

Minutes for meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 6pm

Present: Chris Tait(Chair) via phone link Nigel Fisher(vice chair) chaired meeting, Cath Tait Jill Robson Sue Rollitt(Clerk)

Declaration of interest on agenda other than standard declaration of interest
NONE

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 5th September 2023 circulated prior to meeting approved and signed by Nigel Fisher

Parishioners questions- None

Matters Arising

1.Newsletter- Cath distributed copies of draft, Councillors discussed engaging in a Joint Action Plan, decision taken to go with Rothbury as we are such a small Parish. Sue requested inclusion of Co option for another Councillor ,if anyone interested to contact her direct. Chris to sort envelopes and stamps for posting, some to be hand delivered.

2.Meeting with NALC chief officer postponed due to his circumstances. E mailed with 2 alternative dates in November which are not suitable suggested either 8th or 15th of January. All Councillors available January 15th Sue to contact Graham re his availability.

3.Climate change councillors discussed if we wish to engage in a joint action plan and coordinate climate action activities with Rothbury Climate Action Group/and local Parish Councils. See item in newsletter above

4.Email sent to Julie Famelton Secretary WVI regarding our suggestions on Climate Action activities and we would support a viable application they may make regarding solar panels and the use of battery powered generator at the Village Hall.

5.Parish /Town Council meeting held October 5th 2023 Cath due to attend but sent apologies on the day.

6. Email sent to Glen and Martin regarding update on village signposts which we had discussed with Glen Sanderson and Martin King at our meeting July 11th 2023.Response from Glen suggests signs are rather expensive and will have to go through the Highways team again or if he can fund them through his small schemes budget if he has enough funds available.

7. Requests sent for salt bins x 2 in Wingates village to be filled, grit heaps to be placed around the Parish, erosion of road edges throughout the Parish requiring attention and any potholes to be repaired. Both salt bins in the village have been filled, but no grit heaps as yet apart from Coltyard area according to Nigel. Sue to email Highways again plus request update on road repairs and potholes. Chris to contact John Moore, landowner, regarding fallen tree precariously balanced next to the road opposite Fiddlers Elbow property

8. Policies no new updates, all readopted.

9. Letter from Redeswood Tree Surveying regarding the condition of trees and PC responsibilities. As we do not have any trees within our Parish for which we are responsible letter given to Cath for Wingates Village Institute for their perusal.

PLANS

1. Plans approved for conversion of 1 building to 1 residential unit at land south east of Stable House at Garrett Lee Farm

2. Application from Nunnykirk Caravan Club site for conversion of 16 existing grass pitches to all weather pitches and installation of motor van waste point. Councillors support this application response sent 13/10/2023

FINANCES

1. In A/C as of date of meeting £1,672.64

2. Precept received 06/09/2023 for £971.00

3. Actual/Budget to set for Precept request, paperwork circulated prior to meeting. Councillors discussed raising precept by 10% all in agreement Sue to complete request and return to NCC.

4. Clerks wages £562.14 expenses £5.25 approved and cheque signed.

As of April 1st 2024 National Living Wage to rise from £10.42 per hour to £11.44

5. WVI hall hire for meetings x 5 £50.00 completed and signed and to be forwarded to Julie Famelton.

AOB Local Plan Open Space Assessment email received before meeting Councillors to complete individually.

Dates for next 5 meetings:-

Tuesday February 6th 6pm

Tuesday May 7th 6pm AGM

Tuesday July 9th 6pm

Tuesday September 3rd 6pm

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Meeting closed at 6.45