

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT MILLFIELDS PAVILION**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whyte (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr D Jackson
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Mitcham
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr J Neish (item 133 onwards)
Cllr G Norman
Cllr M Williamson

Mrs J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
Mrs A Jackson (Assistant to the Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

131. Apologies.

To receive and accept Apologies for Absence.

Cllr L Macrae – Personal
Cllr S Martin – Personal
Cllr C Norman - Personal
Cllr C Pearce - Personal

132. Declarations of Interest.

To receive Declarations of Disclosable and/or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item.

None

133. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th December 2021.

Cllr M Williamson commented that there was no mention of the interruption to the meeting and proposed that the following amendment be made: item 126 (iii) The meeting was interrupted by a member of the public asking for a repeat of what the Chairman had said.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th December 2021 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with the above amendment added. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr E MacPherson) 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

134. Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council on matters on the agenda.

Time Allowed 10 minutes

None

135. District and County Councillor Reports

To receive verbal reports from district and county councillors.

District Councillor J Neish reported:

- The new grant received from the Government re Covid which initially was not clear what the criteria for allocating was. This will be used for struggling businesses.
- Increase in Covid cases. In the Ward the figure is approx. 1200/ 100k and District 1800/100k. Hospitalisations remain low and HDC will continue to encourage the uptake of boosters.
- Flooding so far has been fairly low although it is early days.

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from County Councillor K Reynolds advising of the possibility that the Government will support returning to Zoom meetings for Councils and asked if District Councillor J Neish was aware of this.

District Councillor J Neish advised he was not aware however commented there is pressure for this to happen.

136. Policing

136.1 Neighbourhood Policing Team – Any Issues and Concerns.

None

137. Committees:

To note draft minutes of the following committees (to be tabled at the meeting)

(i) Planning & Finance 21st December 2021.

Noted

(ii) Leisure Facilities 21st December 2021

Noted

138. Clerk's Report

To receive written report.

Meeting Dates: –

Full Council 1st February 2022

18th January 2022 – Planning & Finance/Environment/Consultation (if required)

Items to report.

- AED concerns reported to Community heartbeat Trust. EAAS contacted Clerk to advise that the device required logging onto a new system they have installed (although caller was able to call up all information regarding our defibrillator) This has now been actioned.
- 13/12/21 Emailed both Guides and Church choir on behalf of Council to thank them for attending the Christmas lights switch on.

139 .Finance and Risk

139.1. To approve payments made within Clerks delegated powers

(i) Stall at Christmas Bazaar £8.00

Resolved: That the payments made within Clerks delegated powers totalling £8.00 be approved. (Prop Cllr M Williamson, 2nd Cllr J Neish) All in favour.

139.2 To approve accounts for Payment as at 4th January 2022.

Resolved: That the accounts for payment totalling £12146.09 as at 4th January 2022 be approved. (Prop Cllr D Jackson, 2nd Cllr S Mortlock) All in favour.

139.3 To note the bank reconciliation as at 15th December 2021.

Noted

139.4 To note the budget report as at 15th December 2021.

Noted

139.5 To consider purchase of flail for John Deere tractor.

Members agreed this would be a good piece of equipment for the grounds staff and requested the Clerk to seek further quotes and discuss with CCC the possibility of taking over their cuts in the village. This will be added to Planning and Finance agenda on 18th January 2022.

139.6 To note resident request for replacement fencing, Overcote Lane playing field and agree actions.

Noted. Members requested the Clerk to get a quote for the full length of fence and check the minutes from 2006 to see if the Council erected and paid for the original fence as there is currently no firm evidence this is the Parish Councils responsibility.

140. Planning.

140.1 To note letter from Cross keys Homes dated 14th December 2021.

Noted

141. Community engagement

(i) To receive a report on the village bazaar held on 4th December 2021.

Cllr M Williamson commented that there had been a lot of praise for the Space net. He also commented that the village did previously have a surgery one day a week that did not work. He further commented that a new slipway at Holywell could be a contentious project.

Cllr S Mitcham suggested the request for a doctor's surgery would be irrelevant as the NHS would not support one.

- (ii) To review arrangement for use of overflow car park by U3A for Petanque.
Resolved: That the arrangement for use of overflow car park by U3A for Petanque continue at £20/week on a pay as they use basis, payment being made a month in arrears. (Prop Cllr E MacPherson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) All in favour.
- (iii) To consider removal of the play shelter (blue sail) on Overcote Lane playing field.
Members requested the Clerk to seek quotes for the removal of the sides and to add a table and seats to the sail.
- (iv) To note email requests from CIL Action group for information and agree reply.
Members discussed the response to the email requests from the CIL Action group.
Resolved: To approve the response to the CIL Action group and advise that the whole Council are concerned with the cost and time taken and to advise that all future correspondence from the CIL Action group will be taken to Council prior to any response from the Clerk. (Prop Cllr S Mortlock, 2nd Cllr G Norman) All in favour.

142. Correspondence

To receive correspondence and agree any actions: -

- (i) To note minutes of road safety committee 9th November 2021.
Noted
- (ii) To note Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project Local Liaison Committee. RSPB Report – October 2020/March 21
Noted

143. Items to report (for information only and not for resolution)

- Cllr E MacPherson commented that any event for the Queens Jubilee needs to be organised. She further advised she had been approached by a resident regarding stone chips on the gravestone.
- Cllr G Norman advised there are two streetlights not working on Harris Crescent. He will advise the Clerk of the streetlight numbers.
- Cllr D Jackson commented on the amount of rubbish in the ditch near the Barn on Overcote Lane. He further commented on the mud on the road outside David Wilson Homes on Bluntisham Road.
- Cllr A Whyte commented on the condition of the Lock Up walls and the doorframe. The Clerk suggested submitting a planning application for the relevant work.
- The Clerk informed members of a thank you letter from MAGPAS for their donation.
- The Clerk advised members of the issues with the surface following the recent installation of the space net and the instability of the pergola, which has since been strengthened. The invoice has been received but not paid.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman

Date