

Meeting of the Council

19th September 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT-Ian Horsnell (Chair), Richard Poole, Adele Poole, Richard Toller, Nan Maxwell, Cheryl Pocock.

2024/062-Apologies. Apologies were received from Jon Ride and Roger Gay who were both on holiday.

2024/063-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Accepted as accurate.

2024/064-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2024/065-Announcements from the Chair-Ian Horsnell noted the road closure signs on George Nympton Road. Although the Council had not received notice, it is thought that the closure from 24th September is to allow repairs to potholes.

2024/066-Democratic 15/Public Question Time-There were no members of the public present.

2024/067-County Councillor's Slot-Not present.

2024/068-District Councillor's Slot-Not Present.

2024/069-Financial Matters.

2024/069.1-Account Balances. Community Account £57.42, Business Premium Account £2,718.44

2024/069.2-Transactions since last PC meeting. £1,440.00 payment for electrical work to village hall.

£10.13 interest earned from Barclays Bank.

2024/069.3-Financial Regulations. Richard Poole has reviewed the Council's current financial regulations and circulated suggested amendments prior to the meeting. Some further amendments were discussed and agreed. Richard will circulate final draft for approval prior to next meeting.

2024/069.4-Nan Maxwell has been added as signatory for bank account. Mark Dean and Tom Sellick have been removed as signatories.

2024/070-Dispensation Requests-There were none.

2024/071-Planning Matters-There were no new planning applications.

2024/072-Village Hall-Adele Poole presented an update. The next planned event on 27th September is a music and dance show "Last Dance Saloon" presented by Beaford Arts. Ticket sales have been slow and it is hoped these will pick up sufficiently for the show to go ahead.

Future planned events include a pre-Christmas Bingo night on 29th November and a Christmas lunch on 14th December. The lunch will be on the same weekend as the Crib festival in the Church and the hall will be decorated inside and out. Ian Horsnell kindly offered a large live tree for outside the hall.

The electrical upgrade to the hall has been completed and invoices paid. The next refurbishment plans are to upgrade the gent's toilets, general repairs after the electrical work and to upgrade ramp access with new ramp and handrail.

2024/073-Parish Clerk Vacancy-There has been no interest so far in the vacancy. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to several neighbouring Parish Councils in the hope that someone may be able to provide us with interim help.

2024/074-Phone Box-Paint on the ceiling of the phone box which is being used as village larder is peeling. It was agreed that the solution would be to repaint the ceiling with Hammerite paint which Richard Poole can provide.

2024/075-Dog Fouling-Richard Poole had looked at the potential solutions, cost implications and practicalities after the recent complaints of dog fouling in the village. After discussion it was agreed that a labeled general waste bin would be placed at the end of the village hall carpark and advisory signs for lamp posts around the village will be sourced.

2024/076-Speeding Signage-Decision deferred until the Council has seen feedback from Highways Department.

2024/077-AOB-The Council agreed to review all standing orders, policies and regulations. Councillors present will review and circulate any suggested updates prior to the next meeting. The distribution of reviews was agreed as follows-

Statement of Internal Financial Control-Richard Poole

Standing Orders-Ian Horsnell

Privacy Policy-Richard Toller

Complaints Policy-Cheryl Pocock

News and Media Policy-Adele Poole

Risk Management Policy-Nan Maxwell

2024/077-Correspondence-There was none.

2024/077-Date of Next Meeting-November 21st 2024 at 7.30pm.