

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET, WOLSTON  
THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Dobinson (Chair), Cllr Wright, Cllr Rainey, Cllr Ramsay, Cllr Grainger, Cllr Ball and Mrs D George (Clerk)

RBC: Cllr Poole, Cllr S Ward Cllr T Willis

Plus: 11 Members of the Public

- 178**                    **Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence** – To receive apologies. Apologies from Cllr H Timms and Cllr Humphreys were noted.
- 179**                    **Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda** – Councillors to declare any personal and/or pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.  
No interests were declared.
- 180**                    **Minutes of the Parish Council** – To review and, if appropriate, approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st December 2022 and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- Resolved**            To approve the WPC Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
Proposed: Cllr Wright  
Seconded: Cllr Ramsay  
Unanimous  
To approve the WPC Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Proposed: Cllr Wright  
Seconded: Cllr Rainey  
Approved by those councillors who were in attendance.
- 181**                    **AGAR** – To consider, complete and approve and, if appropriate, sign the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 as part of the annual return  
A discussion was held.
- Agreed**                That the AGAR be deferred to the February Meeting.  
Cllr Wright recorded his dissatisfaction that the previous clerk had not completed this before leaving.
- 182**                    **Finance**  
a) To endorse accounts paid to 31st December 2022.  
Cllr Ball reported that the only Cheques written in December were the Salaries.  
b) To note payments received 31st December 2022.  
Cllr Ball reported that no payments were received.  
c) To endorse the bank reconciliation
- Agreed**                Bank Reconciliation deferred to next meeting  
d) To Confirm the Clerk's delegated Power of Authority as in Financial Regulation 4.5 Up to £500.00
- Resolved**            To Confirm the Clerk's delegated Power of Authority as in Financial Regulation 4.5 Up to £500.00  
Proposed: Cllr Wright  
Seconded: Cllr Ramsay  
Unanimous
- 183**                    **Budget and Precept 2023-24 – To discuss and review the current budget and the draft budget and Precept for 2023-24 and make any decisions accordingly**
- Resolved**            That WPC do not change the precept, that the Band D precept remain the same as last year and any additional expenditure to be found from reserves.  
Proposed: Cllr Wright  
Seconded: Cllr Grainger

Signed .....

- Action** Unanimous  
Cllr Rainey suggested a Financial Working Group to be created for approval at the next meeting in February 2023.
- 184** **RFO - To discuss and make any decisions as necessary to confirm the Responsible Financial Officer for Wolston Parish Council.**  
**A discussion was held.**
- Resolved** That a financial working group be established and be brought to the February meeting for approval and this to coincide with the transfer of the RFO responsibility from Cllr Ball to the Clerk.  
Proposed Cllr Rainey  
Seconded Cllr Wright  
Unanimous
- 185** **Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 8 - Following accidents to residents falling on iced footpaths during the recent inclement weather, Wolston Parish Council debate, in the interests of public safety, the use of contract labour to grit the footpaths concerned and make a decision accordingly.**  
Cllr Wright raised concerns about non-gritting of icy footpaths and side roads. Cllr Wright reported that the Stretton on Dunsmore Contractor has his own equipment and insurance cover and completes their gritting in approximately three hours for a low hourly rate under £100.00 in total.  
A discussion was held.
- Resolved** That, as a short-term solution to the gritting of the pathways during another cold spell, WPC trial using the contractor in Stretton on Dunsmore, and, if this solution works, to investigate further.  
Proposed Cllr Wright  
Seconded Cllr Rainey  
Unanimous
- 186** **Co-option – to note Casual and Electoral vacancies and discuss and, if appropriate, agree to advertise for applicants to be co-opted in accordance with guidance from Rugby Borough Council**
- Resolved** That WPC agree to advertise for members of the public to fill the three vacancies after the notice period ends assuming a by-election is not called.  
Proposer: Cllr Grainger  
Seconder: Cllr Ramsay  
Unanimous
- 187** **Delegates Reports – To receive updates from the following groups: Allotment Working Group, Recreational Facilities Group, HR Group, Policy & Procedures Group and NDP**  
**Allotment Working Group**  
Cllr Wright – reported on allotments  
A discussion was held.  
Cllr Grainger – suggested that the WPC Solicitor write to the Contractor to find out what our position is.
- Agreed** It was agreed that Cllr Grainger will draft the letter in conjunction with Cllr Wright for the Solicitor to include a copy of the specification of works.  
After minute 188 was complete, Cllr Rainey referred to the Allotment Working Group delegates report and suggested a fresh approach to the situation, and that we convene a meeting with the Allotment Committee. A further discussion was held.
- Recreational Facilities Group**  
Cllr Dobinson reported on the recreational facilities following the inspections report. A discussion was held.
- Action** That the Recreation Facilities Group to look at getting the repairs completed within this financial year if possible.
- HR Working Group**  
A discussion was held.
- Action** HR Group to meet to review Job Descriptions and interview Youth Worker applicants and volunteer applicants.

