

**P A R I S H O F W E S T O N I N G**

**MINUTES of the Meeting of**

**Westoning Parish Council**

**held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

**In the Village Hall, Westoning**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Rayment (Chairman), Cllr J Nethersole, Cllr P Ellis, Cllr B Rogerson,

Cllr P Kelly, Cllr E Bhasin, Cllr C Luff, Cllr N McLoughlin, CBC Cllr J Jamieson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 1 member of the public was present

Agenda published on the noticeboard and on the website

**7749 Apologies for absence** – Cllr E Russell

7749.1 Cllr Vacancy

Nothing to report.

**7750 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 were approved. Cllr Luff proposed, seconded by Cllr Rogerson the approval of the minutes as a true record. All agreed by those present and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**7751 Declaration of interests**

There were no declarations of interest

**7752 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**7753 Chairman’s actions**

The Chairman said that he has received confirmation from Network Rail that they have withdrawn their objection to the Parish Council’s registration of the strip of land adjacent to the School to register it in the name of the Parish Council.

**7754 Reports and representations**

CBC Cllr Jamieson said that there will be a 0% increase in council tax. The repairs to the road surface in Sampshill Road have been done.

**7755 Public Participation**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**7756 Finance**

7756.1 Bank balances and finance report:

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| **Account** | **£** |
| TSB Community Account | 38,773.49 |
| TSB Instant Access Account | 66,847.78 |
| **TOTAL** | 105,621.27 |

7756.2 Cllr Bhasin proposed, seconded by Cllr Nethersole the approval of the following payments, agreed by all present:

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| **Payment Method** | **Payee** | **£** |
| 000709 | Clerk – salary | 512.14 |
| 000709 | Clerk – expenses | 40.09 |
| 000710 | HMRC – Clerk tax | 4.00 |
| 000711 | Parish Warden – village tidying | 275.00 |
| 000712 | Andy Muskett – light maint 3rd quarter | 130.20 |
| 000713 | Barbara Osborne – payroll | 67.50 |
| 000714 | Npower – electricity bill | 152.33 |
| 000715 | Westoning Village Hall – hire | 19.50 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **1,200.76** |

7756.3 Other finance matters:

There were no other finance matters.

**7757 Highways**

7757.1 Highways Issues

- the hedge outside number 65 Church Road is overhanging the footpath. The Clerk to report this to highways. (**Action Clerk**)

-there is a pothole on Church Road opposite the cemetery. The Clerk to report this to Highways. (**Action Clerk**)

-a pothole on the left hand corner of the speed cushion by the Village Hall has been reported

7757.2 Footpath Number 7

Cllr Nethersole reported that CBC have written to number 2 Oak Close regarding the overhanging conifers.

**7758 Recreation Ground**

7758.1 Recreation Club Licence

A meeting to be arranged with the Recreation Club Chairman, Derek Geraghty to discuss this further.

7758.2 Recreation Club bin collections cost

The Chairman said that he received a copy of the bin collection invoice which is around £40 per month and as the Parish Warden is using the bin, the Parish Council could contribute £10 per month towards the cost. He said that he will discuss this further when a meeting is held with the Recreation Club Chairman.

7758.3 Firework event report

The Chairman said that he will discuss this further when a meeting is held with the Recreation Club Chairman.

7758.4 Bushes around football pitch

The Chairman said that he has replied to the Football Club regarding their email from last month and confirmed that the strip of land in question is currently owned by Network Rail but he has asked Neil Gates to take a look at the area to see what work needs doing.

**7759 Village Matters**

7759.1 Christmas Event – scaffolding tower/insurance

Cllr Ellis said that Jewsons have threatened legal action against the Parish Council. The Clerk said that she is waiting to hear back from the Parish Council’s insurers as to whether the Parish Council is covered under their policy for the theft of the equipment. The Parish Council agreed to write to Jewsons to inform them that the Parish Council are awaiting a response from their insurers. (**Action Chairman/Clerk**)

7759.2 Rural Match Fund Scheme – kerb in Church Road

The Clerk said that CBC are still in the process of assessing the submission.

7759.3 Burial Ground

Nothing to report.

7759.4 Grass cutting – schedule for next season

The Clerk said she has drawn up a schedule/policy for grass cutting for the 2023 season. The Chairman asked the Clerk to re-send the documents to him. (**Action Clerk**)

7759.5 Kings Coronation

Cllr Bhasin said that the sub-group has agreed on a possible date for the event as Monday 8th May. There is likely to be 80-90 people who are over 70 years old in the Village. Final details to be agreed. Cllr Nethersole agreed to obtain a quote for Union Jack flags.

(**Action Cllr Nethersole**)

7759.6 Flag Pole

The Parish Council agreed that they would like an 8m pole plus a Union Jack flag. The Chairman and Cllr Bhasin agreed to look into the cost. (**Action Chairman/Cllr Bhasin**)

7759.7 Planters

Nothing to report

7759.8 Community Benefit Group

Cllr Ellis said that he will meet with the sub-group to discuss this further.

**7760 Play Area**

The Clerk reported that the play area inspections have been agreed with Wicksteed.

**7761 Planning**

7761.1 There were no planning applications received.

7761.2 Other Planning Matters:

7761.2.1 Solar Farm

Nothing to report.

7761.2.2 Land Off Flitwick Road

Nothing to report.

7761.2.3 West View Farm, Park Road

Nothing to report.

**7762 Parish Council Administration**

The Clerk to circulate the policies for review. **(Action Clerk)**

**7763 Committees/Sub Groups/Representatives/Reports**

No reports were given

**7764 General correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**7765 Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm**

**In the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Approved: ………………………………………………. Date: ……………………………………………………….