

# WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the WPC meeting held at Baptist Church Main Street Wolston

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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Present: WPC Councillors: Mr T Willis (Chair), Mr G Rainey (Vice Chair), Mrs A Milne, Mr L Wright, Mr T Ramsay, Ms J Galliford, Ms S Dobinson and Mrs D George (Clerk)

RBC Cllrs: Mr S Ward

Plus 13 members of the public

The Chair thanked all in attendance and the meeting began with the Public Forum at 19:16 hrs

The WPC Meeting began at 19:56 hrs

**137 Apologies** -To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Derek Poole and Cllr Heather Timms

**138 Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the Agenda –**  
Councillors to declare any personal and/or pecuniary interest on items on the agenda.

**Cllr T Willis blanket declaration as borough councillor.**

**Cllr S Dobinson declared an interest in Youth Plan.**

**Cllr S Dobinson declared an interest in WLCC.**

**Cllr J Galliford declared an interest in allotments as an allotment holder.**

**Cllr G Rainey declared an interest in the Village Hall/Warm Spaces**

**139 To Note the resignation of Wolston Parish Councillors**

Cllr Mrs T Ball and Cllr Mr R Grainger

The resignation of Cllrs T Ball and R Grainger was duly noted.

**140 Co-Option of Parish Councillors –** to discuss and consider co-option of prospective councillors, to receive any expressions of interest, and, if necessary, vote and co-opt a councillor (TW)

No one volunteered to step forward for co-option as a councillor.

A member of the public volunteered to help organise upcoming events in the village.

**141 Minutes –** To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wolston PC held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**Proposal: To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wolston PC held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr A Milne**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wolston PC held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.**

**142 Finance**

a) To approve payments made in November 2023.

**Proposal: To approve payments made in November 2023**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr G Rainey**

**6 in favour**

**1 abstention**

**Resolved: To approve payments made in November 2023.**

b) To note payments received.

It was noted that no payments had been received.

c) Budget and Precept 2024/2025 - To discuss and review the current Budget 2023/2024 and to consider DRAFT Budget and Precept for 2024/2025

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A discussion took place regarding the Youth Plan – Query re who pays for youth workers? Cllr L Wright asked if we can request help to pay for the youth project from Binley Woods and Brandon and Bretford Parish Councils.

It was noted that a Finance Working Group meeting will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to discuss the Budget and Precept 2024/2025

Action: WPC to write to Binley Woods and Brandon and Bretford Parish Councils asking them to contribute to the Youth Project.

Cllr L Wright suggested that the precept from RBC indicates a £28 increase on Band D property in Wolston - adding 5p on the WPC precept to cover inflation as advised by WALC is not reasonable.

Cllr T Willis will put the question RBC Chief Officer.

- d) To note receipt of External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2021/2022

**Proposal: WPC note receipt of the External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2021/2022**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr G Rainey**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: WPC note receipt of the External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2021/2022**

- e) To note receipt of External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2022/2023

**Proposal: WPC note receipt of the External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2022/2023**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr G Rainey**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: WPC note receipt of the External Auditors Report and Certificate for AGAR 2022/2023**

A discussion took place regarding the Asset Register and Policies and Procedures to be updated and the use of a locum.

Cllr G Rainey – reported looking at the key procedures and there are a few which will not need too much amendment.

- f) Warm Spaces for All – To consider the current process for reimbursement of expenses to participating venues and organisations from ring fenced Warm Spaces for All fund and make any appropriate decisions. Finance Working Group to present a recommendation. (GR, SD)

Cllr G Rainey requested this item be deferred to the working group reports section. Item 142 f) was moved to item 146 at discretion of the Chair.

- 143 Review of Dyers Lane Hedge – To receive an update from the Emergency Working Group regarding immediate remedial work required and make any appropriate decisions. (TW)**

Cllr T Willis reported that WPC have an appointment with a prospective contractor on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Cllr L Wright reported on requirements, suggested Open Spaces meet with the contractor and if the quote is unrealistic, WPC get the area grubbed out and the site levelled and ready. Cllr Galliford suggested WPC get free fruit trees which WCC were giving away.

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Cllr A Milne, suggested we get a quote for the grubbing out.  
MOP suggested that Warwickshire Wildlife Trust were giving away fruit trees.  
Cllr L Wright – reported that WCC are cutting the elms down and are chipping them at the side of the road. Tree officer has not replied regarding the fact that we should be burning the dead elms. Queried if the environmental health rule had been lifted.  
Cllr T Willis will push for a meeting with the contactor on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023.  
Cllr L Wright expressed concern that the County Council had been cutting down dead elms and leaving the chipped trees on the roadside spreading the disease.

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**Wolston Allotments –**

a) Compound Licence – To consider and, if appropriate, approve the Compound Licence as commended by WPC Solicitor (SD) Cllr S Dobinson reported that we need to get this approved so that we can get some rent for it.

A discussion took place – Cllr L Wright reported that they need to include in the compound licence the need for Spitfire to reinstate the road that they are using to access the site.

Action: Clerk to write to WPC Solicitor.

**Proposal: WPC approve the compound licence subject to inclusion of the need for contractors to re-instate the road they are using to access the site.**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr S Dobinson**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: WPC approve the compound licence subject to inclusion of the need for contractors to re-instate the road they are using to access the site.**

b) Electricity Easement – To consider the proposed Deed of Easement containing a covenant as follows: “Not without the prior written consent of the Company [National Grid] (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to plant any tree hedge bush coppice or wood within the Easement Strip...”

b i) To consider and if appropriate approve that a hedge may be planted across the easement strip.

**Proposal: WPC approve that a hedge may be planted across the easement strip.**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr S Dobinson**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: WPC approve that a hedge may be planted across the easement strip.**

b ii) To approve the plan (the red edging on the plan does not represent the full extent of the land included in the Lease).

**Proposal: WPC approve the plan (the red edging on the plan does not represent the full extent of the land included in the Lease).**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr S Dobinson**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: WPC approve the plan (the red edging on the plan does not represent the full extent of the land included in the Lease).**

b iii) To execute the Deed of Grant with National Grid

The agreed Planning application states that there should be a hedge planted by the developers along the north side.

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**Proposal: WPC to execute the Deed of Grant with National Grid**  
**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**  
**Seconded: Cllr S Dobinson**  
**Unanimous**  
**Resolved: WPC to execute the Deed of Grant with National Grid**  
**It was agreed that the Deed would be signed at the end of the meeting.**

**145 Planning** – Councillors are to review planning applications prior to the Parish Council meeting. All planning applications and consultations can be viewed on the RBC Planning Portal Website [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk). To discuss and if appropriate comment on any planning applications received.

- a) R23/1079 PROPOSAL AT MARSTON HALL FARM, PRIORY ROAD, WOLSTON, COVENTRY, CV8 3FX For: CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS TO 5 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF TWO BARNs AND ERECTION OF NEW CARTSHED BUILDING FOR PARKING

**WPC have reservations regarding extending the building on the flood plain and would like to see details of how this is to be overcome. The building works and traffic would increase use of public footpath, the extension of which would impact on the residents.**

- b) R23/1094 Proposal at: 16, JOHN SIMPSON CLOSE, WOLSTON, COVENTRY, CV8 3HX For: Erection of a single storey wrap around side and rear extension, alterations and partial garage conversion I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses by 15-Dec-2023

**WPC have no objection subject to neighbour consultation.**

- c) R23/1136 Proposal at: The Holgate, Wolston Grange, Rugby, CV23 9HJ For: Demolition of a timber framed bungalow and construction of a larger 2-bedroom brick/blockwork bungalow. I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses should be sent by 14-Dec-2023

**WPC have no objection subject to neighbour consultation.**

Clerk to report to WCC Highways, Coalpit lane is in a very bad state and there has been subject to fly tipping.

- d) R23/1070 Proposal at: 39A, STABLE GATE COTTAGE, MAIN STREET, WOLSTON, COVENTRY, CV8 3HH For: Proposed single storey side extension I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses should be sent by 21-Dec-2023

**WPC have no objection subject to neighbour consultation.**

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e) R23/1133 Proposal at: 41, Main Street, Wolston, Coventry, CV8 3HH For: Listed Building consent for repairs to front wall of 41 Main Street, Wolston. The wall of approx. 4.2m length and 1.3m height is in a poor state of repair with many damaged bricks. The wall is to be dismantled down to good bricks, and then reconstructed, using all the good bricks salvaged from the existing wall and new matching bricks. It is proposed to replace the existing curved capping bricks, which are in an extremely poor condition, with grey/black capping stone like those on adjacent walls in the surrounding area. At the end of the wall is a square brick pillar with grey/black capping stone which will remain intact. I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses should be sent by 22-Dec-2023

**WPC have no objection – Listed building, subject to neighbour consultation.**

f) R23/1164 Proposal at: 12, Elmdene Close, Wolston, Coventry, CV8 3JN For: Single storey rear extension, partial garage conversion and internal alterations. I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses should be sent to by 22-Dec-2023.

**WPC have no objection subject to neighbour consultation.**

g) R23/1196 Proposal at: 34, LARCHFIELDS, WOLSTON, COVENTRY, CV8 3JL For: First floor side extension. I refer to the above application that you may wish to comment on. The plans and documents can be viewed on-line at: [www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk) Consultation responses should be sent by 30-Dec-2023.

**WPC have no objection subject to neighbour consultation.**

Cllr L Wright – concerned that everything is online and not everyone can access the planning information. Cllr T Willis will feed back to borough council.

**146** Working Groups – to receive an update following two resignations.

a) To receive updates from Working Groups, including NDP (GR), Allotments Working Group (SD), Finance Working Group (GR), Open Spaces Working Group (GR), and HR Working Group (LW) and make any appropriate decisions. Cllr G Rainey expressed concerns arose during the investigation of NDP - with recent resignation of a Parish Councillor – a number of issues require singular attention. Asked if Cllr T Ramsay to Champion and take a view on particularly, on CCTV, overview on the lighting the billing, the maintenance programme. Cllr T Ramsay agreed to take these items on.

NDP – Cllr G Rainey read out his report on the current situation and the progress of the NDP following the recent Cllr resignation. See report attached.

Cllr T Willis thanked Cllr G Rainey for the update and Cllr G Rainey thanked the member of the public who has contributed greatly to the NDP.

Allotments Working Group – Cllr S Dobinson reported on:-

SLA agreement – an urgent meeting is required between Allotment Association Members and Councillors to resolve the issues raised.

Snagging List – is an ongoing progress being monitored on site, copies of original documents will be forwarded to Cllrs.

Drainage situation – system is not working – a meeting with the Contractor tomorrow will be crucial.

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The Contractors are not experts in allotments and take away WPC comments seriously, they are currently concentrating on abandoned plots and area around plot 39b. Phase 1 is not complete until WPC agree it is completed.

Cllr L Wright asked if there is a formula for the compensation from the Allotment Association.

Cllr G Rainey – reported that the Allotment Association do not currently have a process to enable WPC to release the compensation.

Cllr J Galliford reported that it is an emotive issue.

Cllr T Ramsay –commented that houses sold cannot be occupied until phase 1 is complete.

Cllr S Dobinson reported that the snagging list, updated regularly, is the starting point to sit down with the contractors. Cllr S Dobinson will share snagging list and original documents with Cllrs.

Cllr T Willis commented on the need to make sure that phase 1 is not signed off by RBC.

Finance Working Group – Cllr G Rainey, spoke to the procedures circulated to Cllrs. Within the National Lottery Funding there are three substantive elements in the £10,000.00 allocated – heating and lighting – food and sustenance – startup costs. In order to get it up and running the Warm Spaces Group went ahead and in goodwill placed orders and received the goods to be reimbursed through expenses. These expenses have been cleared.

Going forward WPC create a purchase order to local suppliers as required by Warm Spaces Group and will be paid on an invoice. This will be co-ordinated by Cllr S Dobinson and will continue until end of March 2024. The Warm Spaces Group may need help in applying for further grants.

A discussion took place regarding signing cheque payments. Cllr G Rainey requested all Cllrs to become signatories to the bank account and it was agreed to add this as an agenda item to the meeting in January 2024.

Open Spaces – Cllr G Rainey reported that Dyers Lane Hedge is progressing with an appointment with contractor to go over specification next week.

William Cree Close Play Area has been repaired and completed.

Cllr L Wright read out the response from EVA to the MP regarding the potential flood risks. Recommend we write to the EVA as suggested in the letter. Action Clerk/L Wright.

HR Working Group – Cllr L Wright had nothing to report.

Cllr T Willis suggested WPC meet and discuss working group members due to recent resignations, and a skills audit is required. It was agreed to meet in the new year to discuss this.

b) Communications Group (TR) –

b i) To discuss and vote on allowing people to comment WPC Facebook posts. A Discussion took place.

Cllr T Willis – not sure what the rules and regulations are – he will find out what they do – WPC should bring back the face book policy at Rugby to WPC –Cllr Willis is meeting with an officer next week and will report back to WPC.

b ii) To discuss and vote on posting the audio recording of WPC meetings (not including confidential items) on the WPC Facebook page the day after the meeting.

A discussion took place.

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Cllr T Willis commented that Rugby Borough Council use you tube – nervous of putting recordings on facebook which may engender derogatory remarks.

Cllr S Dobinson suggested WPC find out what other villages do.

b iii) To discuss and vote on posting the audio recording of WPC meetings (not including confidential items) on the Wolston Village Facebook page the day after the meeting.

