

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Sept 24 1**      **apologies**

Cllr Harris

**Present**

Chair Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Denyer, Mr Paris, Mr Bust, Mr Bevans. Mr Subramanian, Mr Wright, clerk Mr Rickett RFO Mrs Rickett

1 member of the public

Before the meeting started the Chair read out a statement, arising from a complaint she had received from a member of the public, concerning a PCllr  
She contacted NALC and they had advised her to read out a statement. Then give them all the information she has and they will decide if it needs looking into  
In the meantime, she reminded all PCllrs of the Code of Conduct and how they promote themselves In public. A copy of this statement is held by the Clerk

**Sept 24 2**      **Councillors declarations of interest**

None

**Sept 24 3**      **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and to receive updates from the previous meeting**

A query was made over the wording of the dog fouling, it was proposed by Mr Bust, seconded Mr Bevans that the minutes remain as they are 6 for 1 against

**a. Gov emails for Parish the Parish Council possibly the website – discuss quotes from various registrars**

The RFO and Mr Bevans have been looking into this, quotes from various firms had been received. Our current website provider has just become a registrar and will supply Email Addresses for the Clerk and all Cllrs at £1.99 per address per month plus VAT - £191.04 plus VAT per annum – proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mr Bevans to stay with Hugo Fox agreed unanimously to go with them, RFO to set these up

**b. Quotes for allotment work**

A quote of £10,500 has been received

It was agreed that although we still do not have the title for the allotment, we would carry on looking into grants. Mrs Denyer to contact an adviser from STWA, to see if they would do a grant for us and to see what else is available – next agenda

**C, Damaged cross roads sign**

This has been reported to Highways and they have replied that they will look into a replacement. It was suggested that the clerk find out if we can put our own sign up and how much would it cost

**D. Overhanging hedge School Lane adj the Golf Course**

The clerk has spoken to the manger at the Golf Course and they were happy to do it, until they had a look and saw all the parked cars, they would struggle with the size of tractor. They said if the road could be closed, or the parked cars moved they would do it, if not we would have to contact highways

It was agreed that the clerk speak to them again and suggest if they could do it on a Saturday or Sunday, the PC would clear the road for them

**E. Dog fouling in the Village – the Community officer has been round the Village and put up notices in the relevant places**

A letter was read out from the Community Officer, saying that he has put notices and will call round when he is in the area and check The RFO informed the PC that there is a dog exclusion notice on the School field and a dog on leads in the Churchyard, the RFO renews these when they come round approx. 3/4 years

**F. Banking – several banks have been looked at, a short list needs to be made**

the RFO explained that she had looked at Nat West, Unity, Co Op and Lloyds

Nat West was the only one with no charges, the others varied

The RFO will put all the banks into a table comparing like for like and circulate before the next meeting

**Sept 24 4 To adjourn to allow public participation**

Nothing to discuss

**Sept 24 5 To receive updates from County and District Councillors**

None were in attendance and a report from Cllrs Harris and Roberts had been circulated

**Sept 24 6 Village Hall**

**Maintenance schedule – trial maintenance schedule – September activities, prior to winter months- paint external doors and purchase paint if required**

After discussion it was agreed to repaint the exterior doors

Mrs Denyer to purchase the paint and Mrs Blackburn and other volunteers to paint

**Cupboards for storage – to allot storage to Halam PC and the WI**

The porch cupboard has been cleared, it was agreed to move the WI's things (mugs, small table and raffle prizes) to the cupboard which contains the fuse board and the PC to use the left hand cupboard for the projector and extension cable, this will be lockable

Clerk to look at and decide what needs doing and report to the next meeting

**Sept 24 7 allotments to discuss any further items raised**

Allotment registration – Mr Paris had circulated a letter explaining what stage we were at

It was agreed to go ahead with the registration, as we have allowed £2000 for expenditure in the budget for the allotments. Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mrs Denyer

**Sept 24 8**

**Roads and hedges**

**Free salt bags**

Clerk to order 5 free salt bags and 1 tonne bag at £55 plus VAT  
To be stored at the side of the Hall until the grit bins can be filled  
Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded ? 6 for 1 against

**Railings at the Beck**

The Clerk had received an email from Highways, stating that the original reply had said they were on major works scheme, this was incorrect and should have said maintenance scheme, so will be sorted in 2025

**Sept 24 9**

**Harvest Supper**

After discussion, it was decided that it was too late to arrange a Harvest Supper in October

It was decided to go with the Chair's suggestion of having mulled wine and mince pies and turning on the tree lights on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, this coincides with the Young Farmers Santa Tractor run. As there will possibly be several children it was decided to do Hot Chocolate as well

**Sept 24 10**

**Quality Council**

**Opportunity for the Council to demonstrate best practice**

The RFO explained that the main part of this is the Clerk Consecutive Development Points, as the Clerk is not qualified, he would need to do this. Clerk to find out costs and length of time needed to do this

**Sept24 11**

**correspondence**

**Campaign to increase safety of e-bikes**

Decided no action as this does not really affect the Village

**Sept 24 12**

**VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Proposed Mr Paris seconded Mr Bust, that we do something to commemorate this

As it is the second Thursday in the month we will need to move the PC meeting date

Agreed to leave off the agenda until after Christmas

**Permission to purchase a VE Day Flag**

Mr Bevans asked if he could purchase a flag as he has done for other events, agreed 30"x36" £37.77 plus VAT

**Sept 24 13**

**starting time for PC meeting – 7pm**

A Cllr had asked if it would be an idea to move the start time forward to 7pm

After discussion decided to leave at 7.30pm – no further action

**Sept 24 14**     **To review PC structure**

A discussion was held and it was agreed to set up a HR sub committee to oversee the legalities of the Clerks hours and pay, to safeguard the Clerk and the PC as his employers

Proposed Mr Bust, seconded Mr Subramanian that Mrs Denyer and Mr Wright be the committee, they will supply a report to the PC to be included at the main meeting

Agreed not to go ahead with a finance committee as there is little to do and the RFO puts things in place and bring them to full Council

Proposed Mr Subramanian seconded Mr Bust

**Sept 24 15**     **Biodiversity**

Advice from Nottingham Wildlife Trust

Vice chair to look out information for the next meeting

**Sept 24 16**     **planning and planning decisions**

None

**Sept 24 17**     **Finance**

None

**Sept 24 18**     **items for the next agenda**

Code of Conduct

Christmas mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies

Best Kept Village - next steps

Maintenance schedule – cleaning Gateway Signs

Banking - short list

Store cupboard - clerk to price up for alterations

Lengthsmen Scheme – to decide if appropriate

**Sept 24 19**     **Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm