

DRAFT Minutes of NWPC Meeting 12/12/22

6545 - Present at the meeting: Cllrs Whitaker (SW), Sangster (BS), Cotterell (JC), Graves (PG) and Bedford (RB).

6546 - In Attendance: Mrs G Foster, Parish Clerk (GF), and 4 members of the public

6547 - Welcome: The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone on this cold night.

6548 - Apologies for absence: Cllr Graves, TVBC Cllr Ian Jeffrey and HCC Cllr Drew had sent their apologies

6549 - JC taking minutes. Meeting also on Zoom and is being recorded.

6550 - Declarations of Interests for items on the agenda, changes in Register of Interests, Requests for dispensations - JC Item 20.

6551 - To receive reports from HCC & TVBC - Cllr D Drew & Cllr I Jeffrey: Everyone will have seen reports from TVBC Mid Test Matters on fly tipping successful prosecutions. Same person was prosecuted for a second time.

6552 - Points from the Floor: On 1st Dec at OWPC meeting it was reported that the resilience team in West Tytherley had received money from SSEN for generators and other equipment. NWPC would investigate availability of funds for their own resilience schemes.

6553 - To consider planning applications and agree comments to be sent to Borough Council:

6554 - 22/03192/SCRN - Land at Army Air Corps Centre Middle Wallop

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to OBJECT, on the grounds that it would be in breach of Hampshire CC local Biodiversity Plan by ripping out hedgerows and destroying habitat of brown hares. JC will report OBJECTION to TVBC Planning

6555 - 22/03153/LBWN - Winton Nursing Home

Following discussion it was RESOLVED That NO COMMENT will be reported.

6556 - The Chairman reminded people that as well as telling Councillors, they are entitled to make their own comments on planning to TVBC.

6557 - 22/03079/LBWN & 22/03078/FULLN - MALLOWES. The applicants had invited SW to look at plans. Several sets had been to pre-app stage. Finally one being looked at and following discussion it was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the Application.

6558 - 22/03029/TREEN - ASHERS Farm. Following discussion, including considering a TPO, it was RESOLVED that NO COMMENT will be reported.

6559 - 22/02946/CLEN - The Kestrels. Following discussion it was RESOLVED That NO COMMENT will be reported.

6560 - To approve the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting on 14th November 2022. Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6561 - To approve Bank Reconciliation, Payments, Receipts - APPROVED Unanimously

6562 -To approve moving funds to Ear Marked Reserve (EMR's).

Following discussion, including battery for solar panels needed and travel infrastructure (it was noted that a recent CIL payment must go to something such as safe travel. maybe in conjunction with HCC).

JC proposed Approval. BS seconded. All in favour.

6563 - BUDGET DISCUSSIONS. To review the Budget and suggest projects for the next financial year. The Chairman opened the floor to the members of the public and explained how the precept is set at £43k and the amount by which it might rise per household for each extra £1000 of expenditure. Base is 406 dwellings. Consideration has been given to the impact of various amounts of increase. There were also expressions of concern about the current climate. If something happens we can dip into reserves. Trying to do the right thing in the current financial climate.

6564 - Member of the public - in favour of raising precept in line with inflation. Agreed they don't want to pay more, but sometimes it needs to go up in line with inflation to maintain services. Otherwise next year might have to raise by double the amount. Can see nothing being wasted in their precept so no qualms.

IC strongly asks to keep it as is.

SW proposed. IC 2nd. AGREED Unanimously not to raise the precept for the next year.

Council may not have a meeting in January, therefore SIGNED BUDGET FORM FOR TVBC.

6565 - To consider moving the May meeting date to 15th May 2023 as it has to be within 14 days of election. Agreed to hold Monday 15th May.

6566 - To note the interim Audit Report. Perfect timing for handover to new RFO.

Councillors were asked if they were happy with the report - Unanimous YES.

A. Nothing for RFO to do.

B. Councillors to decide if the letter of appointment of auditor to be signed.

AUDIT REPORT - SIGNED LETTER.

6567 - To receive Risk Assessments for the VG Marquees. RA received was not quite what the council was hoping for. Rather generic, but covers all erection and removal and will be tailored by VGWG for each occurrence, and made specific for each perceived risk, and all risks are included. Doesn't address mitigation or what individuals do. IC will get an approved draft from VGWG in the same format as the rest of NW risk assessments. A local expert (H&S advisor) has volunteered to look at it and it will be sent to him to ask for his comments. **ACTION** - GF agreed she will send him the report.

