

# Widmerpool Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 18th November 2024, 7.00pm, Keyworth Rugby club.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Chris Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Van der Merwe, Cllr Sharon Belton, Cllr Ray Belton and Cllr Newbold

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

Also present: RBC Councillor Cottee and 3 members of the public

- 1) Apologies - none.
- 2) Declarations of Interest - none
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed.
- 4) Outstanding actions from the minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> September:
  - i) Christmas tree – Cllr J Daynes confirmed the Christmas tree will be ordered and baubles had been purchased.
- 5) County / Borough Councillor update

Cllr Cottee gave apologies from Cllrs Inglis and Wells.

It was reported that RBC are now allowing small electrical items to be disposed if placed on top of the blue recycling bin on collection.

Cllr Ben Bradley will be stepping down as leader of Notts County Council.

Cllr R Belton reported to Cllr Cottee that the drains are still blocked and causing flooding issues. With the weather turning colder this also creates a risk of icy roads. The drains have been cleaned; however, it is the culvert under the road that is not big enough to cope with the capacity. The Hay and straw on the roadside make the situation worse.

Cllr Cottee asked if the Clerk would send an email detailing the issues and he would investigate further support.

Council also requested that the road sweeper visit more regularly during these times to help reduce the hay and straw going into the drains increasing the flood risk.

- 6) Finance
  - a) Schedule of payments and reimbursements of £23.80 were **APPROVED** and signed.

- b) Budget report **NOTED**; expenditure for Sept - Nov £567.34 and income £36.99.
- c) Budget 2025/26 – Council **APPROVED** the 2025/26 Budget
- d) Precept – Council **RESOLVED** to set the 2025/26 Precept at £9,500

7) Planning applications

- i) Reference Number: 24/01462/VAR  
Application to extend flying hours.

Council discussed the variation of planning application.  
Council **RESOLVED** to share the application with residents to raise awareness.

Cllr Cottee left the meeting at 7.21pm

8) Open session for the public (limited to 15 minutes)

A member of the public reported that the tree was still over hanging on Station Road. Cllr J Daynes confirmed that contact had been made with the owner to request it is cut back.

A request was made for Council to place a couple of Lamppost Poppies at Widmerpool Hall for Remembrance. Council **RESOLVED** to do this.

A resident from Stanton-on-the-Wolds reported that Stanton-on-the-Wolds PC were in contact with Notts CC regarding extending a small part of footpath 14 so that users do not have to walk on the road for a short stretch. A petition is being created and a request was made that it could be shared with Widmerpool Residents.

A member of the Public reported that they had attended the Rushcliffe South Villages Safety meeting.

- 9) Sexual and other Harassment Policy – Council **APPROVED** and signed the policy.

10) Meeting dates 2025 – Council approved the following dates:

24<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> May  
14<sup>th</sup> July  
22<sup>nd</sup> September  
17<sup>th</sup> November

11) a) Report from Clerk

- i) The design for the village gateways signs was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr S Belton would liaise with Morris Cast designs on the details of the gates.

- ii) The Clerk reported that the Council would be able to join the Lengthsman scheme however this would be only until March 25. Council **RESOLVED** to join the scheme and make a list works.

b) Reports from Councillors

- iii) Council discussed the placement of the Tommy Silhouette and **RESOLVED** to move it closer to the flagpole and secure on a permanent basis.
- iv) It was noted that the salt bins are no longer used, Council **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to email Cllr Cottee to ask if they can be removed.
- v) Council **NOTED** that all the road markings in village needed repainting. Council **RESOLVED** to contact Cllr Cottee to request this.
- vi) Council **NOTED** the increase in fly tipping and **RESOLVED** to share the reporting tool for Streetwise so residents can report when incidents occur.
- vii) Cllr J Daynes reported that a litter pick would be arrange for March.
- viii) Cllr S Belton reported that the planters would be topped up with winter plants.

12) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Monday 24th March**

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm**