



Widmerpool Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool
Parish Council held on
Monday 25th March 2024, 7.00pm, Keyworth Rugby club.**

Councillors present: Cllr Christopher Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Kevin Price, Cllr Ray Belton, Cllr Sharon Belton, Cllr Geoff Brookes (A) Rushcliffe Borough Councillor T Wells and Nottingham County Councillor John Cottee

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk & RFO to the Council

Also present: 5 members of the public

- 1) Apologies - none.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – none
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2023 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) Open session for members of the public – moved to after item 14
 - A thank you was given to the PC for repairing and updating the village noticeboard.
 - The PC was informed that the red phone box, housing the defibrillator, needs weeding, clearing of debris and a coat of paint. Council **RESOLVED** to arrange this.
 - A request was made as to whether there had been any volunteers for the position of a Flood Warden. Council confirmed there had not been as yet.
 - Council was asked if there would be a maintenance plan for regularly clearing the drains to prevent any flooding issues. In addition, a road sweeper is needed to clear the debris from the last flood.
 - The Council was asked if they were aware of any make good provisions in the planning application for the new house on Old Hall Drive. The road at the entrance to the drive is in disrepair. Cllr Wells suggested he could investigate this if we provided an email with details.
 - Council were asked if there had been any update from the Midlands Rural Housing walk about. Council explained that nothing had been received and RBC were also waiting a response.
 - Council was notified that the broken streetlights reported in October were now fixed.
 - A parishioner expressed concern over the number of cars and vans parking on the side of the road and pavements. This can be up to 20 or so cars daily. Cllr Cottee advised that this can be reported to the Police.
 - A request was made by a Parishioner for Council to contact the Enforcement Officer regarding a new build in the village as there are concerns there are changes to the original plans.

5) County / Borough Councillor update

Cllr Inglis gave his apologies.

Cllr Wells advised that the survey for wood burners is now live on the Rushcliffe Borough website and encouraged residents to complete it.

Cllr Cottee advised Council of the Mayoral elections on 2nd May. He explained that if the candidate Ben Bradley was successful, he would not continue in the role as Leader of the County Council and an MP.

Cllr Cottee advised that the NCC Council tax was the lowest of County Councils in England.

6) Community interactive speed signs

Council **NOTED** that a quote is still needed from Via for the cost of the Interactive signs. Once costs are known grants can be looked for to help with funding.

It was **RESOLVED** the locations, in order of priority are Keyworth Rd approaching Main St, Willoughby Rd (outside of the Rugby club), Wysall Rd, Station Rd.

The Council **RESOLVED** the following regarding the liability of the installation of the signs subject to confirmation of cover of their own insurance:

- The Highways Authority are exempt from any third party injury or damage claims that may arise from the signs. Responsibility for such claims would lie with the owner/s.
- Should the Highways Authority have to attend any of the sites in respect of making the highway safe due to damage of the sign, the owners will be charged for all reasonable costs incurred through attending the site.
- If the location is subject to any future highway improvement scheme, the sign will be removed at no cost to the Highways Authority.

7) Village Signs

Council **NOTED** that the grant applications to NCC and the Lottery Fund had been unsuccessful. The reasons given were that the planning permissions were not in place and insufficient communication with residents. Council **RESOLVED** to reapply for the NCC grant once permission was granted and to further communicate the installation of the signs via the newsletter, Facebook and the website.

The Council **RESOLVED** the following regarding the liability of the installation of the Village signs subject to confirmation of cover of their own insurance:

- The Highways Authority are exempt from any third party injury or damage claims that may arise from the village signs. Responsibility for such claims would lie with the owner/s.
- Should the Highways Authority have to attend any of the sites in respect of making the highway safe due to damage of the village signs, the owners will be charged for all reasonable costs incurred through attending the site.

- If the location is subject to any future highway improvement scheme, the village signs will be removed at no cost to the Highways Authority.

8) Finance

- a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements of £450.02 incl VAT.
- b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted, the balance at the bank £16,472.83
Income £60.68 and Expenditure £1,688.04 for the period Nov-Mar

9) Planning applications

- i) Reference Number: 24/00151/FUL
Development: Erection of a Battery Energy Storage System with ancillary infrastructure, and associated works including access and landscaping.

Parish Council to ratify comments submitted. **Support**
- ii) Reference Number: 24/00358/AGRIC
Applicant: Mr Nigel Baxter
Development: Steel portal frame grain store
Location: South Lodge Farm Willoughby Road Widmerpool Nottinghamshire NG12 5SD
Comments by 30 March
Support
- iii) Reference No : 23/02181/FUL APPLICANT : Mr M Cavell
DEVELOPMENT : Use of agricultural land for horticultural purposes together with the erection of buildings associated with a traditional walled garden. LOCATION : Land North West Of Willoughby Road Widmerpool Nottinghamshire
Permission granted – NOTED
Council requested that the restrictions within the planning permissions are adhered to.

10) Council email address

Council discussed the options regarding the change of hosting and email to a .gov email. It was agreed to go with Could Next and Widmerpoolparishcouncil.gov.uk

11) Bio diversity Policy – Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Policy.

12) Installation of memory bench Commemorative bench –

Council **AGREED** to the proposed teak bench but asked to confirm who would be responsible for the upkeep of the bench and ensure the donator was aware of the installation costs. It was **AGREED** the location to be in front of the noticeboard on the entrance to the Church yard.

The Council **RESOLVED** the following regarding the liability of the installation of the bench subject to confirmation of cover of their own insurance:

- The Highways Authority are exempt from any third party injury or damage claims that may arise from the bench. Responsibility for such claims would lie with the owner/s.
- Should the Highways Authority have to attend any of the sites in respect of making the highway safe due to damage of the bench, the owners will be charged for all reasonable costs incurred through attending the site.
- If the location is subject to any future highway improvement scheme, the bench will be removed at no cost to the Highways Authority.

13) Replacement sign at Rimmers wood –

Cllr C Daynes reported that the repair to the sign is in hand.

14) Tommy Silhouette

Council **RESOLVED** to purchase the Tommy Silhouette from the RBL at a cost of £175 and would arrange installation.

15) i) Report from Clerk

- Council were notified that the new Grass cutting contractor for 2024 was Peter James.

ii) Report from Councillors

- Council thanked Cllr Cottee for his support regarding the clearing of drains causing flooding issues. It was **NOTED** more works needed to be done but there was at present no schedule.
- A village litter Pick has been arranged for Saturday 6th April
- Council **RESOLVED** to re-advertise for new Councillors to fill the vacancy.

16) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Monday 20 May including Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting 2024 at 7.00pm**

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.