6568 - To confirm arrangements for the Carols on the Green - Agreed

6569 - To note the Clerk's Report and correspondence received and decide on any action.

Tree survey. SW to contact Edward Souter and ask him if he is prepared to carry on acting as tree inspector for the time being. Action agreed.

CIL decision on the playground grant application is not through yet. GF made the application in March. Still not decided by 12th Dec, but indication that the decision will be made in January. Noted.

6570 - Test Valley school OFSTED report not looking good.

20.05 Meeting was joined by TVBC Cllr Ian Jeffrey (IJ)

6571 - IJ was asked about grants for resilience. He suggested an approach to SSNetworks to see if they would still offer money. Web address will be supplied by IJ and IJ suggested maybe grant funding for a suitable generator for the hall could be applied for. Maybe it could be "generators and other equipment" to include a battery for solar panels.

IJ was also asked about solar farm at AAC. "Have they looked at putting panels on roofs instead of hares and hedgerows?" Could it be asked of the Northern Planning committee? IJ suggested sending an email to three Councillors for this ward, for forwarding to Northern Planning. Makes sense to IJ about the AAC planning application and he will follow up.

6572 - IJ reported that things will change from next May as Cllr Tony Ward is retiring. A new Conservative candidate has been appointed. If 3 conservatives are elected, there will almost certainly be one on Northern planning.

6573 - IJ confirmed report in Mid Test Matters - Fly-tipping of fire extinguishers. Offender from Bournemouth - cost him nearly £1100 in fines. The offender's vehicle had been spotted.

6574 - IJ Wished ALL a Happy Xmas and healthy New Year and left the meeting.

6576 - Carols on Green. BS will be there. Especially for any issue with alcohol. IC has checked new solar lights tested and working. He will give them to Piers Bingley. IC reported extra floodlight on the Green as well.

6577 - To review reports received from Councillors & approve any cost implications.

6578 - SW - Safe travel. No one has recently gone out due to bad weather. It would be good to go at 8.30am near the school next term. Reminded all about SpeedWatch through the WhatsApp Group. There will be discussion of Automated Speed Indicating Devices recommended by HCC. One company is AutoSpeed. GF is getting a bigger group of Councils together to discuss funding and sharing, provided local Police agree. Cost is about £600. Emma Horbury from TVAPTC will be asked to get the rep for Road Safety to report.

6579 - SW - Traffic calming. No progress to report. HCC going to tender for spend on traffic calming.

6580 - BS - Playing fields - line marker may be getting fixed. SW has marked postcode and What3words on the defibrillator. The hedges have been cut.

ACTION - Clerk - Need to chase football people who haven't paid.

6581 - SW - Footpaths - Lengthsman ill, so no footpaths currently being maintained. But he will send in a report. Assumption is he will do the drains in Farley Street. Raised drains need clearing, especially near the crossroads.

6582 - IC - Village Green. Nothing to report.

6583 - PG - Village hall. Last user left the side door open and the fire alarm went off at the wine and tapas evening, which was a fun event.

6584 - SW - WPH. Meeting being held on Thursday. New couple have agreed to take over. Interim handover audit has taken place. There was a vote of thanks to John Taylor Firth for all his hard work and dedication over the past 12 years.

The specification has gone out to companies to quote for solar panels.

Car park drainage being remedied.

6585 - **ALL** - **Matters raised by councillors for noting or adding to next months agenda?** We won't have a clerk and will need someone to take notes for minutes at each meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed - NO MEETING in January.

6586 - Date of next meeting Monday 13th February at 7.15pm.

6587 - At 20.34 the zoom meeting ended.

6588 - Member of Public. Asked questions about hall garden.

6589 - **ITEM 20 Confidential.**

RESOLVED - exclusion of the public.

NWPC reviewed confidential reports and discussed.

SLCC have put up the advert for new Clerk & RFO which closes on the 26th Dec. No applications yet, so the advert will be extended.

It was RESOLVED that the suggested Locum RFO be employed for a temporary time. (Rolling One Month with option to extend).

Agreed to also post the advert on website and parish pump.