# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 17 January 2022, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman),

Ray Belton, Anita Gotts (A), Geoff Brooks,  
Jenny Daynes, Kevin Price, Simon Telfer-Smith (A)

Also present clerk Mike Elliott.

1. Apologies for Absence

Coun. Anita Gotts, Simon Telfer Smith.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 4 October 2021

Approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Precept and budget for 2022/2023 and payment of accounts

The clerk said it was expected the council will end the current financial year with £11,000 in the bank and have general requirements of £6,774 for the coming year. The expected requirements for 2022/2023 include a figure of £500 for expected expenditure on the Queens Platinum celebrations in June. The clerk said currently, unlike the position for Borough and County councils, there was no restriction on the level a parish council could set for its precept, but he was aware the Government were looking to consider the possibility of such a restriction for 2023/2024 or onwards.

The chairman said the council were looking to provide a speed check camera on three roads in the village, subject to County Council agreement in regard to positioning. Unfortunately, the cost of 3 cameras would raise the precept by over 100% so it was decided to increase the precept to £8,500, which would be [a] 30.8% increase, to start to save towards these cameras over the next 3-4 years.

After further discussion the council agreed to seek a precept payment from the Borough Council in the sum of £13,274, to allow for the purchase of one speed sign in the coming year, and to follow that in the next year with another similar purchase.

The meeting discussed the payment of accounts as presented to them by the clerk and agreed to approve those as listed before them.

1. Clerk’s Report

Midland Rural Housing had completed the survey on the need for residential properties in Widmerpool, Wysall and Willoughby and it is expected it will be sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council on Friday this week to verify, and then sent out to the parish council.

1. Report from the District and County Council members

There was no report

1. Correspondence

Coun. Cottee has provided the parish with a £200 grant towards the cost of the events held to mark the Olympic success of local girl Sophie Hahn.

1. Planning

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

21/01632/ful. Travis Cavell. The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Retention of the existing building (retrospective) and proposed extension of the building to create a flower workshop and store. Grant.

21/02797/tpo Mrs P Bath, 6 Brooklands. T1 Chestnut tree, crown reduction. Grant

21/01625/ful Mr Mrs Cavell. The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Extend pool house to create orangery for the growing of citrus trees and retrospective retention of existing side extension to pool house. Grant

21/01627/ful. Travis Cavell, The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Retain glass house and raised flower beds for the use of growing flowers (retrospective). Grant

21/01634/ful. Mr Mrs Cavell, The Old Rectory. Proposed extension to existing flat roof garage to overclad with horizontal oak cladding and form pitched roof with reclaimed roof tiles. Refuse

21/01636 Travis Cavel, The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Erect two polytunnels for the growing of flowers. Grant,

Coun. Brooks expressed strong concern on a decision by the Borough Council to give a previous permission for development at The Old Rectory involving four stables and a tractor shed and his request for a letter to be sent to the Borough saying the council had no confidence in its planning department was agreed.

1. HM Queen 70th anniversary 2022

Coun. Jenny Daines reported on plans for June 5 for celebrations to mark the Platinum celebration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the longest serving and oldest monarch in the world. Various activities are suggested for the final of the four days public holidays from June 2 to 5 including a barbeque. A suggestion for a village cricket match was put forward as well as races for youngsters.

1. Delegate authority to the clerk to deal with matters during any delay in council meetings taking place

The motion was supported by all members.

Comment was made on a number of aspects of the council responsibility, with Coun. Belton informing members that two oak planters owned by them had been stolen. It was agreed on the next agenda the matter of provision of a history board would be raised. The newly appointed Police Inspector Lawton was making his mark in the area and was anxious to tackle all types of crime.

1. Date for Next Meeting confirmed as Monday 7 March 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.