**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

Councillors -T Bowskill - A Gee – T Brownbridge – A White - S Matchett R Hopkins

**Also in attendance:**

A McCardle Clerk, Cllr Judy Kennedy and 5 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no new declarations.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. D Rose

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6th February 2024**

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Gee, seconded by Cllr White.

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed that the Clerks work from home allowance should be increased from £15 per month to £25 per month. This has not increased in many years.

The Clerk, having passed the iLCA (introduction to Local Council Administration) accreditation wishes to follow this up with CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration). The cost is £340 and will be split between Wroot Parish Council and the other Council for which she is also Clerk.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 8,120.49
* Money Manager Account 663.49

Accounts for Payment:

* 151 Clerks Salary February 358.25

Alison McCardle

* 152 HSBC Bank Charges 11.00

Bank Charges Dec

* 153 CPRE Membership 36.00
* 154 Woollas Security 96.00
* 155 Sanders Installation of WiFi Box 80.00 50% to be paid by Village Hall

Cllr Bowskill proposed payment of the accounts for February 2024 seconded by Cllr Gee, and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

* PA/2023/41 Field Lane Wroot – Erection of 6 dwellings ***Outcome awaited.***
* PA/2023/1923 Brooke Terrace 2 storey extension to the front of the property. ***REFUSED***
* PA/2023/1956 Chester Farm Cottage, High St. Wroot residential use of land as garden for dwelling. **APPROVED**

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* Potholes – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mick Johnson and Andrew Percy MP to highlight the severe issue with Potholes throughout the village and beyond. At least 2 vehicles have been damaged by potholes.
* Highways – In the above letter the Clerk would also highlight the state of the verges and kerbs, the need for a road sweeper etc.
* Signage – Ongoing
* Road Sweeper – See above.
* Pavements – New footpath resurfacing for the whole village is scheduled for May this year.
* Speeding Cars have been reported in the village, Cllr Gee will continue to keep reporting to the NATS meeting.
* Quad bikes have been reported on the riverbank day and night. Cllr Hopkins would discuss this with the Environment Agency.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The outcome of the tribunal is awaited.

The Clerk will email surrounding villages Parish Clerks to see if they have any waiting lists for allotments, to see if anyone from outside of Wroot might be interested in our vacant plots.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Community Orchard – Revisit in May/June this year.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Bayes is to purchase more dog waste bags. Dog waste is becoming an issue again, monitor situation.

**ITEM 10**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ITEM 11**

**BUS SERVICE**

All is good and can be removed from the agenda.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Former Councillor and advanced first aider, Dave Compton has offered to run a defib familiarisation course for residents. A weekend would be agreed, and residents would be asked if they wished to attend. In progress, dates to be agreed.

Cllr Kennedy reported that there were still some trees available for planting.

It is necessary to identify the properties who have riparian drains on their land as these need to be reinstated to lessen the issues with flooding.

The Clerk would look into the possibilities of having teams of people undertaking community service to attend to some general tidying and maintenance in the village.

It was identified that the painted signs in the village need re-doing.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Signed…………………………………………………….Chairman

Dated……………………………………………………...