

Minutes of Meeting held on Wed 12 June 2024

Present:

Cllr Jeremy James (Chair), Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Chris Eldred, Boro Cllr Simon Ward, Boro Cllr Tim Willis, Clerk: Moira Pendlebury

- 44. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence** – Apologies from Cllr Sara Reilly; Cllr Sarah Evans,; Boro Cllr Derek Poole, Cty Cllr Heather Timms were noted.
- 45. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda** – none declared
- 46. Public Participation:**
Christine and John Clark (Harborough Magna) attended to relay information about the Gift of Land to the village: Sheila Nicholas (the donor) intended that this be for a memorial garden for her mother, Fanny Woodford, and consideration should be given to naming it after her. This was noted, and if any written information about her intent could be found, that would be helpful, as this is not included in the will.
- 47. Borough and County Councillors' Reports (SW):**
- RBC is now led by a Labour Cabinet, following the adoption of a confidence and supply agreement between Labour and Lib Dems. The composition is now Con 17, Labour 15, Lib Dem 10.
 - Joint Flood Action Group – TW agreed that CLPC and Bretford should be a part of this (there had been reluctance from the key statutory agencies, which want to deal with each issue separately). TW will pursue this. JFAG has visited Wellesbourne to learn about their long term natural flood management measures.
 - TW has further updated Wolston Flood Action Plan and will send to CLPC.
- 48. Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8 May 24 were approved and signed**
- 49. Brief matters arising, not on agenda**
- No further contact from Murphy Group – **JJ to contact** again
 - Brinklow Quarry traffic – JJ had a constructive conversation with Dale Aston, who has a proposal; prior to any planning application, Coronation Rd residents must be consulted
 - Allotments – all payments up to date. No response to adverts for 2 vacant plots. Agreed to continue promoting and if no response by early next year to consider advertising in adjacent villages.

- Village event at pub – on hold

50. AGAR return and Annual Accounts – approved and signed

51. Policy Document Review (Emergency planning) – ongoing

52. Planning

No new applications

53. Finance review

The following expenditure was approved

Date	Description	Amount	Notes
31/5/24	Street lighting	26.31	
16/5/24	Clerk's salary & tax – May	confidential	
13/5/24	Poo bags	9.95	
1/5/24	Street lighting	27.18	

The following receipts were noted

Date	Description	Amount	Notes
22/5/24	Allotment rent (23/24 & 24/25)	44.00	
19/4/24	Annual Interest on savings account	93.75	

Bank balances at 30/5/24: Current £3,326.47 Deposit £11,092.07

54. Energy supplier – most cost effective deal was with SSE (current supplier), new 12 month fixed rate contract agreed. This will be around 50% higher than the previous 4 year fixed rate contract

55. Skew Bridge flooding – further discussion, see also item 47.
CE to work on Flood Action plan (including looking at prevention)

56. Health and safety / safeguarding incidents

- Freestanding kerbstones have been removed for Villag Fete, but residents of neighbouring houses have continuing concerns about cars blocking their access during VH events. VH Committee to discuss at their next meeting and consider alternatives to negotiate a better solution.
- Tall daisies obstructing vision onto main road have been cut back

57. Missing Footpath R117e

No further progress. Further work being undertaken on the one under railway line

58. Community and Village maintenance items

- a) **Defibrillator** – all in order
- b) **Play area** – all in order, monitoring ongoing pending early autumn annual inspection
- c) **Grass cutting**
Documentation still not received, despite a further reminder. Staffing issues delayed last cut, but done in time for Fete.
- d) **Dog poo bag dispensers**
Continue to be very well used.
- e) **Village Green Notice Board project**
3 planned sessions all went well, with positive feedback from participants. More tiles are needed so 2 further sessions to be planned to take place after the summer
- f) **Stones to protect Village Green edges**
JJ and SE to agree siting and order more.

426. Village Fete

All went well with a very good attendance, final amount raised TBC. It was good to see more residents volunteering to help with planning and the event.

427. Gift of Land for village

See also item 46. No further progress, other than continuing treatment of Japanese knotweed. JJ to visit site with CE and hand over lead responsibility to CE for pursuing.

59. Other Items not on Agenda: none

60. Future Agenda Items: none proposed

61. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm **Wednesday 10 July 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 21:10

Signed:

Date: