

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 12 October 2022 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (Chairman); B Harris; M Evans; J Spenser; P Rodenhurst

Shropshire Councillors : E Towers

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public 0

54/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rawlinson; Cllr Howard; Cllr Weedall: Cllr Broomhall (Shropshire Council)

55/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

56/22 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Harris that the draft minutes, of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 13 July 2022 were an accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all present.

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 July are an accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

57/22 Reports

- a. Councillors Broomhall and Towers had circulated their report in advance of the meeting
- b. The Clerk reported that the CILCA training has now started

58/22 Parish Matters

- a. The content of the Marlot Activity Report was noted. Cllr. Mercer has produced a document for the working group.
- b. The content of the Hollinwood Green Quarterly Report was noted.
- c. Social Media Policy
Proposed Cllr Mercer; seconded Cllr Evans; agreed all.

Resolved: The Social Media Policy is approved and adopted by the Council and a Parish Council Facebook Page will be set up and managed by the Clerk.

- d. Christmas 2022
Proposed Cllr Spenser; seconded Cllr Rodenhurst

Resolved: The Parish Council will commission the provision and delivery of Christmas lunches to the value of £400 with the strict proviso that they will only be provided to residents of the Parish who are 66 years of age, or older. The supplier will be expected to keep a record of who receives the meals, but will not be asked to share any personal information with the Parish Council.

- e. Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Proposed Cllr Mercer; Seconded Cllr Rodenhurst; agreed all.

Resolved: The Parish Council will donate £50 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

- f. Mobile and Broadband Connectivity
Proposed Cllr Harris; Seconded Cllr Evans; Agreed all.

Resolved: The Parish Council will carry out a connectivity survey to provide a fuller picture of issues across the Parish. The results will be published on the Parish Council Website and shared with Shropshire Council.

The Clerk and Cllr Harris will agree a response deadline.

- g. Parish Council Newsletter
Proposed Cllr Evans; Seconded Cllr Mercer; Agreed All

Resolved: The content of the newsletter was approved and will be printed by SJF Design & Print.

- h. Boglife Project – Pete Bowyer (Natural England) provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

59/22 Planning

- a. To Consider Applications
None received
- b. Planning Decisions Noted

22/03598/FUL	Alterations to existing camping and touring site, provision of additional amenity facilities within an existing building and installation of package treatment plant. Abbey Green Farm, Abbey Green.	Grant Permission
22/00805/FUL	Erection of 2no. local needs dwellings including provision of access, parking and garage. Land East of Rack Lane Garage	Grant Permission
22/03333/FUL	Erection of private use equestrian building and associated works. Plantation House, Canal Side	Grant Permission
22/03799/FUL	Replacement of the existing porch to the front elevation together with raising the roof of part of the house to the rear & the introduction of dormer windows to the front elevation and associated works. Oak Cottage, Church Lane	Withdrawn

60/22 Financial Matters

- a. To receive monthly bank balance record.
The Clerk advised the council of the council's bank balances.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
30 June 2022	Current Account (Working Budget)	£8,964.43
	Savings Account (Reserves)	£10,582.71
TOTAL		£19,547.14

- b. Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription
Proposed Cllr Evans; Seconded Cllr Spenser; agreed by all

Resolved: The Council will pay the annual SLCC subscription as part of the employment package for any clerk working for Whixall Parish Council. This will be factored into future annual budgets.

c. To resolve to approve outstanding accounts

Orders for the payment of outstanding invoices and all payments approved remotely (under "Power to Spend" LGA1972 s.112(2) and 124(1)). Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Spenser and agreed by all.

Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid and the payment transactions authorised by two authorised councillors.

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
<u>Paid in August</u>			
Employee	Salary for July	£211.54	25.22
NEST	Pension Contributions	£36.49	26.22 DD
SALC	VAT Training	£30.00	27.22
SALC	Good Councillors Guides	£36.00	28.22
<u>Paid in September</u>			
Employee	Salary for August	£196.82	29.22
NEST	Pension Contributions	£60.81	30.22 DD
SALC	Good Councillors Guides	£30.60	31.22
Employee	Reimbursement	£9.91	32.22
Marlot CG	Reimbursement	£10.14	33.22
<u>To be Paid in October</u>			
Employee	Salary for July	£196.82	34.22
NEST	Pension Contributions	£60.81	35.22 DD
HMRC	PAYE	£328.40*	36.22
SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	£112.00	37.22

d. Options for External Audit

Proposed Cllr Evans; Seconded Cllr Spenser; agreed all

Resolved: The Council will continue with the present external audit arrangement and will not opt out of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime.

Scheduled date of next meeting:

9 November 2022 (7.30pm)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm