

WESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of westhorpeparishclerk@gmail.com

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs David Barker (Chairman), Steve Christian, Ian Cotgrove, Diane Gladders, Robin Lambert

IN ATTENDANCE: SCC and MSDC Cllr Andrew Mellen; members of the public

1. APOLOGIES and approval of absences – Cllrs Richard Brown and Steve Caley.
2. DECLARATIONS of Interest and Dispensation considerations – Cllr Brown item 9.1 DC/22/02697.
3. MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 July 2022 previously circulated and taken as read – unanimously approved and signed by Chairman.
4. MATTERS Arising from Council Meeting – 06.07.2022
Meeting with UK Power Networks:- Chairman reported that there had been no follow-up to his meeting. On 12.08.22 electric wires touching near Westhorpe Hall had caused a small fire which had been dealt with speedily.
5. CLERK (NEW) – Chairman reported there had been one applicant for the position who had withdrawn before interview. A meeting would be held with another candidate on 7 September 2022. Councillors gave authority to those conducting the interview to make a decision of approval, if agreed by everyone present at the interview, on behalf of the Council.
6. SPEED Indicator Device (SID) update –It was reported that the device had been working intermittently, most likely because the battery needed to be charged. The Chairman had written to Suffolk CC re siting at another location. Suffolk CC's Officer had responded that *'The issue of objections would concern me as we do not install posts at locations where residents have objected or propose to object until the parish council has resolved the issue.'*
7. COUNTY Councillor report – Cllr Mellen recommended that people look at the Solar Together website if they were interested in installing solar purchasing solar panels and battery storage. Suffolk County Council had been seriously affected by the rise in the cost of energy.
8. DISTRICT Councillor report – Cllr Mellen reported that three senior staff members were in the process of being recruited. Energy costs had affected the Council's budget.
9. PLANNING – Noted:
 - 9.1 NEW:-
 - 9.1(i) DC/22/004190 2 Town Yard Westhorpe replacement of 11 windows. It was proposed by Steve Christian and seconded by Ian Cotgrove that this application should be supported. This was agreed unanimously.
 - DECISION
 - 11.2 DC/22/02697 Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of cement render from west and south elevations and replacement with lime based render on wooden laths decorated with lime wash. 2. Removal of modern masonry paint from brick walls on west wing and south elevations and redecoration with lime wash. Location: Shrubbery Farm, Walsham Road, Westhorpe, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4SZ. This had been approved.
 - 9.3 JOINT Local Plan update:- MSDCllr Mellen reported that a decision was still awaited.
10. INSURANCE – Parish Protect Insurance – Steve Caley investigating the provision of Employer's Liability and Public Liability cover. It was agreed that renewal would be through SALC.
11. Agreed that Council would remain 'opted in' to the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

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12. MSDC Locality Budget:

06.01.22	£312.40
Less defib pads	£86.40
Amount Remaining	£226.00
05.07.22	
Less Bubble wrap & android devices x 2	113.97
Left to use for SID devices	112.03

Sue Hull reported that she and Vanessa Bilonick had prepared a card and information to give to new residents. 10 copies had been printed at a cost of £15. It was agreed that she would submit the invoice for it to be reimbursed from locality money.

13. NEW MODEL Code of Conduct – BMSDC, Law & Governance and Monitoring Office (previously circulated to all Cllrs 30.5.2022 and 1.7.2022) - Register of Interests – for response to BMSDC. It was proposed by Steve Christian and seconded by Ian Cotgrove that this be adopted. Unanimously agreed.

14. FINANCE:- Summary of Receipts and Payments

- 14.1 - cheque number 100441 £24 for hire of Westhorpe Village Hall
- 14.2 - cheque number 100442 £27.20 to HMRC, clerks NI
- 14.3 - cheque number 100443 £181.62 Clear net wages 01.07.22 to 18.08.22

These payments were approved.

It was reported that bank details would be transferred from the previous clear to the Chairman pending the appointment of a new Clerk. Upon receipt a full reconciliation would be made and reported accordingly.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

16. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Robin for assisting with the disposal of the pile of waste which had been dumped on the Wyverstone Road.

There were no questions.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 November 2022, 7.30 pm at Westhorpe Village Hall

Diane Gladders
Councillor