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Cllr Wright suggested we write to the Administrator of PCC to inform them of the position about the Youth Project

**Policy and Procedures Group**

**Action**

Clerk to arrange a meeting of the policy and procedures group.

**NDP**

Cllr Rainey reported that NDP should be ready for village consultation Spring/Summer

**188**

**Grass Cutting – To discuss and, if appropriate, agree to develop a scope of works and invitation to tender for grass cutting in the village**

A discussion was held.

**Action**

Clerk to email RBC to find out what the grant will be for the next year and how many cuts that will include.

**189**

**To note S106 Property for sale- 69 St Margarets Avenue Wolston CV8 3LJ**

Chair read out the notice.

**190**

**Civility & Respect Pledge - to consider this pledge**

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project#take-the-pledge>) recommended by WALC and make any appropriate response/decisions.

A discussion was held.

**Agreed**

That WPC defer this item until new councillors are appointed.

**Action**

Cllr Grainger to provide councillors with more information.

Cllr Rainey requested information on the relationship between WALC and WPC

**Action**

Clerk to set up Cllr Rainey with a log in for WALC

**191**

**Future Agenda Items** – Councillors are asked to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision-making.

Additional dog bins to be added to the list – Chair confirmed this is not required as an agenda item

WPC amend standing orders so that papers for decision must be submitted to WPC three clear days prior to meetings

Revision of Standing orders to be amended to allow draft minutes to be published once they have been circulated to all councillors.

New Finance Group and RFO appointment

Budget 2023/2024

Comms Group Report

Facebook Profile of Sasha Noble, to agree a solution on how this matter can be brought to a final conclusion which is agreed upon by all parties.

**192**

**Date of Next Meetings** – To confirm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at 7:15pm. If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Main Street noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held.

Meeting closed at 21.58hrs

.Signed..... Chair

Date.....

Signed .....

**Notes on the Public Forum held during the Wolston Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Cllr Pool**

Reported on increased in vehicle theft in the area. Apologised for the absence of the PCSO and PC due to shift patterns. The new Superintendent has authorised extra resources for extra patrols this week and next.

Some vehicles have been recovered in a neighbouring village.

Lampost no. 9 Main Street has been out for three weeks.

Dog Bin in Priory Road is dilapidated.

Success in catching the fly tipper.

More cameras are being installed

**Cllr Willis**

1.1 miles of tyres dumped on Coalpit Lane have been uplifted

Main Street Speeding PC Bailey and PCSO Bowers – awaiting confirmation

Messages on Website – celebrations – regeneration strategy – Local Plan Review - green spaces – Copy onto Village website if relevant.

**Cllr Ward**

Coronation King Charles – Caldecott Park streaming ceremony live

Art Competition for children up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – for details see [woodenspoon.org.uk](http://woodenspoon.org.uk)

CPR and Defibrillator training Friday 20 January 2023 6pm-8:30pm Wolston Leisure Centre

CPR and Defibrillator training Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1-4pm at Methodist Church on School Street, Long Lawford

These are both drop-in open sessions come on either day – WPC to put on social media and website

A Member of the Public - Cannot use allotments because of drainage – Chair reported Spitfire have confirmed that Phase 1 is not complete, it is likely to be rectified by February.

A Member of the Public brought up the subject in October 2022

Chair apologised for their frustration confirmed that they are following up on the problem.

A Member of the Public – raised concern about double parking along Main Street – could we have double yellow lines on Brookside?

Cllr Poole referred the matter to WCC Highways and will pass it onto the Inspector.

A Member of the Public - Read out a lengthy statement attacking a Cllr of Wolston PC, the Member of the Public used foul language.

Chair prevented any Cllrs from responding to the statement and requested that any concerns regarding Cllrs be brought to the attention of the RBC Monitoring Officer.

A Member of the Public queried Cllr Grainger's reply to a member of the public's email.

Cllr Grainger apologised for the delay, and that he had drafted a response to the member of the public and forwarded it to the Chair of the WBBAGA to send on. Cllr Grainger will follow it up.

A Member of the Public asked as the Chair's Report concerning the fake face-book account had already been shared with a resident how could it be withdrawn. Chair requested that this be discussed at another time as she had not the paperwork to hand.

Cllr Wright reported that the sign at the top of Coalpit Lane is obscured.

Cllr Ramsay reported that the No 86 bus timetables have changed.

Signed .....

**Cllr Ramsay – Is it OK for public to use the Grit Bins? Yes, RBC will replenish salt as required.**

**Cllr S Ward – reported a cap on bus fares of £2.00  
WCC provide indigo dial a ride service on which bus passes are valid.**

**Cllr Rainey – Raised concerns over the dilemma where decisions we make are inexplicable.  
We need a better way of explaining how we arrive at decisions.**

**Public Forum closed at 8pm**

Signed .....