**Widmerpool Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 2022, 7pm, at Keyworth Rugby club.**

**Councillors present**: Cllr Christopher Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Ray Belton, Cllr Geoff Brooks, Cllr Kevin Price, Cllr Simon Tefler-Smith, Cllr Sharon Belton

**Officers:** Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Andy Edyvean and 5 members of the public

1. **Appointment of New Clerk** – All Councillors agreed to the appointment of Emma Goodman as the new Clerk. Employment contract has been circulated to all Councillors.

1. **Apologies** – none
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting** held on 5th September 2022 – Approved and signed by the Chairman
4. **Open session for members of the public to raise matters of council business** (limited 15 min)
5. Members of the Public were in attendance to discuss the Planning application 22/01989/FUL A46 Services and the impact on surrounding areas.

Concerns were raised on the following points:

Assurance that effluent does not overspill the water / sewage system into local land and stream.

Drainage of overspill is a huge concern and Parishioners seek clarification where the water will go

Reference was made to the attendance of the WPC Chairman at the Hickling Parish Council meeting to gather information and feedback as this is an adjoining village

Concerns that this will lead to further development

Flooding continues to be an issue in the village and this development will only add to this

The developments harmfulness to the openness of the Countryside due to its sheer scale and size.

The service station will increase traffic flows on the north bound access ramp for Widmerpool residents living adjacent to it.

1. **County and Borough Councillor Updates**

Cllr Edyvean advised that he had recently spoken with Cllr Rob Inglis regarding rural crime. He advised that Nottinghamshire Police are changing priorities to their Policing focus over the winter months with one aspect being anti-social driving. Widmerpool local PC is PC Rob Lawton who has so far made a positive impact.

1. **Civility and Respect Policy** – The Clerk explained the purpose and benefits of the Civility and Respect Policy. Council resolved to sign up to the Policy and add to their Standing Orders.

**Action:** Clerk to Update Standing Orders and sign the Policy on behalf of the Council

1. **Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group (RSVCSG)**

Cllr Daynes explained the activity of the Group and the request for a representative from Widmerpool.

Council agreed to defer to the next meeting whilst they speak to members of the Village to gauge interest.

1. **3W’s Magazine** – The Council discussed the best contact details for the magazine and resolved to include the Clerks work email and purchase a Pay as you go Sim for a spare handset to have as the contact telephone number.

**Action** – **Clerk to purchase sim and Cllr T-S to provide handset**

1. **Rural Partnerships –** Housing needs report for Widmerpool, Wysall and Willoughby

Cllr Daynes explained the basis of the survey, to identify areas of land where affordable housing could be built to sustain demand from residents.

Council asked if reports had been submitted with respect to the other villages and the impact additional housing would have to the ongoing flooding issues in the village.

**Action: Cllr Ray to attend the walk around the village with RBC Officers and feedback at the next Parish Council meeting.**

1. **Finance**
2. **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk reported the income to September as £ and expenditure £

Council agreed to add the new Clerk to the bank mandate as they currently have no access and any outstanding invoices to be paid by cheque.

**Action: Clerk and Councillors to sign updated bank mandate**

1. **Budget 2023/24**

The Clerk explained the calculations of the 2023/24 Budget which had been circulated to all Councillors and any changes to the previous year due to increased fuel costs and staff changes.

1. **Precept**

Council agreed the Budget and a Precept amount of £8,500

**Action: Clerk to submit Precept request form to Rushcliffe Borough Council**

1. **Cloud IT System**

Council discussed the benefits of moving to a different email system with cloud storage. Council agreed to stay using the Parish email system for now and investigate options available.

1. **Planning Applications**

Ref number: 22/01989/FUL Applicant: Venari Land Limited. Services on the A46 Hickling junction.

Councillors discussed objections made by members of the Public and Councillors including factors relating to flooding, access points to and from the roundabout, visibility when using the ramp onto the southbound side of the A46.

Council agreed to object to the planning

**Action: Clerk to submit the Councils Objection based on reasons discussed.**

1. **Dates for Upcoming meetings**

23rd January 2023

13th March 2023

15th May – to include the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

10th July 2023

11th September 2023

13th November 2023

Council agreed to the dates

**Action: Clerk to add the dates to the website**

1. **Correspondence**

Council were advised by the Clerk:

NALC AGM will be held on 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Star Council Awards took place on 13th October 2022

Defibrillator – Council discussed the maintenance of the Defib and agreed for the Clerk to make checks and update the online registration. They also agreed to add a Bleed Kit to the unit.

**Action: Clerk to update Defib online and check status. Order bleed kit and add to the unit.**

1. **Date of next meeting**: Monday 23rd January 2023 Keyworth Rugby Club