

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Wicklewood Village Hall on Monday 3rd April, 2023

Present: John Seville (JS) Chair, Vice Chair, Richard Goodings (RG), John Hipperson (JH), Stephen Brown (SB), Hilary Matthews (HM)

In attendance: Helen Frayer (HF) Parish Clerk, Richard Elliot (RE) part meeting

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received from Nick Kemp, Tina Phillips and Margaret Dewsbury

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3. PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident asked about what was happening re hedge in Church Lane. HF updated that we have been instructed that this is not to be discussed in public meeting due to legal process

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th MARCH. JH then proposed to accept the Minutes as correct, seconded by RG all agreed

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK ON ACTIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING:

5.1 HF reported that all actions had been completed. No response had been received from planning re the fence on Green Lane, will chase. The vacant allotment plot had been leased by the adjoining plot

5.2 HR had applied for grant for Coronation event on behalf of the group organising it. Grant was received and has been passed over

5.3 HM updated that as agreed at the last meeting, she had met with the bookings clerk to go through the defibrillator checking procedure. All in order

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Noted, all on agenda

7. FINANCE

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT including late invoice

Salaries	Clerk & Booking Clerk	557.14
HMRC	Month 12	100.20
Clerk's expenses	Mileage	8.10
Dream Team Cleaning	Cleaning village hall	324.00
SNC	Waste bins	58.99
TTSR	Repairs to goal areas	210.00
Carl Aldous	Unblock drains	50.00
Various	Hall hire deposit return	144.00
	TOTAL	£1,402.43

Resolved: That all accounts as presented be paid. Proposed SB, seconded HM, all agreed

7.2 MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT

	Current	Premium	Total
Balance b/f	19,658.64	24,576.62	44,235.26
Total receipts	2,430.71	30.50	2,461.21
	22,089.35	24,607.12	46,696.47
Total payments	2,103.84	0.00	2,103.84
	19,985.51	24,607.12	44,592.63
Inter Account Transfers	-14,000	+14,000	0.00
Closing Balance	5,985.51	38,607.12	44,592.63

HF reported that we would be receiving the Government grant towards alternative fuel costs of £150.

8. HIGHWAYS:

8.1 To receive notifications of highways faults: None specifically other than there are a lot of potholes at the moment and the standard of repair seems very poor

8.2 Update re High Oaks Rd hedge: No reply had been received from the landowner to the letter sent. JS corrected the comment on the last Minutes that the hedge had been removed from the passing bay. This is not the case. The passing bay referred to previously was a different one where a hedge had not been planted. The matter is now in the hands of the Highways Dept and it is hoped to arrange a site visit. HM reported that she had been to visit the landowner and had their email address that she would pass to the clerk

9. PLANNING

9.1 Decision: 2022/2320 – Land at Woodview Farm – 2 rows of ground mounted solar arrays – Approval with conditions

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYING FIELDS AND ALLOTMENTS

10.1 Report from Booking Clerk: In the absence of TP, HF raised a query that had arisen re bookings taken in advance for a date after the price was going to increase. All agreed that the price at the time of the booking would remain.

10.2 Consider how to advertise the village hall: In the absence of TP it was agreed to adjourn this item for the following month

10.3 Maintenance items in hall:

- HF reported that when the boiler had been serviced it was discovered the bottom baffles needed replacing. Quote now received £184 + VAT for parts, £80 + VAT for fitting. Boiler company say if this were to be left until next service, there would be no fitting charge. It would not damage the boiler but may have a marginal impact on efficiency. JS suggested that the new parish council may decide to upgrade the boiler so would be worth postponing this repair. All agreed.
- The kitchen tap has a very slow, spasmodic drip. Agreed to wait until a plumber is next needed rather than call in just for this. HF to contact plumber with photo and ask for estimated cost, can it be repaired or does it need replacing

- JS reported that the toilet had blocked and on investigation found that the drain outside was blocked. With agreement of clerk, his brother in law, a builder, had attended to clear. JS believes it may have been caused by the septic tank filling after recent heavy rain. The tank was last emptied May 2020. It is known that the tank has thin drains that affect how quickly it drains. Proposed that the tank be emptied and the two road gullies cleared at the same time. HF to get quotes. **JS proposed that HF make arrangements with the best quote, HM seconded, all agreed**

10.4 Consider replacement inverter for solar panels: Two quotes had been received. The lower quote is from Power Different (Inverter and labour £843.73 incl VAT. They had made a site visit and checked the solar panels which they said are in good condition. **SB proposed having the inverter replace, HM seconded, all agreed**

10.5 Playing Field Inspection: JS reported he had inspected on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 27th. The turfing and safety matting work had been completed. There was some surplus matting so TTSR were going to install this around the roundabout. RG and NK are going to clean the equipment. The children's seats need monitoring as showing wear. Everything else in order.

10.6 Report from allotments inspection: RG reported he had inspected on 21st. All satisfactory. The previously vacant plot was already being cultivated.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

12. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45** on Monday 15th May 2023. Agenda items to Clerk by 5th May