**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

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

Cllr David Rose

**Also in attendance:**

A McCardle Clerk, and one member of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in the Planning Application PA/2024/1422 and would not form part of the discussion.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY 5th November 2024 (meeting not held in December).**

The minutes from November were proposed as a true record by Cllr Bowskill, seconded by Cllr Brownbridge and all agreed.

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**South Thorne Bank Byway**

The Clerk has not heard further from Colin Wilkinson and would chase the matter urgently.

**Tunnel Pits**

A resident again reported the ‘drop off’ at Tunnel Pits bridge where the new surface has been laid. The Clerk would follow this up with highways.

**Precept**

The Clerk would issue notices regarding the precept remaining the same for the following 2 years and place on noticeboards, post on the Parish Website and Facebook pages.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 11,634.16
* Money Manager Account 674.23

Accounts for Payment:

53 Woollas Security November 96.00

54 Alison McCardle Clerk Salary December 552.80

55 Bank Charges HSBC 15.00

56 Xmas Lights 37.43

**£10 allotment rent was received from Mr Toyne**

***The Clerk would submit a VAT refund claim this week.***

Cllr Gee proposed payment of the accounts for December 2024 seconded by Cllr Brownbridge and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

PA/2024/1422 Church Farm, Field Lane, Wroot, DN9 2BU

Cllr Hopkins has declared an interest and did not form part of the discussions.

The councillors have no objections to this planning application, however, it would be noted that car parking does not appear sufficient, considerations should also be given to expansion requirements, should the business grow, what further development would be required.

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* *Speeding Cars –*Speed Monitoring signs, it was discussed that funding is available for these flashing signs. The Clerk would look into this.
* Potholes – Once again there are several potholes that require repairing. The Clerk would chase and send photographs to Mick Johnson. Particular areas of concern are along Woodside and on the road leaving the village near the Woodland Garden.
* Highways – Flooding, Riparian Drains, nothing further has been heard, the Clerk would invite Mick Johnson to a meeting to discuss as we are going around in circles.
* Pavements – Dog fouling on pavements has been reported, the owners of the dog concerned are known and though they have tried to rectify it, the issue remains. The Clerk would write an informal letter to them to ask them to ensure the dog does not wander unsupervised at any time.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

£10 rent received from Mr Toyne.

Once the weather improves the PC will look at improving the very overgrown sites and pegging the plots out.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Parish Noticeboard – Now complete and looking fabulous. Huge thanks to DG Brownbridge and team and Cllr Bayes who all donated their time and expertise free of charge to create a much improved focus for village news.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Gee reported that the next NATS meeting would take place on 13th January 2025 in Low Burnham Village Hall.

**ITEM 11**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1 Thank you letter from Royal British Legion.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Wroot Feast will go ahead in 2025.

Breakfast Club will recommence on 1st March to 19th July then 6th September to 13th December.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Signed……………………………………………………Chair.

Dated……………………………………………………