**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

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

Cllr David Rose

**Also in attendance:**

A McCardle Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were none.

***The Chair suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.***

A number of points were raised by a resident in attendance.

The issue with the surface levels by the bridge at tunnels pits. During the recent resurfacing the backfilling at the side of the road has not been adequately completed, leaving an unlevel area between the road and the surface beneath. The resident is concerned that it is dangerous. This has been reported to NLC by the PC and also by Cllr Rose and some attempt to repair the issue has been made but the resident stated it has not been rectified in the entire area of concern. The resident has not reported the issue themselves, and they were encouraged to do so. The PC and Cllr Rose would again raise the issue with NLC.

The resident raised concerns regarding the publishing of the Agenda not being made on time each month. The Clerk and Cllr Rose explained that 3 clear days before the meeting is the required time and that this month, and most months this was adhered to. The Clerk acknowledged that this was not always the case but would endeavour to publish within the required 3 day period going forward.

The resident raised concerns that he considered the minutes of one of the meetings at the end of last year were not accurate. It was explained that although things may have changed since the publishing of the minutes, the minutes were indeed an accurate reflection of the situation at the time of the meeting and were therefore accurate. The Clerk further explained that the minutes of meetings were the responsibility of the Clerk and that the amount of detail recorded was down to her discretion.

The Precept, the resident raised the issue of the precept increasing, however, it was made clear that it has not increased, it has stayed at the same level as last year. The resident had concerns that a recent VAT refund received should have been considered when the precept was set. It was explained that it was considered, however in order to balance the books after the legal expenditure and costs order imposed on the PC recently, the precept could not be reduced as had been hoped.

Throughout the above discussions the Chair requested that the resident remain calm and address the PC in an appropriate manner.

***The Chair reinstated standing orders, and the meeting continued.***

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Richard Hopkins

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY 4th February 2025**

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

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING (not on the agenda)**

**None**

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 17,508.80
* Money Manager Account 676.38

Accounts for Payment:

62 Alison McCardle Clerk Salary February 552.80

63 Woollas Security January 96.00

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65 Bank Charges HSBC 11.00

A VAT refund to the value of £7,673.08 was received into the PC account on 21st January 2025.

Cllr White proposed payment of the accounts for February 2025 seconded by Cllr Bowskill and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

Outline planning for rear of Firth Lane/Woodside Lane has been granted by the planning committee.

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* Woodside Lane - Cllr Rose reported that the resurfacing of Woodside Lane would take place within the coming financial year. It had been clarified by NLC that the road could be resurfaced without any impact on the current situation with drainage and the research into the owners of the riparian drains in the area continues. The date for resurfacing works to take place would try to be established.
* Potholes – By Waterbank Gardens, Idle Bank and Thorne Bank all have issues with potholes and surfaces breaking up at the edges. A specific issue with Idle Bank from Park Drain crossroads was discussed and is in a dangerous state. These have all previously been reported but would be raised with NLC again. It was considered if a complaint could be made as this area in particular is in a terrible state and an upcoming road closure would cause increased traffic.
* A complaint had been received regarding parking on Woodside Lane, it was agreed that this is an issue, however, all vehicles are parked legally albeit not very considerately.
* Discussions took place regarding the lorry park at the end of Wroot Road. Although this is under CoDC as the main road for Wroot residents leaving the village the Clerk would contact CoDC in relation to a number of concerns including the mud on the road surface.
* Pavements/Dog Fouling - Christian Woollas had recently posted footage of the loose dog still roaming the streets at night. Despite various contact with the owners of this dog it remains an issue and will now be followed up for the Dog Warden to act.
* South Thorne Byway – A further response from Andy Gardiner is awaited after he wrote to the Landowner, the Clerk would ask Colin Wilkinson if he could offer any advice.
* *Speeding Cars –* Funding for flashing solar speed signs is being sought.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Woodland Garden – Cllr Bayes has now fully cut the garden. A petrol strimmer is required to maintain this area properly, it was proposed that one be purchased in the region of £360 and all agreed.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

New Playground – The Clerk awaits receipt of all 5 quotes after meeting with suppliers on site. Once all are received a full presentation will be submitted for discussion so plans can move forward for obtaining grant funding.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Gee reported that there will be a patch walk at 11am on Tuesday 12th March.

The Police had attended the Saturday breakfast club.

Cllr Bayes and Cllr Gee visited the Police Monitoring Centre in Hull on the 24th of February 2025 which was very informative and worthwhile.

Cllr Matchett is to organise a litter pick early to mid-April. Rubbish will be collected into one location and Cllr Rose will arrange for NLC to collect it.

**ITEM 10**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to note.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Air Fryers will begin to arrive on Friday.

Cllr White has discovered some paperwork within the Poor Close Trust files relating to the enclosures Act which she would forward to The Clerk to hold in official PC files.

Wroot Feast AGM will be held on 20th March in the Village Hall.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday 1st April 2025.

Signed……………………………………………………Chair.

Dated……………………………………………………