

WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
URC CHAPEL, CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)
Councillor Michael Elflain (ME)
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)
Councillor Richard Meyer (RM)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

No public present.

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

22/045 PUBLIC FORUM

None.

22/046 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Reports from both County Councillor Jessica Fleming and District Councillor Richard Meyer had been previously circulated and were noted. RM spoke about possible sustainable transport projects in the area. JF spoke about the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton and there was discussion on how this would affect Wattisfield and how the Parish Council could be involved in the consultation process.

22/047 APOLOGIES

Councillor Ann Telford (AT) and the reason was accepted. The resignation of Ian Dobson was noted.

22/048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SG declared an interest in agenda item 11 (b).

22/049 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

22/050 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022 had been previously circulated.

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

22/051 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) It was reported that the SID posts were still awaiting repair and that this might not happen until the end May. It was noted that another village has an ANPR device attached to their SID and CG was asked to contact JF to see if this could be used with Wattisfield's SID. Noting that there appears to be improving trends with the SID data, it was thought that there might be benefit in having a second device.
- b) It was reported that there were two volunteers offering to look after the church clock. CG and RM are going to arrange a training session.

- c) It was noted that the offending tree branch in Millers Way has now been removed.
- d) It was noted that the concern with the width of the footpath along the A143 has been escalated to the SCC enforcement officer.

22/052 VILLAGE HALL

Copies of the asbestos and electrical reports had been previously circulated and were noted. These reports had been shared with the village hall trustees. It was noted that a structural survey had been arranged for 27 April 2022. There were concerns in particular about some aspects of the electrical report and the safety of hall users.

It was resolved to write to WCCRG trustees expressing concerns about the issues raised in the electrical report and the safety of hall users.

22/053 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The following payments were considered for approval:

£714.00 to AC Environmental Services (UK) Ltd – village hall asbestos survey

£226.92 to SALC – annual subscription

£90.00 to Wattisfield United Reformed Church – hall hire

£228.59 to C Garman – expenses Jan – Mar 2022

£156.00 to SALC – training

£1059.47 to Suffolk County Council – street lighting costs

£280.00 to W Prentice - churchyard

It was resolved to approve these payments.

22/054 HIGHWAYS, TREES, CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD

- a) The situation with overgrown hedges was considered and that no action was needed at the moment.
- b) It was noted that SCC had been asked to prepare a fully costed project plan for the replacement of the current street lighting and this is due shortly.

22/055 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning application DC/22/01583 relating to White Willows, Bobby Hill, Wattisfield, Suffolk IP22 1NL was considered.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that there was no objection.

SG left the meeting.

- b) Planning application DC/22/01795 relating to the existing barn, Derry Rose Farm, Bobby Hill, Wattisfield IP22 1NL was considered.

It was resolved to advise MSDC that there was no objection.

SG returned to the meeting.

22/056 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and noted.

22/057 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- a) There was discussion about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- b) There was discussion about an additional bank signatory.

22/058 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.30 pm and this would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

- b) It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be on Thursday 26 May 2022 *at 7.30 pm at the URC Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
21 April 2022

* This has now changed to Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.