**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

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

**Also in attendance:**

Ward Councillor D Rose and 1 member of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no new declarations.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

T Brownbridge – A White

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7th November 2023**

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

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that the current internet services contract expires in March – The Clerk would seek alternative quotes for the internet services within the Village Hall.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 12,980.23
* Money Manager Account 660.26

Accounts for Payment:

Please note at last month’s meeting, due to the absence of the Clerk the cheques were not signed, because of this, ALL payments for October and November are listed below.

* 132 Clerks Salary October 333.25

Alison McCardle

* 133 HSBC Bank Charges 12.00

Bank Charges Aug – Sept

* 134 Woollas Security OCT 96.00
* 135 Jones & Co Solicitors 555.00
* PlusNet Internet DD OCT 31.49
* PlusNet Internet DD NOV 31.49
* 136 The National Allotment Society 66.00
* 137 Woollas Security NOV 96.00
* 138 Neal Smith Grounds Maintenance 534.00
* 139 HSBC Bank Charges Sep - Oct 13.00
* 140 Clerks Salary NOVEMBER 543.25 (includes backdated pay award)

Cllr Bowskill proposed payment of the accounts for October and November 2023 seconded by Cllr Hopkins, and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

* PA/2023/41 Field Lane Wroot – Erection of 6 dwellings ***Outcome awaited.***
* PA/2023/1609 Field Lane Wroot – Proposed new porch to the front, alterations, and a loft conversion. **APPROVED**

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* Potholes – a team filling potholes was seen on Woodside, 21st November.
* Highways –there has still been nothing done regarding the uneven bridge surface at the pumping station.
* Signage – Cllr Rose informed Parish Council that a job ticket for the work has been raised but there is a long waiting list.
* Road Sweeper – last seen in the village on 23rd October.
* Dangerous Roof – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the parties concerned to confirm the verbal discussion that Cllr Bayes has had with them.
* Unsightly JCB – The Clerk was unable to write to the residents concerned last month but will do so before the next meeting.
* Bins at the Park – The Clerk is still pursuing. Concern also raised that there are no plastic sacks lining the bins.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

Jones & Co – It was agreed that last month’s Public Meeting regarding the ongoing allotment land dispute was overall, a great success. Once residents were fully aware of the facts around the situation, the majority agreed that we should be defending the ownership of the land. Residents were made aware of the necessity to increase the Council Tax precept by the sum of approximately £50 per year during the following two financial years to help with the case costs.

It was proposed by Cllr Bayes that the Clerk write to the Leader of NLC Cllr. Rob Waltham MBE to ask him to consider a loan of £20,000 to assist with the costs of the case. These funds would be repaid by increasing the precept by £50 per household during the next two years 2024/2025 and 2025/ 2026. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee, and all agreed. The Clerk would arrange this as soon as possible.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

* Parish Council Noticeboard - It was noted that the joiner would have more time during January to attend to this.
* Christmas Calendar – Unfortunately due to the picture quality of some of the photo’s submitted it was not possible to get 12 good enough images for printing. The calendar would have been of poor standard, (as was last years) so the PC decided not to produce a calendar this year. Next year we would request that all picture files be of a certain size and standard for this not to be repeated next year.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

* Next NATS meeting is 13th January 2024.
* Weight Limit on C202 has been changed from temporary to permanent.
* Speeding in village Cllr Gee would investigate arranging a Speed Watch in the new year.
* The Remembrance Service was a great success and very well attended, the Parish Council particularly wish to thank Cllr Sharon Matchett, Liz Mockler and Martin Nockalls. The collection raised the sum of 257.26 which the Clerk will bank and send a cheque to The Royal British Legion.

**ITEM 10**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ITEM 11**

**BUS SERVICE**

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

None

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd January 2024 AT 7PM

Signed…………………………………………………….Chairman

Dated……………………………………………………...