

Widmerpool Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 2024, 7.15pm, Keyworth Rugby club.

Councillors present: Cllr Christopher Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Geoff Brooks (A), Cllr R Belton, Cllr S Belton

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: Cllr Inglis and 2 members of the public

- 1) Cllr C Daynes was proposed by Cllr R Belton, seconded by Cllr S Belton, and duly **ELECTED** as Chair.
- 2) Cllr J Daynes was proposed by Cllr S Belton, seconded by Cllr R Belton, and duly **ELECTED** as Vice Chair of the Council.
- 3) All Councillors confirmed no changes to the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 4) Apologies – Cllr Wells and Cllr Cottee.
- 5) Declarations of Interest – none.
- 6) Minutes –minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 15th May 2023 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**:
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 25th March 2024 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**
- 7) Adopt the Standing Orders of Widmerpool Parish Council – **APPROVED** review date May 2025
- 8) Adopt the Financial Regulations of Widmerpool Parish Council – new 2024 version not ready for approval. Postpone to July meeting.
- 9) Adopt Biodiversity Policy of Widmerpool Parish Council - **APPROVED** review date May 2025
- 10) Adopt Code of Conduct Policy of Widmerpool Parish Council - **APPROVED** review date May 2025
- 11) Adopt Data Protection Policy of Widmerpool Parish Council - **APPROVED** review date May 2025
- 12) Adopt Equal Opportunities Policy of Widmerpool Parish Council - **APPROVED** review date May 2025

- 13) The Insurance renewal details were discussed by Council. It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Insurance.

14) County / Borough Councillor Updates and Questions –

Cllr Inglis reported on the changes to the Smoke Control zone. Government wants to reduce particulate emissions by 2040 and it was proposed to extend the soke free zone to whole Borough. There was an 80% response against the extension from the public consultation. It has therefore been agreed to delay the decision for 2 years. This will allow an education campaign regarding approval fuels for purchase and Defra approved burners.

The Farmers Forum has an increasing number of members with the aim to get every farmer in Rushcliffe to attend. There is also a what's app group. There are 2 meetings per year currently. It began with a rural crime focus but now includes anything of relevance.

There is a new design code for planning consultation being published within the Borough where residents can complete their response to help influence the building designs in the Borough.

There is a new Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Recycling project is still ongoing with the roll out of the simpler recycling model across the whole County, so every household has the same recycling process.

- 15) Community Speed watch – Council **NOTED** the email response regarding obtaining a quote for an interactive speed sign and high costs. Council **RESOLVED** to not proceed at present with the project.

- 16) Village signs – Council **NOTED** the need for only a S115 license to install the signs. Council discussed the merits of purchasing 1 against all 4. Council voted with 3 votes for and 1 vote against and **RESOLVED** to purchase all 4 signs, complete the S115 licence and continue to look for available grants.

- 17) Tommy Silhouette – Council **NOTED** that the silhouette had been ordered.

- 18) Memorial bench – Council **NOTED** that a S115 license is required for the installation of the bench. It was **REOSLVED** to complete the license and arrange the purchase and installation of the bench.

- 19) New email – Council **NOTED** that the new .gov email accounts were now set up and migration of the old emails in progress.

20) Finance

- a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements – **APPROVED** total £1036.00 Expenditure for April – May £1283.65 and Income £9492.77 including the annual precept.

- b) Full year budget report was **NOTED**- Total Income for the year 2023/24 £9,950 and Expenditure £7,258.
- c) AGAR - The AGAR has been completed and returned from the Internal Audit review. Council **APPROVED** the return as accurate and correct, and the AGAR was **SIGNED** by the Chairman and Clerk and the Certificate of Exemption will now be submitted to PKF Littlejohn.

21) Planning Applications –

- a) 24/00430/FUL Notification of Withdrawal – **NOTED**

Reference Number: 24/00629/FUL
Applicant: Mr G Collins

- b) Reference Number: 24/00835/PAQ
Applicant: Mr and Mrs R Beauchamp
Development: Prior approval application under class Q to allow the conversion of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling - **NOTED**.

22) Open session for members of the public

Cllr Inglis congratulated Keyworth Rugby Club Seniors on a great season and that it would be nice for WPC to recognise the achievement. Council **RESOLVED** to write a letter to this effect. Cllr R Belton asked that the letter be published also on the WPC website.

23) a) Report from Clerk - nothing

b) Reports from Councillors

- i) Cllr S Belton asked how the road sweeper could be contacted. There is concern that the amount of debris on the road will be washed into the drains again when there is another heavy downpour of rain.

24) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **TBC July 2024 at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.