

**WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021**  
**7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)  
Councillor Rick Meyer (RM)  
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)  
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)

Four members of public were present.

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

**21/137 PUBLIC FORUM**

- a) There was discussion about the clearance of the various ditches. It was noted that there was positive progress in getting this work done.
- b) There was discussion about the areas that had been historically subject to flooding.

**21/138 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- a) JF's report had been previously circulated and was noted.
- b) RM's report had been previously circulated and was noted.

**21/139 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ian Dobson (ID) and Councillor Michael Elflain (ME) and the reasons were accepted. County Councillor Jessica Fleming had also offered her apologies. It was noted that Councillor Caragh Pell has now resigned.

**21/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

SG declared an interest in agenda items 11(b) and 11(c).

**21/141 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**21/142 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 had been previously circulated.  
**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

**21/143 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**21/144 WATTISFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND**

It was reported that there will be a first meeting of the working group on 30 November 2021. CP and RM will be representing the parish council. The group will consist of nine people.

**21/145 HIGHWAYS, TREES, CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD**

- a) CG reported that the church clock project should be completed by the end of November.

- b) The data from the speed indicative device was reviewed. No further action was considered necessary.
- c) Quotations for the maintenance of the parish council cemetery and surrounding area had not been received. This item was deferred to a future meeting.
- d) The consultation from SCC in respect of lorry routes was considered. It was decided that as there were no significant issues that a response was not appropriate.
- e) CG report that SCC Highways appear to be taking action in respect of the hedge in Walsham Road, Wattisfield.
- f) There was a discussion about the siting of the war memorial and whether it was appropriate to relocate.
- g) There was discussion about the need for a handrail from the street up into the churchyard.

#### 21/146 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) The following payment was considered for approval.  
£408.00 to S P Lunn Electrical Ltd – church clock project.  
**It was resolved to approve this payment.**
- b) The benefits of online banking with Nat West were considered.  
**It was resolved to agree to make an application and use online banking with Nat West provided the requirements of the financial regulations are maintained.**
- c) A donation to Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk was considered.  
**It was resolved to make a donation of £100 to Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk.**

#### 21/147 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) There was an update in respect of the planning enforcement at Elm Tree Place, Walsham Road, Wattisfield.  
  
SG left the meeting.
- b) Planning application DC/21/05307 relating to The Cutting Cottage and The Stables, Bobby Hill, Wattisfield, Suffolk IP22 1NL was considered. It was noted that the development site was outside the village development boundary. However, it was thought if appropriate materials were used that the development would enhance to area and street scene.  
**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the parish council has no objection.**
- c) Planning application DC/21/06017 relating to Derry Rose Farm, Bobby Hill, Wattisfield, Suffolk, IP22 1NL was considered. It was noted that the proposed building was isolated, outside the village development boundary and not an appropriate place for housing. It was considered that this was not a natural extension of the village.  
**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the parish council objects for the reasons stated.**  
  
SG returned to the meeting.

#### 21/148 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated. There was discussion around the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton and concern that the parish council were not being consulted.

#### 21/149 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None.

#### 21/150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 20 December 2021 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Christopher Garman  
Parish Clerk  
16 November 2021