

WATTISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE CHAPEL, CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

MONDAY 17th APRIL AT 7.30 PM

(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Geoff Wade (Chairman) (GW)

Councillor David Dyer (DD)

Councillor Michael Elflain (ME)

Councillor Cynthia Penn (CP)

Councillor Ann Telford (AT)

ABSENT:

Councillor Sarah Goodchild (SG)

Councillor Richard Meyer (RM)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)

One member of the public present.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Nicholas Spring

Parish Clerk

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Council received an update from the chair of the Village Hall Working Group. Three architects had submitted proposals for a feasibility study and these would be considered at the next meeting of the Working Group.

2. REPORT FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Jessica Fleming delivered a report covering: primary school place allocations; Suffolk County Council post-16 travel policy; a new police and fire station for Stowmarket; the Suffolk Walking Festival; and Active Suffolk.

3. APOLOGIES

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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5. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

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6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

8. WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Village Hall Management Committee to ascertain its intentions regarding the mowing of the grass on the Recreation Ground.

9. VILLAGE POND

ME gave an update and it was agreed to discuss again at a future meeting when RM was able to attend.

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) The issue of cheques for the following payments was confirmed:

Suffolk CC	Replacement street lights	10746.23
Wattisfield URC	Hall hire	120.00
Suffolk CC	Street lights maintenance & energy 22/23	711.62
SALC	Annual subscription	255.69
Staff	March salary	216.16
HMRC	P30	347.60

b) The Summary Budget Report for the year to date was received.

c) It was agreed to consider further at a future meeting whether to draw down the Public Works Board loan to cover the street replacement lights

d) It was agreed that Councillor Telford should replace Councillor Goodchild as a bank signatory.

e) The mandate for an additional savings bank account would await the actioning of the change of signatory.

11. HIGHWAYS, TREES, CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD

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12. PLANNING MATTERS

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13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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14. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting, which would be the Annual Meeting of the Council, would be Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 6.30 pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.