# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 7 March 2022, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman),

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

Also present clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Rob Inglish and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

 Coun. Telfer-Smith. The meeting was advised that Coun. Anita Gotts had resigned from the council.

1. Declarations of Interest

 There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 17 January 2022

 Approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Report from the District and County Council members

 Apology from John Cottee who had tested positive for Covid today.

 Coun. Inglish spoke on several subjects including dog fouling, speeding traffic, and the new police Inspector Lawton appointed for the area.

1. Clerk’s Report

 All parishes are being given responsibilities in preparation for the time of the passing of Her Majesty and the clerk said he was working trying to ensure the council is on top of the situation should the event come suddenly. I would strongly appeal to all members to help by responding by return where I have to ask for help and information. The responsibility for flag flying arrangements, memorial book and council web site message is down to the council and the clerk and it is impossible to progress without an input from members if that is sought. I do need to say that when Her Majesty does pass away all council work will be put on hold to allow for the important matters to be dealt with. If there are any council meetings or activities during the 10-day period of mourning they will of course be cancelled.

 Some parish councils UK-wide are organising collection of items for the Ukraine victims during the war with Russia. Coun. Jenny Daynes would put a note on the council web site to highlight the need for gifts of non perishable food, clothes for children age and upwards, or donations.

1. Open session for members of the public (time limit 15 minutes)

 The main discussion point from the public session by two residents of Old Hall Drive was around flooding of Fairham Brook during the recent storms: It was noted that the Brook seemed to flow freely during the storms and although levels became alarmingly high - Old Hall Drive did not flood on this occasion. It was felt by the recent removal of the weir had aided the free flow of the Brook.

 Concern was raised that debris before and after the pedestrian bridge may affect the flow in a future flood event. It was noted that riparian rights would mean clearing of debris would be the responsibility of the owner for land along Old Hall Drive. Blocked surface drains at the junction of Main Street and Station Road was *[sic]* also causing surface water on the highway potentially causing issues at the junction should the temperature drop low enough for the water to freeze on the road.

1. Correspondence

 The Midlands Rural Housing Survey report for Widmerpool was with Rushcliffe Borough Council and would be circulated once Rushcliffe Borough Council had accepted its contents. Coun. Brookes spoke of the need there is in the village for affordable housing provision, and highlighted that his business employed seven people, all living out of the village and needing to travel every day.

 A letter from Motor Neurone Disease giving thanks for a donation of £305 has been sent to the council but should have gone to the church.

 Nottinghamshire County Council / Nottingham City Council Waste Local Plan consultation. paper had been issued and would be sent to all members. Comment could be made on it until April 4.

1. Finance

 Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

1. Planning

 An application had been made to Rushcliffe Borough Council for the demolition by Network Rail of the Pullman Inn at Station Road, Widmerpool. No indication had been given of any further activity planned on the site. No objection

1. HM Queen 70th anniversary 2022

 The parish are planning a small celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June from 4pm. It will be a rare opportunity to catch-up with neighbours at the end of this extended Bank Holiday Weekend. Please get in touch by emailing Jenny at widmerpoolvillage@gmail.com if you feel you would like to help to organise this low-key event. Your help would be very much appreciated.

1. Environment matters

 The council are to hold a litter pick on March 26. The clerk was asked to obtain the necessary equipment. Equipment will be provided at 10am at the rugby club. We are keen to complete this before the verges grow too long.

1. Date for Next Meeting confirmed as Monday 9 May 2022

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.