**Widmerpool Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 23rd January 2023, 7pm, at Keyworth Rugby club.**

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

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

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Ray Belton, Cllr Sharon Belton
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting** held on 7th November 2022 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Actions from minutes** – Cllr Tefler-Smith provided a mobile handset for use as a Parish Council phone contact.
5. **Open session for members of the public to raise matters of council business** (limited 15 min)
6. Members of the Public asked if there was an update to the planning application 22/01989/FUL A46 Services – it was confirmed by Cllr Daynes and Cllr Edyvean that they had received no update as yet.
7. Members of the Public suggested a Christmas tree would be a nice addition to the village and suggestions were made for a social event for the tree lighting.
8. Cllr J Daynes confirmed there would be a litter picking day in mid-February and would be communicated to the village when a date is confirmed.
9. **County and Borough Councillor Updates -** Cllr Edyvean explained that discussions continue regarding the Devolution deal procedures and concerns have been raised where decisions are made at upper tier authority that affects Borough level activities.

An article regarding elections in May 23 will be published in the 3w’S magazine and further advice can be found on the Rushcliffe Borough website. Parishioners voting in person will need photo id.

Cllr Edyvean will be standing in the Bunny ward and therefore Widmerpool will have a new elector.

**Action: Clerk to update Widmerpool website with a link to Rushcliffe**

1. **Rural Partnerships -** Cllr Brooks spoke with the Rural Partnerships Officer on 23rd January ’23 asking for an update following the walk around the village in December, he was advised there was currently no update. Cllr Edyvean advised that the walk around Willoughby would need to be completed first as the report encompasses the 3 W villages. The walk in Willoughby w/c 16th Jan was cancelled.

Cllr Daynes advised there had been some concern from landowners regarding land included in the plan that was not for sale. Cllr Edyvean confirmed this was standard practice and Rural Partnership would identify possible sites in the first instance without contacting the landowners.

1. **Community Speed watch** – Agenda item moved to the next meeting.

**Action** – **Clerk to email Cllr Inglis to clarify the supply of Speed watch equipment.**

1. **Christmas –** Council discussed the addition of a Christmas tree and lights. It was agreed this would be a nice addition to the village.
2. **Finance**
3. **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk reported no update to the Budget report as there is still no bank account access. Payments to approve were signed by 2 Councillors.

**Action: Clerk follow up the updated bank mandate**

1. **Appointment of Internal and External Auditor**

The Clerk advised that the external auditor has been appointed as PKF Littlejohn.

Council agreed to reappointment the internal auditor David Dixon.

**Action: Clerk to contact David Dixon to arrange appointment,**

1. **Planning Applications**

Ref number: 22/02094/FUL Applicant: Tall Trees, Old Hall Drive Widmerpool.

Council object to planning application. Concern house was not in keeping with the village and not sympathetic with houses in its surrounding area.

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

1. **Correspondence**

Clerk followed up on an email received from a Parishioner requesting a bin be placed on the footpath on Melton Road. Council agreed.

**Action – Clerk to proceed with request.**

Cllr J Daynes confirmed that a member of the public would be happy to attend the Rushcliffe South Villages – Community Safety Group (RSVCSG) meetings if available.

**Date of next meeting**: Monday 13th March 2023 Keyworth Rugby Club