

Wolfhampcote Parish Council Minutes
Flecknoe Village Hall, Flecknoe
19th September 2024

1	<p>Present: Helen King (HK) Diane Aldersley (DA) Claire McGregor (CM) Andrew Brown (AB) John Lee (JL)</p> <p>Bo Pewtress - Clerk</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Keeling</p> <p>Members of the Public 4</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Keeling</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST HK and AB in relation to the recreation field.</p>	
4	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes of previous meetings (May and July) are agreed and are signed by Chair</p>	
5	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	
6	<p>OPEN FORUM to Members of the Public No comments from the Parishioners</p>	
6	<p>COUNCILLOR KEELING Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bin collection in Sawbridge by the borough council has to be paid for unfortunately – Clerk looking into more details of cost and will supply location to RBC. Grants for play equipment are available from the Borough Council. The website link to the grants which included grants from the sports action fund and community support fund were emailed to the Clerk <p>DA commented the link provided is directed more at adult gym equipment rather than children's play equipment. We need to ask Cllr Keeling if there are grants for children's play equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Keeling was informed on 29th July that the marked patchwork on Station Road were being incorporated into the work schedule. Contractors were behind grass/verge cutting due to staffing issues. Cllr Keeling was informed they were catching up. <p>All councillors commented this has become an urgent issue that needs to be resolved quickly as it is a safety issue. JL suggested the Parish Council instruct a competent person to mow the verges where required and forward the costs onto the Council if they are not going to take action. It was agreed by all to request Cllr Keeling arrange for Flecknoe to be included into the work schedule and give us a date for when this will happen. It is important we have a date within the next week.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New news – County Councillor community grants <p>Cllr Keeling funded the application from the friends of Wolfhampcote Church to commission a short film to showcase restoration work at the medieval Church. This film will go to local groups and schools and also be used to raise extra funds to pay for the installation of more stained-glass windows.</p> <p>The next round of the county councillor community grants opens on 23rd September until November 3rd. Funding from this round of grants will be released January 2025. Cllr Keeling will email a link to the Clerk when the funding opens on the 23rd September in case the Parish Council wish to apply for funding.</p>							
7	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>Planning Details</th><th>Status</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>R24/0783</td><td>Prior approval change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwellinghouse (Class Q) at NETHERCOTE BARN, NETHERCOTE ROAD, FLECKNOE, RUGBY, CV23 8AS</td><td>Awaited</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All agreed CM to comment on the planning on the same grounds as previous application</p>		Planning Details	Status	R24/0783	Prior approval change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwellinghouse (Class Q) at NETHERCOTE BARN, NETHERCOTE ROAD, FLECKNOE, RUGBY, CV23 8AS	Awaited	CM
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8	<p>VILLAGE HALL Update</p> <p>CM – See report</p>							
9	<p>RECREATION AND CRICKET FIELD Update</p> <p>DA – See report</p> <p>Karen Payne advised there were no responses against having play equipment on the rec field, and there was a 50% response rate from parishioners in favour. The next steps are to establish what type of equipment, the best location and costs.</p> <p>HK is receiving queries from parishioners as to where the equipment is going to go.</p> <p>Karen advised she has a contact in Willoughby who can advise on what company they used for their equipment and how their play area was set up. DA suggested visiting their play area for ideas.</p> <p>JL confirmed the Parish Council do not insure the pavilion on the rec field.</p>							
10	<p>HIGHWAYS Update</p> <p>AB has spoken to Highways regarding verge mowing, Highways understand all verges should have been cut by now, but Open Spaces Team are the entity that actually carry out the verge mowing, not Highways. Open Spaces Team are not responding to Highways or to AB.</p> <p>CM queried who has been mowing the verge between Red Roof and the triangle, HK confirmed parishioner has been mowing this as council will not due to obstacles on the verge.</p> <p>AB will ask Highways to look at the road outside The Old Vicarage as road defect getting worse</p>	AB						
11	<p>FOOTPATHS</p> <p>HK no issues.</p> <p>Re Bin at Sawbridge:</p> <p>HK acknowledged sight of the title plan for Sawbridge Green and advised next step is to consult with residents of Sawbridge with possibilities and costs for emptying the bin from RBC once received</p>							
12	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Maintenance of allotments</p> <p>JL has been notified by an allotment holder that a Parishioner is going to make a formal complaint about livestock kept on the allotment.</p> <p>JL has spoken to allotment holder in question and they are not aware it is an issue and aghast people are complaining about noise of animals in the countryside.</p> <p>JL confirmed allotment holders are allowed to keep chickens and ducks on the allotment plots.</p> <p>JL confirmed allotment holder in question does keep cockerels on their plot which are prohibited. JL will speak to allotment holder regarding removing the cockerels.</p>							

