

WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)
Councillor Ian Dobson (ID)
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)
Councillor Michael Elflain (ME)

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)
Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

20/014 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of public present.

20/015 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) There was a report from County Councillor Jessica Fleming which had been previously circulated. JF expanded and clarified some aspects of her report. JF was asked if she had any information on progress in respect of actions needed in respect of the fence at Elm Tree Place, Walsham Road, Wattisfield. JF said she would investigate and report back.
- b) There was no report from District Councillor Rick Meyer.

20/016 APOLOGIES

Councillor Naomi Ambrose (NA) and Councillor Rick Meyer (RM) and the reasons were accepted.

20/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20/018 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

20/019 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 had been previously circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

20/020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) It was confirmed the village litter pick will be on Sunday 15 March 2020 from 10 to 12, that the village hall had been booked and posters distributed.
- b) There was a discussion on GDPR and how this effects councillors.
- c) There was discussion on the dredging of the village pond and that the best time to do this was probably June. However, the silt needs testing first. It was noted this project was being managed by MSDC and was work in progress.

20/021 HIGHWAYS, TREES AND CHURCHYARD

- a) It was reported that the SID had been delivered and checked over. However, still waiting for SCC Highways to install and or adapt the posts in the agreed locations. SCC Highways are being chased. When ready to go, it was agreed to arrange a meeting of those that had expressed an interest in being part of the project for familiarisation and training.
- b) There are still difficulties in getting hold of Peter Gibb to possibly get hold of some recent history for the church clock. This is still work in progress.
- c) There was an update on the situation with various hedge concerns and the actions taken. A number have been reported to SCC for then to manage.
- d) There were concerns about repairs need to various footpaths. It was reported that footpath 14 needs repairs to the bridge. Also, footpath 3 needs additional planks to the bridge as one is not adequate. These concerns will be reported to SCC.

20/022 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE

- a) The following cheque was considered for payment:
£4020.00 to Westcotec Ltd - SID
It was resolved to issue a cheque for this payment.
- b) The appointment of an internal auditor for 2019/2020 was considered.
It was resolved to appoint Malcolm Saunders as internal auditor for 2019/2020.
- c) The production of a free community newsletter was considered. The options of using the Hexagon to communicate was considered along with producing and distributing a new newsletter. CG was asked to make enquires of the Hexagon to see if space was available and distribution numbers.

20/023 PLANNING MATTERS

The situation with pending and decided applications were noted.

20/024 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted.

20/025 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

There was a discussion about the need for WCCARG to undertake urgent repairs to the playground surface and also repairs and redecoration to the village hall. There was a positive response to assisting with the funding possibly using either section 106 or CIL funds. CG was asked to make enquires with MSDC to check on amounts available, timescales for spending and if available for these purposes. This could then be added to the next agenda for further consideration.

20/026 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
24 February 2020