A discussion took place.

b iv) To discuss and vote on posting the audio recording of WPC meetings (not including confidential items) on the WPC website the day after the meeting.

A discussion took place. Cllr T Willis will investigate with the Borough and report back to WPC, it was suggested to find out the costs of procuring a recording device.

**147 Exclusion of Press and Public**  
**In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.**

**Reason for Exclusion –** The exclusion is on the grounds that items of business to be discussed are likely to include discussions about staffing.

**Proposal: To exclude public and press from this meeting.**

**Proposed: Cllr L Wright**

**Seconded: Cllr A Milne**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: To exclude public and press from this meeting.**

Cllr T Willis registered WPC's thanks to Cllr S Dobinson for all the hard work on warm spaces.

**148 Youth Club Plan** - To receive an update on plans for the Youth Club and make any appropriate decisions. (SD)

Cllr S Dobinson reported on progress.

Asked for agreement in principle to endorse Cllr S Dobinson exploring this project further and bring a more detailed proposal to WPC.

A discussion took place regarding support for the youth club. Previous youth club worked well and was well supported. All Cllrs are in support of this. Cllr L Wright concerned that there are no projections on the total cost.

Action: WPC should ask Brandon and Bretford Parish Council if they would be willing to pay something towards a youth worker.

Cllr G Rainey offered to sit with Cllr S Dobinson to create a three-year income statement.

Cllr A Milne suggested that the pavilion needs updating. Cllr T Ramsay requested a business plan as recommended by WALC.

**Proposal: That WPC should run a youth club in principle, subject to advice and information from WALC.**

**Proposed: Cllr A Milne**

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**Seconded: Cllr J Galliford**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: That WPC should run a youth club in principle, subject to advice and information from WALC.**

**149 HR – To receive an update from HR Working Group and make any appropriate decisions.**

**Nothing to report**

**150 Future Agenda Items – Councillors are requested 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.**

**Bank Signatories**

**Telecom lighting on buildings and sensors are illuminating Brook Street and Lamas Court in early hours needs adjusting.**

**151 Date of Next Meetings – To consider and confirm the date 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 or other appropriate date for the next meeting of the Wolston Parish Council at a venue to be confirmed 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.**

**Proposal: To confirm the date of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as the date of the next meeting of the Wolston Parish Council to be held at the Baptist Church, Main Street Wolston at 7:15pm.**

**Proposed: Cllr S Dobinson**

**Seconded: Cllr T Ramsay**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved: To confirm the date of 11th January 2024 as the date of the next meeting of the Wolston Parish Council to be held at the Baptist Church, Main Street Wolston at 7:15pm.**

**Meeting Closed: 22:11**

Signed.....Chair

Dated .....

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Notes on the Public Forum 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Public Forum began at 19:16

Cllr S Ward - Public consultation running till 2<sup>nd</sup> February [www.rugby.gov.uk/local](http://www.rugby.gov.uk/local) plan - any queries email: [localplan@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@rugby.gov.uk)

Last Monday the consultation meeting was not very well attended.

Mop – not very well advertised

Cllr S Ward – there is an online consultation in January 2024. If you have any questions, please email [localplan@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@rugby.gov.uk)

Crossroads in Long Lawford 4 way traffic lights will be closed completely until next Friday – detour is A45 and western relief road.

MOP 2 – What about the bus service to the village – are the buses running every hour and a half? S Ward will check with WCC Cllr.

MOP 1 – Road Closure 15-19 Jan 2023 – Allotments – the diversion is showing that vehicles can come through the Manor Estate – narrow road cannot accommodate large HGV vehicles – letter received is not clear. Where will the diversion for HGV's be routed – MOP 1 will send a copy of the letter received to Cllr S Ward via email.

Public Forum 19:23

Cllr T Willis addressed the gathering.

Progress was made at the last meeting in November – William Cree Works addressed, Funding for the Leisure CC was approved, Warm Welcome success. Group of Football team enjoying, Remembrance Day was successful, rain held over for the laying of the wreaths, many compliments on the new statues. Christmas lights switch on took place, a much smaller affair. No instructions – we put it together via Q&A's. Then the bomb dropped – going to read part of a letter, written to a concerned resident earlier this week.

“Notwithstanding our shared 'disappointment' generated by the financial issues that have recently been identified at the Baptist Chapel, the individual who has admitted responsibility was acting in their role as a paid employee of the Chapel rather than as a Parish Councillor. There is a very distinct difference between the two roles and these should not be confused.

