

Winfarthing Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7:30pm at Winfarthing Village Hall, Hall Road IP22 2EP

Members Present:

Chairman Eric Cole, Lynne Rogers, Jim Collins, Lorraine Tinkley, Peter Frost, William Cole, Lucy Kemp

In Attendance:

Ellie Cole-Broatch – Clerk

Barry Duffin – County Councillor

James Easter – District Councillor

2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022 were read and approved by those present and signed by the Chairman – proposed by Lorraine Tinkley and seconded by Peter Frost.

3. Record declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Finance

Bank statement: £2853.54

Payment to J A Mitchell of £533.99 (£200 salary plus reimbursement of £333.99 for laptop purchased from 121 Computers) was approved unanimously by councillors. Letter asking Barclays to change correspondence address signed by Eric Cole and Lynne Rogers.

Online banking was discussed. It was unanimously decided to add Ellie Cole-Broatch to online banking.

The Clerk's contract was discussed. Lynne Rogers is amending the draft contract to suit the role.

The Clerk was given unanimous approval to buy stationary and a card for Jenny Mitchell.

5. Tree Warden

Vicky Mitchell is interested. Peter Frost will find out more information and liaise with Vicky Mitchell.

6. Parish Partnership Scheme

There is insufficient funds for a project this year.

7. Planning applications

2022/1467 (Boundary Farm, Long Lane, IP22 2EY) has been withdrawn and requires a full application.

8. Deal Farm Anaerobic Digester

James Easter reported a decision will be made on planning application 2022/1108 on 21st September 2022.

9. Culverts

The culverts are still not surveyed as the Water Management Team are seeking permission for road controls whilst the survey occurs.

Barry Duffin informed the Parish Council he would enquire as the parish have been waiting 18-19 months for the survey.

10. Electric vehicle charging point

Waiting for the Council for information.

11. Community speed watch

Colin Sutton had emailed reporting that all seven volunteers have been approved and are now eligible for training. He is meeting with a representative from the Constabulary on Friday 16th September to explore possible sites for their approval. One in Hall Road, one at the Shorts Green end of The Street, one at the Shelfanger end of Mill Road and the lay by near the school have been suggested. Eric Cole suggested the site of the copper beech tree looking back into the village.

12. Pylons

Letters regarding surveys have been sent to some in the parish.

13. Village Hall Trust and Land Registration

The land that is rented out is now registered however the Village Hall Land, under Parish Council Trust, is not. All councillors agreed that it needs to be registered.

14. Parish Council land when current tenancy ceases

There is no clause that the land cannot be sold. The option of selling and buying land more central to the village was discussed.

Clare Matthews would like to rent the land. It was unanimously decided that Eric Cole will speak to Richard Prentice and offer Clare Matthews a 5 year Farm Business Tenancy for £130 per acre per annum. Current tenant Peter Rout is required to give 12 months notice however this would be waived if Peter Rout is willing to pay the expenses of

changing the tenant. This would also allow Clare Matthews to establish a crop this Autumn.

It was decided that by renting the land for 5 years it would allow time to make a more informed decision on whether to keep the land or sell it in the future.

15. Correspondence

All correspondence has been sent to the Councillors as it has been received by the Clerk.

It was acknowledged that dog fouling continues to be a worsening problem however the letter cannot be responded to as it is anonymous. The Parish Council will look into getting dog fouling signs made and put up. Peter Frost will put on social media about the problem and the Clerk will put it in Cock Crow.

The Councillors will not be holding a firework event so will not be attending the Safety workshop organised by South Norfolk Council.

County Councillor report

Barry Duffin gave his report including that Norfolk Coroners Service are trying to find the next of kin of two men:

- Peter Gordon Clements aged 65 from Hemsby who died on 31st July 2022 under no suspicious circumstances.
- David Durrant aged 73 from Yarmouth who could have a wife Janet Durrant and a daughter Laura.

If anyone knows these men please call 01603 774773.

District Councillor report

James Easter gave his report.

New Nutrient Neutrality calculator available from 12th September hopefully allowing new housing developments. Currently no new applications being approved.

With increased cost of heating South Norfolk Council are considering "Warm Spaces" initiative – opening heated public rooms.

South Norfolk Council Hardship Fund – households could be eligible for £150 if they fill in a form on the South Norfolk website and pass an assessment. Peter Frost will circulate information on social media.

South Norfolk Council are struggling to employ planners resulting in comments on planning applications taking longer to show online.

16. Items for the next meeting

- Footpaths
- Update from Colin Sutton on speed watch

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd October at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed by Chairman.....

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