

**WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THE CHAPEL, CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD**  
**MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2022**  
**7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)  
Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)  
Councillor David Dyer (DD)  
Councillor Richard Meyer (RM)  
Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

One member of public present.

GW welcomed all to the meeting.

**22/128 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was an update on progress by the Village Hall Working Group with the development of a wish list following the responses to the village consultation and the building of a relationship with an architect to look at taking the project forward.

**22/129 WATTISFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND**

It was noted that from the financial information for 2021 and verbal responses to questions at the recent AGM, that the charity could hit financial difficulties during 2023 unless there was a dramatic change to the income flow. There was discussion as to whether the Parish Council should provide a grant rather than possibly allow the village hall to close. It was agreed further consideration will be given to this when the overall budget for 2023/2024 is discussed and agreed at the December and January meetings.

**22/130 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- a) A report from County Councillor Jessica Fleming had been previously circulated and this was noted. There was discussion about recent flooding at the bottom of Boby Hill. SG said she will report this to SCC. Also, there was discussion about the costs for school transport and JF said she will take this forward.
- b) A report from District Councillor Richard Meyer had been previously circulated and this was noted. There was a discussion about MSDC and the handling of planning applications.

**22/131 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ann Telford (AT) and Councillor Michael Elflain (ME) had offered their apologies and these were accepted.

**22/132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

GW declared an interest in agenda item 10 (a).

**22/133 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None.

22/134 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 October 2022 had been previously circulated.  
**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.**

22/135 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

22/136 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) The following payment was considered for approval:

£150.00 to Haward Horological Ltd – church clock

**It was resolved to approve this payment.**

b) The revised Code of Conduct had been previously circulated for adoption.

**It was resolved to adopt this revised Code of Conduct.**

22/137 HIGHWAYS, TREES, CEMETERY and CHURCHYARD

The plans for the production of leaflets and maps showing village walks were reviewed. A sample brochure from another village was considered. However, there had been no response to the request for a volunteer to assist with the planning of walks. SG and CP said they would look at two or three walks which could be the basis for a leaflet.

22/138 PLANNING MATTERS

GW left the meeting. SG was elected chairperson until GW's return.

a) Planning application DC/22/04754 relating to The Old Maltings, Hinderclay Road, Wattisfield, IP22 1NF was considered.

**It was resolved to advise MSDC that there were no objections.**

GW returned to the meeting.

b) There were concerns that the annexe at Honeypot Hall, Honeypot Lane, Wattisfield was being used for living accommodation despite planning refusal. CG was asked to report this to MSDC planning enforcement for further investigation.

c) The situation with the other planning enforcement cases was considered.

22/139 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted. No further action was considered necessary in respect of a letter from a resident.

22/140 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

It was report that the finger post for Footpath 15 at Hinderclay Road, Wattisfield needed replacing. CG is to report this to SCC ROW.

22/141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 19 December 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Christopher Garman  
Parish Clerk  
8 November 2022