

Present:

Cllrs: J Carlon (chair), K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, D Brooke, B Kaushiva & J Sutcliffe

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings (until 7.40pm)

1 member of the public (until 7.40pm)

109 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr S Baker (holiday), Cllr T Earnshaw (lambing) & Cllr G Newby (funeral). The reasons for absence were **approved**. Cllr U Ali (funeral) & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police (ill).

110 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 6th February 2024

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 6th February 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

111 To receive declarations of interest - none

112 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda

A £25,000 funds transfer from the Parish Council account at Nationwide directed to HSBC on 4.3.24 was rejected as the account continues to be classed as dormant. **RESOLVED** – to close the HSBC account.

113 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward 5 councillors

In further discussions regarding Brook Farm, Cllr Cummings advised that the land was green belt and had been agricultural use. Recent considerations for future use were solar power and a site for Wakefield AFC.

Cllr Cummings recommended that the Parish Council enquire of Abigail Ellis at WMDC if there are any intentions to develop Brook Farm or sell the land for agricultural use.

Cllr Cummings confirmed that funding was now available from WMDC to cover the cost of the column testing proposed by Amey at c£100 per lamppost. Clerk to confirm extent of funding with Katherine Davison at WMDC.

114 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The latest report was reviewed.

115 Public Forum - none

116 Finance & Governance

Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in January 2024 were approved. The Clerk submitted details for January 2024 of accounts paid totalling £3,710.07 and income received of £4,305.17.

The account balances at the end of January 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£6,989.36
Barclays premium	£9,062.41
HSBC deposit	£1,007.02
Nationwide savings	<u>£104,585.44</u>
Total	<u>£121,644.23</u>

RESOLVED

To approve the subscription to Scribe Accounts.

To keep the Village Hall hire charges at the current level for 2024-25.

117 Planning Committee Working Party

Five recent planning applications were considered and noted.

118 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties & any correspondence received Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Chair advised that two local contractors are to be engaged for the works needed to the village hall and Coronation Cottage roofs & the reported damp at Coronation Cottage.

Clerk advised that the conifer in the front of Coronation Cottage would be felled shortly.

Park & Jubilee Field

Chair had a meeting with WUJFC to consider the lease terms for Jubilee Field and a draft was agreed.

Clerk advised that Altofts Trees had requested a planning application proposal from the Parish Council for replanting at the ex-tennis club grounds to support the recommended application to remove the five TPO trees.

RESOLVED - Chair to provide the form of draft lease agreed with WUJFC to the clerk and quotes to be obtained from two local law firms for this to be drawn up.

Tree WP to reconvene and liaise with Altoft Trees to identify the rationale behind the five tree removals and consider a tree replanting programme to provide a basis for a planning application.

Parish environment

Clerk advised that a response from WMDC for a structural engineer to inspect the Chippy Lane bridge was awaited. Council confirmed that a replacement recycled bench near Bridge Gate Farm was required.

Floral displays

RESOLVED - To increase the request for sponsorship to £120.

Communications

The latest newsletter was reviewed.

Tennis club refurbishment

No further news.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

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