

WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2023

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL



PRESENT

Cllr B Hughes (Chair), Cllr J Morrison (Vice Chair)

Cllrs S Hill, D Brindley, C Brownsword, N Meakin,

P Nixon, K Griffiths, J Fryer, S Hill

G Keiher-Knapper (Deputy Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Cllr D Normington, Cllr L Ibbs

Cllr P Brown, Z Grindey (Clerk)

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

The Chair opened the meeting at 1900 hrs.

015/23 Public Question Time

A resident expressed concern about their security and disappointment that they were not invited to meet with the contractors. Cllr Meakin confirmed that at the meeting the developers confirmed that they would put up a fence where the resident's boundary is. A 1.8m timber fence where the developers have fencing currently is. The residents also had further concerns with regards to a side fence. Cllr Meakin requested through the Deputy Clerk to the Clerk to gain confirmation of this promise from the developers.

A resident asked why the councillors haven't been to Salters Lane as their children in this heat cannot go outside to play because of the dust. There are container offices facing the residents' garden, two stories high looking into their bedroom windows, the residents have had to ring Country Wise because of being verbally abused. The resident confirmed that it has been reported to SMDC Environmental. Cllr Meakin informed the meeting that District Councillors David Shaw and Ross Ward need to address these issues. The resident also explained how the construction works caused her garden to flood and now shrink.

A resident went on to defend the Parish Council by informing the meeting that it was Crown Land making it more accessible to build on and that the Parish Council can only do so much by reporting it to planning and SMDC. The resident informed the meeting that he has reported it to his local MP and encourages everyone to do the same. The resident went on to explain that dust is a Health and Safety Management and lack of privacy breaches article 8 of human rights.

Cllr Griffiths suggested that the Parish Council tries to facilitate a residents meeting with the County Councillor, District Councillors and SMDC Officers which was agreed to be advertised on Facebook.

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Cllr S Hill arrived at joined the meeting at 1920hrs

A resident raised a separate issue with regard to Parish Council land of Meigh Road Car park and the continuous dust from the poor surface on the carpark. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she will obtain quotes to put before the Parish Council for consideration.

The Chair extended Public Question time.

Cllr N Meakin informed the meeting that somebody had changed the District Councillor points of contact with regards to the development as Cllr B Hughes or the Parish Clerk have not been receiving any planning updates with regards to the development.

Another issue raised with regards to Bobby's Ice Cream Parlor and still a planning application has not been submitted and a carpark has been built on green belt land. The Deputy Clerk will consult with the Planning Dept with regards to whether an application has been submitted and how long the business is allowed to run with no planning permission.

The Chair ended public question time at 1945hrs.

9 members of the public left the meeting.

016/23 Apologises

As above.

017/23 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (from agenda):

None.

018/23 Register of Interests:

Councillors requested the new paperwork from the Clerk to update their registers of interest.

019/23 The following **Minutes** were approved:

- a) minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 15th May 2023
- b) minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held 15th May 2023

020/23 Actions: In the absence of the Clerk deferred until July.

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021/23 Accounts: In the absence of the Clerk accounts were deferred:

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

022/23 Staff Reports:

- a) Clerk's report – In the absence of the Clerk deferred until July.
- b) Deputy Clerk's report
 - Lengthsmans hut complete.
 - Allotments awaiting new tenants, notice board erection and digging in water pipe once grass is cut.
 - Sports Ground has successful FA Grants for pitch maintenance and drainage. Consider digging out to extend overflow carpark.
 - Defib to be installed on main gate at the Sports Ground 27th June.
 - Speed Indicator Display Pole quote due from Highways.
 - First Parish Highways meeting was a success another one due in July, residents are welcome to attend.
 - Quotes for Bowling Green Fence obtained and to be discussed this evening.
- c) Village Warden's report
 - Cllr Nixon fed back to the Council on behalf of the Village Wardens the ongoing issue with fly tipping on Meigh Road playing fields. The Council requested the Clerk to obtain a price for an additional camera. Also, dog fouling bags left. Went on to report back grass and trees not being maintained.
 - Cllr Griffiths will write an article about anti-social behaviour for the Village Magazine
 - Clerk to share the grass cutting contract with all Councillors.
 - Cllr Brownsword will draft a plan for engaging with Werrington's younger residents to present to the Parish Council in July. Deputy Clerk to invite a guest speaker to July meeting to inform Councillors of workshop they provide.

023/23 Annual Audit: In the absence of the Clerk deferred until a date to be arranged by the Clerk later in June:

- a) Internal audit report
- b) Annual Governance Statement
- c) Accounting Statements
- d) Variance report
- e) Exercise of Public Rights dates

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024/23 Sports Ground: The Deputy Clerk updated the Parish Council following the Football Association visit. The Parish Council approved submission grant application for Pitch Maintenance and the draft Pitch Maintenance plan.

Cllr Meakin raised concern about carbooters parking over the septic tank and Cllr Brindley raised concerns about carbooters parking on pitches. The Deputy Clerk will raise this with the car boot booking.

025/23 Highways Working Group: the minutes were approved, and action plan and recommendations were also approved. The Clerk to provide all Councillors with a map of the Parish Boundaries, Cllr Griffiths to assist with Ordnance Survey.

026/23 New Development: No minutes were available for the update from the meeting with developers held 30th May. Deputy Clerk to try to arrange a residents meeting with district councillors and SMDC relevant officers in attendance.

027/23 Small Grants Scheme: In the absence of the Clerk the application was deferred until next month's meeting.

028/23 Correspondence: to note any correspondence received and agree any actions.

- a) Request for tap situated in hedge by allotments for use by Werrington Community Volunteers. When the allotment works is complete the lock is to be changed to a combination lock giving the volunteers and the Wardens access to water.

029/23 Councillor Updates/Items: Cllr Hughes updated the Parish Council that the planning application for 36 batteries has been refused because they are too close to the houses and because there is no disposal plan for the batteries.

Cllr N Meakin left the meeting at 2030hrs

Confidential Items (public and press excluded)

030/23 Quotes: to consider the following and award work:

- a) Bowling Green fencing
Cllr Morrison proposed, and Cllr Browsword seconded, and five councillors were in favour to award the contract to Trentham fencing. Two Councillors abstained from the vote as they are members of the bowling club.
- b) Levelling of corner at the sports ground
Cllr Brindley proposed, and Cllr Griffiths seconded, and all seven Councillors were in favour to go ahead with the quoted work as it was a small job and the Deputy Clerk was unable to obtain anymore quotes. The car boot needs the extra space and so do the football teams on the overflow car park.
- c) Burial of the new water pipe at the allotments
Cllr Morrison proposed, and Cllr Brindley seconded all seven councillors were in favour to approve the quoted work to bury the water pipe at the allotments using the same contractor that already dug out the extra plots at the allotments.

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The Chair ended the meeting to clarify comments that were made on Facebook that the Clerk does not use her own personal mobile phone it is a Parish Council provided mobile telephone.

The Chair also remind Parish Councillors that they have every right as a resident to approach organisations to raise their concerns but should only be acting as a Parish Councillor with the authority of the full Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 2100 hrs.