

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
ABOVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE STARTING AT 6.00PM**

**F070/24 To Record those Present and list any Apologies**

Those Present; Councillors K Gipson- Chairman, S Parish and N Fursdon also present was Cllr S Instance observing and the PC Clerk via phone.

Apologies were sent from Cllr Bull

**F071/24 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

None were declared.

**F072/24 Minutes**

- a) To note, agree and sign the following:

Draft Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> August, having been previously circulated these were **agreed and signed.**

**F073/24 Finance**

- a) To note, agree/ratify the payments as listed.

Payments list will be staff pay only this will be similar to last month, but will confirm via email. The Chairman requested that once received the amounts will be circulated for final approval

**F074/24. To consider**

- a) The report from Ethos Consulting – received earlier today.

Adam Bunce – from Ethos sent the report this morning, as there was no time to read the details it was agreed to defer this to a later meeting, for a formal debate.

The report has also been Passed to the NHP group

- b) Note any correspondence, agree any actions if required

None listed

1. Planning application 20/0406, Land south of A20 Sellindge (Gladman) Being heard at FHDC on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. After a brief debate it was agreed that Cllr Fursdon and the Clerk will look at this in detail over the weekend.
2. Local Transport Plan 2024 – this has been sent X 2 to Cllrs but No responses. It was decided that due to the work load of the Council no further action was required.
3. PC Application 24/1323/FH, for the work to be carried out on the yew tree in the Church yard that has a TPO – the notice of decision was received and the planning authority has refused the application for the following reasons:
  - a) *It is considered that the veteran Yew tree, subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 04 of 2014, makes an important contribution to the character and visual amenity of the locality and is prominent within the street scene. The proposed works to the tree*

would be detrimental to the appearance of the area and contrary to policy which seeks to protect trees which are covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

- b) The justification submitted as part of the application to undertake works to the veteran Yew tree is not considered to be sufficient to warrant such extensive work, and, as such, the works would not be in the interests of conservation, ecology or arboriculture, and would therefore be contrary to policy which seeks to protect trees which are covered by a Tree Preservation Order.
- c) The proposed works have the potential to result in the loss or deterioration of an irreplaceable habitat (veteran tree) which is contrary to paragraph 186(c) of the National Planning Policy Framework

After a debate it was agreed to contact Apps Tree Surgeons who was to carry out the work – there are still works to trees that do not have TPO's on them  
And ask David Sephton, to review his report for any further information.  
It was decided that as the PC were to be requesting further inspection of the yew tree, that the contractor also inspect the trees around the pond on the Lees and in Meadow Grove.

#### 4. Parish Rooms Survey report.

Not yet received to defer until the report comes.

#### 5. Locality Grant application

The Clerk reported receipt of the remittance Advice from Locality, and the PC has been awarded £10,000, the NHP group will be informed. Plus, so that it is minuted it was noted that the NHP Launch Day is confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 6. Quote for refurb of village sign

This was discussed the full amount is net figure £4,370.00. The Clerk was asked to see if the quote can be amended.

- A further debate was needed to agree where the village sign should be re-installed, and to prevent the rotting of the oak post, due to the high water underground aquifers, it was agreed that perhaps some sort of plinth should be built to erect the post on.
- It was further agreed to ask for the quote at the same time for a possible Beacon/maypole to be placed on the Lees.

#### 7. AGM KALC. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that although there are only 2 voting positions others can attend.

#### 8. Emails from Members of the public

- road works outside café – have sent a holding email to MOP  
Cllrs reported that they had seen workmen there today and expect the work to be finished in 5 working days.
- regarding the swings, I have sent a holding email  
Cllr Gipson will double check but thought that when he visited the Lees earlier today all was fine, but he will check over the weekend.
- regarding dogs on lead, no further action.

The date of the next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> October, there being no further business the meeting closed at 18.53.

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