

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC), Jennie Newell – Vice-Chair (JN) and Councillors John Camilleri (JC), Karen James (KJ) and Nigel MacPherson (NM).
Also: Neil Carpenter (Clerk/RFO) – (NC) and seven members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.35p.m.

The clerk was absent until minute 48/23; in the clerk's absence KJ took minutes for items 42/23 to 44/23 inclusive.

42/23 Apologies for absence

None received.

43/23 Declarations of interest

KJ declared an interest in item 50/23 so will not participate in this item.

44/23 Approval of Minutes

Matters arising: none.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **13th March 2023** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

45/23 Public Forum

46/23 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (Test Valley Borough Council)

Councillor Jeffrey was not present.

47/23 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (Hampshire County Council)

Councillor Nick Adams-King was not present.

48/23 Planning

Glebe Farm, West Dean: update – FC expressed thanks and appreciation to the joint planning group, in particular to JC, for their considerable work on this item.

JC outlined the position to date; Onyx (the finance company who owns the site) has engaged a housebuilding company and wished to modify the planning position, in that (i) restricted covenants be added to prevent further development, and (ii) the woodland to be designated a “nature area” and be passed to West Tytherley Parish Council to manage, the maintenance of which to be funded by a service charge levied on the residents of Glebe Farm. NC asked how this would work in practice – would West Tytherley Parish Council have to arrange for any upkeep of the woodland? JC replied that this was unclear but the upkeep could be undertaken by a management company formed for this purpose.

49/23 Finance

To note:

- Payment of £529.10 to Parish Clerk (salary for March 2023);
- Payment of £25.00 to Parish Clerk (office allowance for March 2023).

Both of the above were paid by BACS on 4th April 2023.

The above payments were noted.

Summary of current bank accounts

- not to hand at the meeting.

[Later, for information only, details as at noon on 17th April 2023:-

Account balances: "Main" account £45,591.79 (of which £20,000.00 is ringfenced for the Resilience Project); "Millenium" account £7,551.75; "Third" account £1,244.15].

Audit 2022-2023

- FC suggested this be dealt with at a separate EGM to be convened at the earliest available date.

To approve:

- Payment of £25.60 to the Parish Clerk for printer cartridges (invoice 17767);

This was agreed unanimously.

- The renewal of Mr. Eastwood's contract for the 2023 season as submitted;

This was agreed unanimously.

50/23 Resilience Project – update

JC summarised progress to date. Proposals are in place for generators and communication equipment. JC understood that the King Edward's Village Hall committee had various ideas to be considered by their new committee.

51/23 Public Correspondence

- the fee for the West Tytherley Pigeons Football Club to use the recreation ground has been paid up to September 2023.

- in relation to allowing members of the public to speak at a parish council meeting, FC stated the current policy on the subject as defined in the standing orders of the Parish Council. The standing orders permit a member of the public to speak about a planning application they had submitted.

- in relation to reported resignations from the Resilience group, FC confirmed that Julie Neilson had not resigned from the Resilience group.

- regarding the repair of the damaged fence panel on the recreation ground, cllr. Koetser will be asked to seek a second quotation.

52/23 Councillor's reports

KJ reported

FP10 is blocked by a huge fallen oak branch; NC to write to the landowner.

FP5 (the steps between Beale's Court and The Old Rectory) is now in the hands of HCC, however as the footpath is not obstructed this is deemed to be low priority.

FP3 - the HCC Inspector ruled the routeing returns to the pre-1967 routeing. FC reported work had started on gates and new fencing.

[minute 52/23 continues...]

FC reported

- following up with HCC replacement of the fingerpost outside Heatherdean; the Parish Council would arrange to erect the post if required.
- the 30mph speed limit sign on Dean Road has not been replaced.
- keeping track of progress regarding the potholes in North Lane, and urged all to report potholes to HCC Highways.

NM reported

- following illness the Lengthsman is catching up on outstanding jobs, including the West Dean noticeboard, repairs to play equipment at the West Dean playground and attending to loose brickwork at the war memorial and the church graveyard.
- JN reported that HCC Highways regarded North Lane as a low priority route which infers that it may be some time before the potholes in North Lane are made good.

It has been reported that heavy lorries operated by contractors for tree felling at Norman Court deposit excessive mud onto North Lane; FC to raise this with the owners of Norman Court.

40/23 Any other business

- West Tytherley Village fete on 20th May: planned pet show event; to enable this to be held the “no dogs” rule appertaining to the recreation ground needed to be suspended.

A vote was taken; councillors voted unanimously to suspend the banning of dogs on the recreation ground for the duration of the fete on 20th May 2023.

- There have been several instances of dogs on the recreation ground recently. It was noted that the pedestrian gate to the recreation ground does not self-close which may encourage dog owners to allow their dog onto the recreation ground; NM to ask the lengthsman to fix. In addition FC will change the combination on the main gate lock.

- Parish Council Election: it was noted that of the current Parish Councilors only two (FC and KJ) had sought re-election, and only one other person had submitted a nomination paper. FC hoped to co-opt councillors at the AGM.

55/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting, which will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of the Parish Council, will held on Monday 15th May 2023 commencing 7.30pm at King Edward’s Hall, West Tytherley.

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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