Once this matter was brought to my attention, I acted swiftly in order to manage and minimise the reputational damage to the Parish Council and all those who either currently serve, or recently served, as Parish Councillors. This included robust consultation with both the Monitoring Officer at Rugby Council and the Leader of Rugby Borough Council in order to identify a solution that would lead to the individual 'stepping down' - I am sure that this action resulted in the subsequent resignation of the Councillor who is the subject of the serious allegations re: financial mismanagement at the Baptist Chapel. NB. Please note that two Notice of Motions on this matter had already been submitted by Councillors to the Parish Council ahead of its next meeting on 14 December when the resignation was received. This included my own Motion, which had called for the immediate resignation of the Councillor at the centre of the allegations.

I hope this goes some way to demonstrating that I remain committed to improving the reputational credibility of the Parish Council since accepting the Chair, whilst acknowledging that it has had more

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than its fair share of challenges in recent years! I hope you are also reassured that my decision to re-join the Parish Council was made in the very best interests of our community, notwithstanding it coincided with my retirement from the 'day job' after 25 years of exemplary local government service in both Warwickshire and East London. You may be assured that this commitment will remain in place for the time I serve the local and/or wider community in both my Borough and Parish Councillor roles. However, I am also willing to admit that the recent issue is thankfully a first for me during my 25+ years serving the community!"

This is not a time for revenge or indeed running away – it is a time to rebuild and I will not be entering into any further debate on this matter this evening.

Chair thanked the attendees for listening.

MOP 1 – Allotments – Last two months having difficulties getting in contact with the engineer – not answering calls or messages.

There is a meeting tomorrow at 2pm with Engineer at the allotments if anyone would like to attend.

Issues – drainage – allotments flooded at the top end – new drainage system is not working – they will look at it tomorrow.

In the last two months no one has been on site to address the snagging list which was agreed in May – top end of the allotment needs to be completed. Across the site – poor workmanship – wrong materials put in the potholes in the road with type one – impervious to water so the water sits on top.

Planning agreement with the officer that they cannot occupy any of the houses until phase 1 is completed – can WPC enforce this?

Compound/Easement – until power and water is on site they wont be able to put services in the building.

Cllrs T Willis, G Rainey and S Dobinson met today to discuss the issues you have raised. We need to meet with the contractor, Allotments Association and Cllrs, we will go through all of the issues, we also touched on compensation, SLA may be deferred, Easement is on agenda tonight.

Cllr T Ramsay – Spitfire have registered their address as 108 Warwick Road, which is actually a neighbours address and needs to be changed.

Cllr S Dobinson – determining when phase 1 is finished and not being prepared to agree to that until Spitfire are fully compliant with what the documents are. Cllr S Dobinson will send original documents of the agreement to Cllrs T Willis and G Rainey.

MOP2 – When you speak to Spitfire please get any promises they make in writing as they have made verbal promises which have been reneged on.

Water tank pipes have been fitted but the pipes are sticking up high above the ground so if there is a frost the whole lot will freeze. They need to repair that.

MOP1 – could we get the planning officer to come and check they are compliant with the original plans.

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Cllr G Rainey – Faults in design and installation – if there is a contract? Have you kept records of original agreements made. Clerk of Works would have done this.

Cllr L Wright – bunch of amateurs doing a horticultural job – the builder subbed it out to labourers who had no experience. We need to put some dye in ground in the land drains and trace where the water is coming out. The electricity supply was to be on the houses side. Spitfire was going to accept it. Cllr L Wright requested their promises in writing.

MOP 1 – happy if WPC are going to follow up. Allotments project has created upheaval.

Cllr T Willis – we will come back to you with any progress.

MOP 3 – Request a full financial review of the allotments project with full exposure to the village prior to signing any agreement.

MOP 4 – A Clerk of Works was mentioned in minutes 2 years ago. This has not happened.

Cllr L Wright – Clerk of Works – interest was received from someone in Mansfield who would do half an hour a week. I agreed to the job free of charge. The £2500.00 is still available from spitfire and Roscom, which could be used to pay towards the compost.

MOP 4 – Cllr L Wright as a clerk of works will have a written record of his notes.

MOP 3 – Request WPC consider celebrations of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Could there be a Beacon for the 80 years D-Day celebration – can WPC organise something.

Cllr T Willis thanked Cllr Wright and Ramsay for their help with the Remembrance Day.

MOP 5 – Thanks for the prompt action taken in removing the Cllr.

Cllr T Willis – as is customary when a previous councillor passes away the assembly stood for one minute in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs Maureen Shirley.

Public forum ended at 19:56.

Signed .....