

Wolfhampcote Parish Council Minutes
Flecknoe Village Hall, Flecknoe
16th January 2025

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| 1 | <p>Present:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Diane Aldersley (DA), Chair Helen King (HK) Andrew Brown (AB) John Lee (JL)</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Claire McGregor (CM) Councillor Keeling</p> <p>10 members of the Public attended the meeting</p> | |
| 2 | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HK and AB in relation to the Recreation & Cricket Field- HK in relation to The Old Post Office | |
| 3 | <p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 19th September 2024 and 14th November 2024 meetings were agreed</p> | |
| 4 | <p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>There were no matters arising</p> | |

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| 5 | <p>OPEN FORUM to Members of the Public</p> <p>A Parishioner raised the issue of the ditch on the left hand side up going up Bush Hill Lane. It is overflowing and troublesome, particularly during icy periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair asked for clarification on who owns the land and asked the Parishioner whether or not they had approached the home-owner. The Parishioner confirmed that no approach had been made. - HK noted that it was a common issue in the village and that a digger would be required to resolve. - AB agreed to discuss with Highways to find out if it is Council-owned land. - The Chair noted that if it is private land, the Parishioner would be best-placed to approach the landowner directly. <p>A Parishioner noted that the top part of the allotments are underused and could be an amenity for the Parish, asking that residents be reminded.</p> <p>A Parishioner enquired about the unfinished house by the canal. The Chair advised that the Parish Council have no visibility of the rateable value.</p> <p>A Parishioner asked about the vehicles travelling around Nethercote Road, which are blocking the ditch. AB advised that Highways had visited and had promised that it would be cleaned, although this has yet to be completed. AB agreed to raise again with Highways, noting that it has degraded since last inspection.</p> <p>A Parishioner noted that residents are walking dogs after dark with no concerns for 'visibility'.</p> | <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> |
| 6 | <p>COUNCILLOR KEELING Updates</p> <p>No update was provided</p> | |
| 7 | <p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>R24/0783, Prior approval change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (Class Q) at NETHERCOTE BARN, NETHERCOTE ROAD, FLECKNOE, RUGBY, CV23 8AS. Awaiting Decision – 24/01/2025</p> <p>R24/1053, Craigard, Flecknoe Village Road, Proposed single storey front porch extension, single storey rear extension and change of external materials to smooth render and composite cladding. Application Pending - 09/01/2025</p> <p>R24/1163, The Old Post Office, Flecknoe Village Road, Flecknoe, Proposed alterations to the fenestration of the easterly stone section of the house enlarging windows and upgrading. Application Pending - 24/01/2025</p> <p>R24/0963, Flecknoe Farm Stud & Livery, Flecknoe Village Road, Flecknoe. Approval of details in relation to conditions. Application Pending.</p> | |

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| 8 | VILLAGE HALL Update The Chair read CM's update to the meeting. No actions were taken by the Parish Council. | |
| 9 | RECREATION AND CRICKET FIELD Update The Chair confirmed that drainage works and a working party have been completed. Sheep are in place. Play equipment planning in progress, lottery funding being sought by a small group of Parishioners. Spring working party to be held. Bob King will step away from the Committee in April. | |
| 10 | HIGHWAYS Update Warwickshire Highways recently visited the Parish, addressed a number of issues and undertook to resolve others. Notably the damaged canal bridge has been repaired. On their next visit AB will take them to the other canal bridge, Arnold's Hill, as the bridge is now nearly impassable. | AB |
| 11 | FOOTPATHS HK noted that there were no current issues. | |
| 12 | ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allotments - JL noted that a maintenance meeting will be held in February - Defibrillators - The Chair noted that there was no update - Parish Clerk - The Chair once again thanked Bo Pewtress for her time in post and welcomed Karen Paine as the new Parish Clerk - WRCC - Rural Housing Survey - .gov.uk - AB confirmed that the move was in progress, and that the provider was awaiting a code from the Central Digital and Data Office. | |
| 13 | PARISH MAINTENANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Street lighting. JL provided a detailed update to the meeting on the progress of quotations and confirmed that the Parish has sufficient funds to support the work. A proposal will be discussed by the Parish Council before approval. - Village bins. HK provided a detailed update to the meeting on the discussions with Warwickshire Council, who will be charging for emptying bins not on Council-owned land. HK confirmed that conversations are still in progress. | |

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| 14 | CORRESPONDENCE The Chair noted a devolution white paper but wished to discuss with Councillor Keeling. The Chair also noted that there is a 'central reporting system' for residents concerned about speeding and that details would be added to the WPC WhatsApp group. The Chair made reference to the 'local nature plan', highlighting that there is a lot of provision already across the Parish. | |
| 15 | FINANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank reconciliation. JL confirmed that a bank reconciliation was carried out immediately prior to the meeting and that all was in order. - Precept. JL had prepared a budget and confirmed that the precept for the coming year would be requested to remain at £9,000. This was approved. | |
| 17 | For next Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HK noted that the litter pick is unlikely to take place but that a 'spring tidy up' will be planned | |
| 18 | Closure The Chair closed the meeting at 21.01 The next meeting is Thursday the 6th March 2025 at 8pm | |