

Minutes of Meeting held on Wed 14 February 2024

Present:

Cllr Jeremy James (Chair), Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Sara Reilly, Cllr Victor Griffin, Cllr Sarah Evans; Boro Cllr Tim Willis; Boro Cllr Simon Ward; Clerk: Moira Pendlebury

509. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence – Apologies from, Boro Cllr Derek Poole, Cty Cllr Heather Timms were noted.

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

511. Public Participation: none

512. Borough and County Councillors' Reports:

Key item remains flooding, with more recent incidents. Boro Cllrs were made aware of specific issues at the Skew Bridge (A428), with 2 vehicles stranded last week. Excessive water run off from field and blocked gullies are again causing the problem. JJ has requested a meeting with Cty Cllr Heather Timms & Officer at the bridge. TW informed the meeting that a Joint Flood Action Group of Wolston and Brandon & Bretford PC's has been set up and invited CLPC to join. All agreed this would be helpful.

Action: JJ to arrange meeting at bridge with C Cllr HT; other PCllrs to join if available

SW reminded the meeting of tree saplings available; JJ has asked for advice on ordering and temporary planting until Community Garden is established.

Landslip on railway has been repaired

SW recommended one.network as very useful for notification of all upcoming road closures – will send link.

513. Minutes of the Parish Council held on 10 January 24 were approved and signed

514. Policy Document Review (Emergency planning)

No feedback from Parish Magazine request; may need to approach people directly. Full discussion scheduled at 13 March CLPC meeting with **earlier start at 7.00 p.m.** to accommodate this, to include list of key risks and proposal for life ring at footbridge.

515. Planning

Brinklow Quarry – comment for planning application sent. JJ has received a response re: lorry traffic, and that this would not increase with the proposed additional digester. Clarification is needed on possible proposed alternative options and it was felt that residents of Coronation Rd might need to be further consulted; also noted that there are severe potholes.

Action: JJ to reply to letter from Quarry re lorry traffic.

516. Banking – still awaiting online access for MP (RFO) and HS.

Action: JJ to prioritise sorting out with Santander

517. Finance review

The following expenditure was approved

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Notes
	Clerk's salary – Feb	confidential	
	HMRC Clerk's tax	confidential	
19/1/24	SSE street lighting	26.26	
	WALC Charity Law Training (JJ)	30.00	
14/2/24	Parish Magazine contribution	400.00	2 years
	Grit for bins	TBC (£28?)	

To note receipts - none

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Bank Balance: Current Account **£3,566.24** (24 Jan 24);

Deposit Account **£10,998.32**

518. Warwickshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Response discussed. There is a separate consultation for members of the public; to be included in Parish Mag report and on facebook page.

Action: MP to submit CLPC response

- 519. Health and safety / safeguarding incidents**
 Flooding – see item 512.
 Drains in village homes – another house has reported bad problems; the issue is not restricted to winter months. Agreed to raise with Severn Trent from CLPC as a village wide issue
Action: JJ to write to Severn Trent
- 520. Skew bridge, railway, A428 works**
 See also item 512. JJ had response from Network Rail declining involvement in local meetings re: flood prevention.
- 521. Community and Village maintenance items**
- a) **Defibrillator** – all in order
 - b) **Grit bin**
 Now in place and stocked with grit
 - c) **Poo bag dispensers**
 4 dispensers now installed and stocked with bags
 - d) **Play area**
 Continue to monitor
 - e) **Grass cutting**
 Agreed to seek alternative quote(s) prior to this year's contract
Action: MP to obtain
 - f) **Village tidy up**
 Date agreed for Sat 6 April at 10.30. JJ will order a skip and publicise in Parish Mag
- 426. Notice Board project**
 Workshop dates have been agreed with Lesley Ann French, all to be held in the Village Hall.
 Thurs 21 March 6 – 7 p.m. Introduction, ideas, distribution of templates
 Thurs 18 April 6 – 8 p.m. Making the tiles for first firing
 Thurs 17 May 6 – 8 p.m. Colouring the tiles for final firing
 To be promoted in March Parish Mag and notice board, names to MP
- 427. Village Fete – Sun June 9**
 Initial planning meeting was well attended, where it was agreed to hold a traditional type event, to include independent “selling” stalls, preferably with demonstration of the craft etc.
- 428. Gift of Land for village**
 JJ has attended a Charity Law workshop run by WLAC; discussion around setting up a separate charitable incorporated trust to run the community garden, all in broad agreement.
 Concerns raised that there is still no information as to any progress in settling the estate 2 years on, and that CLPC as a beneficiary has a right to be kept informed. Agreed to explore legal advice as to best course of action to put pressure on and be kept informed

Action: JJ to consult WALC.

390. Warm Hub:

No need as weather has been mild.

522. Other Items not on Agenda: none

523. Future Agenda Items:

Introduction of gov.uk emails for Councillors

524. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm **Wednesday 13 March 2024** for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at **7:00 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 21:50

Signed:

Date: