

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council

Parish Clerk & RFO – Position Vacant

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 11th December 2023 at King Edward's Hall West Tytherley

Present: Councillors Harry Urquhart (Chairman)(HU), Karen James (KJ), Vian Cameron (VC), Margaret Down (MD), Fiona Collyer (FCy)

The meeting was attended by Cllr Nick Adams-King (HCC)

3 members of the public were present with no representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened at 1905 hrs by Cllr Harry Urquhart

150/23 Apologies were received from Cllr Fiona Collier and Cllr Stewart McDonald -TVBC

151/23 There were declarations of interest from Cllr Karen James and Cllr Margaret Down for 159/23 **23/02968/FULLS**

152/23 Minutes of the meeting 13th November were read and after correction of typing errors at 141/23 4. The amount for the wreath to be inserted of £ 25.00 at 143/23 Adoption of FOI Policy to put FOI - Freedom of Information in full. 144/23 Contact Andy Page Chairman of KEH re the understanding about expenditure for the Resilience Plan and if it is still achievable considering any price rises. Annex A for the Councillor roles needs attaching.

153/23 Open Forum

154/23 **Cllr Stewart McDonald – TVBC (Mid-Test) Absent**

155/23 **Cllr Nick Adams-King – HCC**

Flooding by the business units to East Tytherley has been reported Astor have been called into the Department of the Environment (DofE) for a Meeting with Baroness Scott on 18th January 2024 about the waste charges levied to tenants. HCC and TVBC are looking at the case.

DIY waste charges are to be lifted at council tips from the New Year. This will add £2M pa as transporting wates costs will need to be paid.

Fly tipping incidents are still being pursued.

The local plans for Test Valley are proceeding. Plans for new housing development sites are due to be released in the new year. There will be one or two changes for settlement areas SHELLA

Grants have been given to the Village Shop by HCC and TVBC

Dean Road drains are blocked by leaves. It was pointed out the drain clearance happened before the leaves had come down from the trees. Unfortunately, the programme for autumn drain clearance is set and has to cover a vast number.

156/23

1. The purchase of a Water Heater for £156.76 for the Pavilion on the Recreation ground was confirmed. Cllr Vian Cameron had handed it to Andy Page who had offered to fit it free of charge.
2. The committee unanimously agreed to contribute up to £900.00 towards insurance of the KEH. The Council are urgently waiting for a written request for the amount. KJ to chase.
3. Budget for 2024/2025 to be discussed and decided in full with further information at the January 2024 meeting
4. The payment for a NALC advertisement for a Locum Clark needs to be discussed urgently.
5. Community Grant Disbursement allocation. The Councillors unanimously agreed with the disbursement allocation presented.
6. Monthly Finance Report. Details provided to Cllr Urquhart and will be published with minutes

157/23 Fire Safety Presentation. The Chairman was unable to provide information. This Item to be brought forward to the January 2024 meeting.

158/23 Resilience Plan

To avoid losing the money for the project it was agreed to send a letter to KEH agreeing to put a deposit on ordering a generator. The repair work to building to house the generator will have to be postponed until the spring. A review of budgets is recommended especially on the plan put forward to SSEN and check that it is still achievable considering any price rises. Any increases in costs need notifying for possible inclusion in the 2024/2025 budget. A written agreement between KEH and the Parish Council needs to be produced to set out the cover of insurance costs, maintenance costs of the generator and generator installation costs.

159/23

1. **23/02878/TREES** Fell Leylandii at Collarmakers, 32 West Tytherley SP5 1NF **(Not discussed ??)**
2. **23/02968/FULLS** Erection of a garden shed (retrospective) Oakwood House, Dean Road, West Tytherley SP5 1NR MD and KG recommended supporting the application. The Councillors voted unanimously to **Support** this application.
3. **23/02972 FULLS** Double garage 20 Hillside Close, West Dean. The Councillors unanimously **objected** until the requirements of highways are met.

160/23 Public Correspondence

From Julie Neilson

1. The Pigeons football team paid their dues up to September 2023 but there has been no further payment under finance. Can this be investigated?
2. Do yearly invoices such as this to the Pigeons get rolled over to the next year, if not why not? Has the request for 2023 to 2024 been issued?
3. Despite requests a Village clean up was not done in 2023. Please can one be arranged and put on the agenda for 2024?

4. After the last KEH meeting they asked if the Parish Council would contact Highways about a possible disabled bay outside KEH. Has this been progressed?
5. Will the issue of advertising for new Parish Councillors be addressed soon?

From Charlie and Bethan Bennett-Lloyd

The village water drains into the Church Farm Culvert and David King is responsible for keeping this clear. He has asked for help. FC to contact David King

161/23 Matters to be carried forward to the next meeting

1. Budget for 2024/2025 Chairman to email all councillors with a copy of the budget for 2023/24
2. Payments for locum clerk advertisements to be discussed
3. Fire Safety Presentation for the Village to be discussed
4. Resilience Plan, further discussion with any budgetary implications regarding rising costs

162/23 Date and location of next meeting

The first Monday is a bank holiday so the January Parish Council meeting is to be held on 15th January 2024 at 7.00pm