

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.30pm

Jan 24 1 apologies

Cllr Harris

Present

Chairman Mr Bust, Mr Paris, Mr Bevans, Mr Subramanian, Mrs Blackburn. Mrs Denyer, Mr Wright, Clerk Mr Rickett RFO Mrs Rickett
Cllr Rainbow

Jan 24 2 Councillors declaration of interest

None

Jan 24 3 Minutes of the previous meeting December 14th 2023 were signed as a true and correct record after 2 amendments –

Amendments agreed on at the February meeting

Jan 24 12 flooding

Mrs Denyer stated that there are other Parish Councils who adopt a more formal role in the event of flooding in their areas and suggested that this could be with regard to , eg looking into flood mitigation, liaising with others. Mrs Denyer raised the question, could the footbridge over the beck be raised ?

The Chairman Mr Bust, stated that he is the “flood warden” but in discussion about the role said he hadn’t received any training for this. After some further discussion he stated that the Parish Council does not have a formal role, but does as much as it can when floods happen

Mr Wright felt that the PC was not doing enough

The Chairman Mr Bust, asked whether Mrs Denyer had received a reply from Mr Marshall. Mrs Denyer reported that she had sent emails to Mr Marshall but had not received replies – this was because she subsequently discovered that the email address given had a bit missing so wasn’t received by Mr Marshall. She also emailed Cllr Laughton who replied that Mr Marshall would look after everyone

The Chairman asked that the RFO contact Mr Marshall to arrange a meeting

Jan 24 4 Open meeting

No comments

Jan 24 5 County and District Councillors reports

Councillor Rainbow informed the PC that the planning committee were looking into allowing planning applicants and neighbours to speak at Committee – 3 mins

A flooding grant is available - applicants need to contact NSDC directly.
2 aquasacs are available per affected household

Jan 24 6 **Village Hall**

No updates
Village Hall wall – the Chairman had had informal discussions with the homeowner next door, she is happy to leave decisions with the PC
The PC discussed removing the affected part of the wall and retie it to the back wall – Chairman and Clerk to sort. Will leave any decisions for a couple of months

Jan 24 7 **Grant application**

Discussed whether it will be digital or paper survey
RFO to check with the ICO to make sure it is compliant, that we can legally ask the questions, we want to, also to check with NSDC how long this survey would be valid

Jan 24 8 **noticeboard update**

Need to send the cheque as the board is ready

Jan 24 9 **D Day 80th 6th June 2024**

Leave for now

Jan 24 10 **Allotment registration**

Mr Paris to speak to Mr Croston

Jan 24 11 **Roads and hedges**

Cllr Rainbow will contact Mr Farr to try and find out who owns the coppice on School Lane

Jan 24 12 **Flooding – to consider that the PC adopt a formal role, in supporting the village community**

The Chairman Mr Bust is the flood warden, with no formal set up. It was pointed out that other PCs have formal set ups

Mrs Denyer emailed Mr Marshall, but had no reply, Cllr Laughton had spoken to him and said that Mr Marshall would look after everyone

Mrs Denyer raised the question does the footbridge over the Beck need raising ?

Mr Wright felt that the PC was not doing enough

RFO to contact Mr Marshall for a meeting, it doesn't need to be a PC Meeting, we will await a consultation before we go further

Sect 19 was raised – NCC – only asks why you were flooded and how many times

Jan 24 13 **correspondence**

None

Jan 24 14 **Planning**

Pepperbox Cottage

Construction of retaining walls for new access, double gates, boundary walls, pedestrian gates and steps (retrospective) – 23/02051/HOUSE
Supported unanimously as long as the walls are approved by Highways

Waggon and Horses
Replacement signage on listed building – 23/02206LBC
Replace existing signage with new and additional sign into land owned by the pub – 23/01497/ADV
Application proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Wright
Opposed Mr Bevans seconded Mrs Denyer
Turned down for 4 against 3
We are happy with the proposed signage, but not the one in the field

Planning decisions

1 Manor Farm Cottage
Certificate of lawfulness – approved NSDC

Jan 24 15 finance

Agreed to pay cleaners 74.00
Fire check 54.00
Noticeboard 911.94

The chairman informed the PC that Mrs Davis had recently died and asked if the PC wished to send flowers or a donation
Proposed Mrs Blackburn £50 for flowers or donation seconded Mr Bevans. Clerk to arrange

Precept

The PC had studied the information the clerk had circulated
The clerk informed the PC that it costs on average £8000 to pay all the yearly bills
It was agreed unanimously to raise the precept to £8000 (eight thousand pounds). Proposed Mr Bevans seconded Mr Subramanian
Reverting back to the original precept of 20/21, was explained that in real terms due to inflation it is worth less than before

Jan 24 16 items for the next agenda

Most items covered under the current headings

Jan 24 17 date and time of next meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.24pm