	<p>Parishioner confirmed it is the cockerels that are making the noise.</p> <p>JL and DA visited the allotments behind the VH with PC David Banks, who has provided a small personal onsite alarm to go into the poly tunnel that the allotment holders can set and is exceptionally loud when activated.</p> <p>The access from Bush Hill needs to be made secure.</p> <p>PC Banks recommends to the allotment holders to make a formal complaint whenever damage is caused, otherwise the police cannot act on it.</p> <p>DA reiterated all issues need to be reported on 101 for the police to be able to action.</p> <p>JL has confirmed with insurers the common paths are covered by the liability insurance held by the PC. The allotment plots are not covered by the PC public liability insurance and are the tenants responsibility.</p> <p>DA asked if this information needs to be fed back to all allotment holders, JL confirmed yes and the PC can obtain insurance for plot holders if wanted.</p> <p>It was agreed that we are not eligible for the solar light funding from the government.</p> <p>JL confirmed it is a significant up front cost, but the saving made on electricity costs means the lights would be paid for within approx. six years.</p> <p>HK queried if we can increase the precept to help pay for the initial cost? JL confirmed yes.</p> <p>Three votes in favour of installing solar lights.</p> <p>JL confirmed with Clerk to review as part of the precept once we have revised costs.</p> <p>JL advised the PC is being charged for three street lights, even though we only have two.</p> <p>There is a small charge for having a registration number registered with electricity company.</p> <p>HK asked if the third was the phone box? JL unsure and will investigate further.</p> <p>Events: Fireworks display – all agreed RA agreed. Clerk to confirm to Bob Butcher</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL and Clerk</p> <p>JL</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13	<p>PARISH MAINTENANCE</p> <p>Telephone boxes – JL confirmed CET will pay for the cost of the paint needed.</p> <p>WALC subscription has been paid.</p> <p>CPR Training; Steven works for a charity that provides CPR Training and is happy to arrange a date and time for anyone interested in the training. CM agreed to send dates out to parishioners.</p> <p>CM asked how many people are required at a time; Steven recommended 12 per session.</p> <p>DA thanked Steven and confirmed we will ask for a donation on attendance.</p> <p>HK queried if any defib fridge magnets are left, CM confirmed yes.</p> <p>Steven suggested to stick a magnet on the bottom of the defibs for ease of access to the code.</p> <p>DA suggested adding the defib code onto the Whatsapp groups.</p> <p>CM noted the Sawbridge bench looks tired, JL has inspected the bench and confirmed it is not on PC land. JL Queried what responsibility PC have to the upkeep of the bench.</p> <p>AB confirmed it is not the responsibility of the PC as the bench does not belong to the PC nor is it on land owned by the PC.</p> <p>JL has cleared the notice board at Sawbridge and trimmed the ivy around it.</p>	CM
14	CORRESPONDENCE	
15	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Bank reconciliation and bank accounts; these has been agreed and signed by DA.</p> <p>Currently approx. £13,500 held in the PC account currently.</p> <p>All have agreed the Standing Orders, these can be signed off.</p>	

16	Communications: Communication Strategy; DA circulated comms onto the notice boards and Whatsapp groups for parishioners' information. Clerk to bring hard copies for next meeting.	Clerk
17	For next Agenda: .gov email account	AB and Clerk

Meeting Closed 9:26pm

Next Meeting 14th November 2024 at 8pm – Flecknoe Village Hall