confidential	

It was noted that SSE has not taken a direct debit for street lighting since 14/07/24. **MP** to contact

No receipts

Bank balances at 1 October 24: **Current £5,374.20 Deposit £11,092.07**

111. Flood Action / Skew Bridge:

Despite all the communication with various agencies since last winter, once again the road has been flooded and impassible. JJ has sent a strongly worded email to Daniel Perkins WCC, with an immediate reply, mainly indicating that the problem is run off from the farmland rather than WCC's responsibility. CE has also emailed Jeff Morris at WCC (drainage)

It was also noted that there have been reports that the river has recently risen higher than ever seen before.

JJ to progress discussions with villagers living near Skew Bridge re: reporting of flooding

112. Murphy Group offer of help – JJ met with their representative on 12 Sept. they seem amenable to the following work: remove posts on recreations ground; renew Village Hall car park tarmac, paint double yellow lines on access road to village hall and install a No Parking on Road sign; clean path at front. Cleaning the memorial may be a more specialised job, but possibly the panel with names could be refreshed.

113. Health and safety / safeguarding incidents

JJ to secure lights on tree

Considerable moss growth on Church Rd pavement, which HS cleared last year (very time consuming). Need to check with RB Cllrs if this is RBC responsibility to clear.

114. Footpaths – HS continuing to pursue, it appears this is low priority for the WCC Footpaths Officer .

115. Welcome letter / card – HS presented some ideas, further suggestions accepted to develop a design. This will go out to new residents with the current Parish Newsletter.

HS to progress

116. Warm Hub Agreed to keep on agenda pending whether a hard winter is forecast. Perhaps board games could be included as well as refreshments and company, the sessions need a focus.

117. **Xmas preparations** The tree has been ordered and the little planted tree has taken well, and will also be decorated. It was noted that the baubles need to be secured more firmly this year, and no new ones need to be purchased.
118. **Community and Village maintenance items**
- a) **Defibrillator** – all in order
 - b) **Play area** – annual inspection has taken place yesterday. Report awaited.
 - c) **Grass cutting**
Documentation has finally been received from Fergus Deary, and RBC invoiced for grant. Discussed seeking alternative quotes for next year, possibly from someone living in the village, no specific amount of Public Liability insurance required for the grant.
 - d) **Dog poo bag dispensers**
Noted that the bins need emptying possibly more frequently. **HS** to report to RBC
 - e) **Village Green Notice Board project**
All has progressed well, with the final making session tomorrow evening. Agreed that the front of the notice board needs sprucing up, possibly new Perspex fitted. **JJ to lead.**
 - f) **Allotments**
The hedge has been cut back by the farmer whose land is adjacent. One vacant plot now let, one remaining.
119. **Gift of Land for village**
Emails have been sent as agreed at the last meeting.
It was noted that Stretton on Dunsmore had recently opened a community garden, which will be worth a visit (see their facebook page)
120. **Other Items not on Agenda:** agreed to buy a wreath for the memorial for Remembrance Sunday
121. **Future Agenda Items:** possibly new community project to plant wildflowers on the A428 verges by the village. Funding available.
122. **Date of Next Meeting**
To confirm **Wednesday 13 Nov 2024** for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at **7:30 p.m.**
If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and may be put on the website and on the Parish Council noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held.
The meeting closed at 20:50

Signed:

Date: