

WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL



PRESENT

Cllrs B Hughes (Chair), J Morrison (Vice-Chair)

Cllrs S Hill, L Ibbs, P Brown, D Brindley

G Keiher-Knapper (Deputy Clerk)

County Cllr R Ward arrived at 2015hrs

APOLOGIES

Cllr D Normington

Z Grindey (Clerk)

PCSO P Lowndes was in attendance.

There were 1 member of the public in attendance.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.40pm

119/22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident wished to discuss the Bowling Club. The club requires several improvements and updates and wants to increase their membership. A discussion was held. It was agreed that the Bowling Club would put together a document, detailing the improvements and updates required. The Chair agreed to speak to the Disability Funding officer at the District Council with regards to funding that may be available for the Bowling Club to apply for.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to create a list of possible grants/funding options and to obtain a quote for replacement gate and fencing.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would meet with a Bowling Club representative to discuss the specification of the grounds maintenance contract.

PCSO P Lowndes informed the Parish Council that she had nothing to report.

The Deputy Clerk informed the PCSO that further N2O industrial size canisters have been found this morning. It was agreed that the PCSOs would arrange a visit to Moorside High School to educate the students on the dangers.

The Chair asked if the troubles on Johnston Ave have now stopped and the PCSO informed the Parish Council that the issues seem to have been resolved.

The Clerk in to arrange PCSO Drop in dates at the Windmill.

The PCSO and the members of the public left the meeting.

120/22 APOLOGIES

See above.

121/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Brindley declared that he is a member of the Bowling Club.

122/22 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded of the need to maintain their Register of Interests.

123/22 ACCURACY OF MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were reviewed for accuracy and approved.

- a) Minutes of the meeting held 13th February 2023

124/22 ACTION PLAN

County Councillor Ross Ward was in attendance and updated the Parish Council on the following:

- County Councillor Ross Ward has called in the Co Op planning application on the grounds that it is not on the National Plan so the application will have to go to Committee for a decision. The Highways have already objected.

Cllr P Brown made Cllr R Ward aware that residents may not have been made aware of the Co Op Application and that is why there are not any comments. Cllr P Brown had emailed the Planning Dept to ask if the residents had been informed but not received a response.

Cllr B Hughes asked Cllr R Ward to investigate the application on Eaves Lane as again the Planning Department are not responding to the resident or their agent.

- Community Staffordshire Lottery is due to go live. This lottery will support not for profit organisations in Staffordshire that apply to be considered. It does not replace any Council funding.

Cllr L Ibbs raised concerns about the condition of the pavements of Washerwall Lane and outside of the library. The Highway's reporting procedure was discussed. It was decided for the Clerk to advertise the link on the Parish Facebook page.

Cllr D Brindley informed the Parish Council of the parking issues caused by the new housing development and that Cllr D Brindley met with the site manager who was very helpful and the issues of parking on grass verges and parking inconsiderately on Oak Mount seem to have improved.

County Councillor R Ward left the meeting.

The remaining action plan was deferred until April's meeting.

125/22 ACCOUNTS

The following were reviewed:

- a) February accounts (circulated via email)
- b) Next month's payment schedule (circulated via email)

Cllr J Morrison proposed that the accounts, payment schedule were approved. This was seconded by Cllr P Brown and carried.

126/22 STAFF REPORTS

- a) No Clerks report.
- b) Deputy Clerk's Report (circulated via email)
 - Work on the Lengthsmans hut is due to commence 21st March.
 - Renewal of annual hire is due by the end of the month for the Sports Ground.
 - Picnic Benches for the Sports Ground are due to be delivered tomorrow.
 - Require a new Contractor for the Millennium Rock.
 - Home change shower floor tiling due to commence 26th March.
 - New Flagpole is now installed.
 - Ordered 40mph wheelie bin stickers for Ashbank Rd.
 - Kitchen hirers at the Sports Ground have requested to construct a canopy with handrail.

127/22 GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Deferred to Aprils Meeting as the Clerk is actioning.

128/22 ELECTIONS

The Chair informed the Parish Council that the new Councillor meeting at SMDC was very informative, and that Purdah starts 22nd March. The Chair left the applications to be collected by the Councillors and informed them to book an appointment with SMDC to have their forms checked and not to just leave their forms at reception. Forms must be submitted no later than 16:00hrs on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

129/22 Correspondence

a) Request by TTG to extend coaching session by six months

Werrington Parish Council declined TTGs request to extend their private coaching by six months.

TTG also requested that their team hire booking that is due to end 31st March to be extended by two months because of an administrative error that apparently states the annual booking ends May 23. Werrington Parish Council declined this request but did agree that it could be hired at annual hire rate instead of the one-off hire rate for the next two months to allow the junior team to finish their season at the sports ground if they do not wish to continue at the Sports Ground when the season ends.

130/22 COUNCILLOR UPDATES/ITEMS

Cllr D Brindley & Cllr L Ibbs showed the Parish Council a plan to **improve the Millennium Rock area** in time for the Kings Coronation. The plan was agreed and a budget of £500 was set. It was also decided that the Queens Jubilee bench should be part of the plan and the Kings Coronation standard purchased.

Cllr D Brindley reported to Werrington Parish Council that Plot 8 of the **allotments** has been returned and is not fit to be split into two separate plots. It was also reported that the general housekeeping is not up to standard and still lots of plots are not displaying numbers to address it. However, the work that the Parish Council agreed to conduct 12 months ago still has not been carried out which includes the notice board, tap repair and extra tap installed, removal of unofficial taps, clearing of extra plot and the grass not being cut regularly. It was agreed that the allotments will be an agenda item for April's meeting.

Cllr D Brindley made the Werrington Parish Council aware that a resident was unable to access the **minutes** easily on the **website** and the minutes in the library were not up to date. Cllr L Ibbs added that a resident had informed her that the text on the agenda in the notice board was too small. Werrington Parish Council decided to have an agenda item for April's meeting to discuss Werrington Parish Councils website and all other forms of **communication**.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

131/22 QUOTES FOR DEFIBRILLATORS

The quotes were referred until April's agenda to allow longer for local businesses to contribute.

132/22 QUOTES FOR CORONATION MUGS

It was agreed to progress with Edward and Locketts for the Primary School Kings Coronation Mugs.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 10th APRIL 2023



G M Keiher-Knapper – Deputy Clerk to Werrington Parish Council

14th March 2023