

Wolfhampcote Parish Council Minutes  
Flecknoe Village Hall, Flecknoe  
11th January 2024 at 8pm

1	<p>Present: Helen King (HK) John Lee (JL) Claire McGregor (acting Chair) (CM)</p> <p>Apologies Andrew Brown (AB) Diane Aldersley (DA) Cllr Dale Keeling</p> <p>Clerk – Bo Pewtress</p> <p>Members of the Public 2</p>	
2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> HK relating to neighbour and cricket field</p>	
3	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Minutes reviewed and amendments to be made <b>Hedge cutting – waiting for Cllr Keeling to come back with dates RE verge trimming – amend agenda from hedge to verge – WCC responsible for verges, landowners only responsible for hedges</b></p>	
4	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> Draft minutes to be made available to public and to be republished once signed off Date for Mayor to visit Flecknoe; JL suggested an event such as Produce Show</p>	
5	<p><b>OPEN FORUM to Members of the Public</b> Parishioner raised concern regarding the flooding on road near Hillside House is getting increasingly worse. CM confirmed she will speak to the land owner regarding drainage of the field. AB to raise with Highways. HK raised issue with bad smell coming from the pond opposite The Rainbow House</p> <p>Parishioner raised issue with Bush Hill Lane; ditch has been filled on the left-hand side, ditch needs cleaning out. Broken drain under drive to Morris House. It was queried if the ditch is the responsibility of the landowner or Council; CM will speak to Cllr Keeling to seek clarification on the ownership of ditches and chase up on regular drain cleaning</p> <p>HK asked if any more salt has arrived – Parishioners not aware</p> <p>Parishioner confirmed drain opposite Church on the road is blocked, CM believes council come on a quarterly basis to jet wash the drains</p> <p>Parishioner raised concern with council cleaning drains, he feels the Council do not do a sufficient job and has led to him having to clear the drain near his house as there is an issue with camber of the road so the water does not fall into the drain.</p> <p>HK raised issue on drain opposite Pat’s house (Nethercote) it is not in good state of repair and a danger to the public. AB to raise with Highways.</p> <p>CM – member of public wants to know if there is a plan for the recreational field; PC confirmed it is a relatively new acquisition and purchased it to protect from development and to keep the cricket team going. All agreed it would be nice for the member of public to get</p>	<p>CM/AB</p> <p>CM</p> <p>AB</p>

	involved with the rec field if they wish to do so. Drainage of the rec was planned but now with the pond in place, there is a query as to whether drainage is needed? DA to reply from management committee on recreation.	DA									
6	<b>COUNCILLOR ROBERTS AND COUNCILLOR KEELING Updates</b> Councillor Keeling was not present however advised via email he is waiting on update from highway issues.										
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	Update from Planning Officer RE R23/0687: applicant is to provide Highways with additional information in order for them to assess the new vehicular access proposed.										
8	<b>VILLAGE HALL Update</b> CM – there is another meeting in beginning of February, the committee are looking at a gate on wheels to go across the entrance. They are speaking to a welder to see if it can be done. HK asked if the gate will it be non-climbable, CM confirmed this is to be discussed and design is being proposed to the committee. JL – encouraging people to use VH booking system online and it is working.										
9	<b>RECREATION AND CRICKET FIELD Update</b> Refer to report from DA – 17/12/2023 JL – Rec budget, £1,200 left. Budget was £3,000 for the year. HK added the quote from Dougie for his work is still to come in										
10	<b>HIGHWAYS Update</b> Drains, verge trimming and road update still awaited										
11	<b>FOOTPATHS</b> HK – nothing to note										
12	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Maintenance of allotments – JL has obtained materials to repair taps and shed for minimal costs. Looking tidier with usage however more work is required. Rec Field Committee need to confirm the location of where the shelter from the allotment needs to go, to be discussed further at next meeting										
13	<b>PARISH MAINTENANCE</b> CM has maintained the defib at Sawbridge and registered with the Circuit. Telephone boxes – JL to be discussed at next meeting										

	<p>Litter pick – the 7<sup>th</sup> April has been proposed. Clerk to contact Council to ensure equipment can be arranged for this date and for poster to be circulated to public. Risk Assessment to be carried out.</p> <p>JL – assessed expenditure for updated street lights. JL received quotes from current electricity company and WCC, the cost of change to replace both streetlights to LED equipment would be just over £2,000. JL worked out with LED we would save £500 per year on current bill. It is an initially large cost to outlay, but JL estimates it would take approx. 5 years to recoup. HK queried if solar would be possible and more sustainable.</p> <p>JL – will compare solar powered to LED lighting to make a decision for next meeting. Put on agenda.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Thank you letter to be sent to Mr Cartlidge (Morris House) regarding mowing the village green and allotment. Clerk to draft and circulate with PC</p>	
<b>15</b>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>JL – bank reconciliation is accepted.</p> <p>JL – submitted for proposal for precept for coming year £6,000.</p>	
<b>16</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Communication event – move to next meeting when DA is present</p> <p>Safe Guarding policy – AB raised a query on insurance. JL queried if safeguarding is an insurance issue. Otherwise all in agreement.</p>	

Meeting Closed 9.31pm

Next Meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 8.00pm – Flecknoe Village Hall

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