**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

Councillors – A White – R Hopkins - D Rose – A Gee - S Matchett

**Also in attendance:**

Clerk - Alison McCardle and 6 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no new declarations.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. D Compton – Cllr J Baker

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 07/03/2023.**

The minutes from the March meeting were not ratified due to a technical error and would be amended asap.

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Ady Viles has an idea to build a cycle track on the playing field. The Councillors agreed that in principle this was a good idea. Relevant checks would be made with Fields in Trust to see if any permission would be needed, the Clerk would check any insurance requirements.

The possibility of an extension to the Village Hall to facilitate changing rooms was raised by Carolyn Saunders. At present, this was just in the discussion stage with the Village Hall Committee and would of course be subject to any permissions required. Carolyn would also check this with Fields in Trust.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Balance of HSBC Accounts:**

* Community Account 18,764.88 (awaiting March Statement)
* Money Manager Account 653.21 (awaiting March Statement)

**Accounts for Payment: MARCH**

* 83 Clerks Salary March 396.90

Alison McCardle

* 84 Neal Smith 420.00

Cut Verges

* 85 ERNLLCA 343.23

Annual Membership

* 86 JONES & CO SOLICITORS 3,240.00

Legal Fees

* 87 Woollas Security 96.00

Cameras

Cllr Hopkins proposed payment of the accounts for February 2023 seconded by Cllr. Gee and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

* PA/2022/2076 Major Application at Land North of High Street, DN9 2BT ***NOTIFICATION RECEIVED ON 05/04/23 THAT THE PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN REFUSED*** The Clerk has posted on the Parish Council Facebook Page.
* PA/2023/41 Field Lane Wroot – Erection of 6 dwellings ***Outcome awaited.***
* PA/2023/325 15 Field Lane Wroot – Single Storey rear extension ***New application, the PC have no comments to make regarding this application.***

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Poles Bank resurfacing works – All agree that the condition of this road is unacceptable. Residents are encouraged to complain.

There is a large pothole on the High Street near to Long Acre – Cllr Gee will report this.

Signage in village. Email received from Gareth Denovan to state he is arranging new signage; the Clerk will continue to follow up.

Flooding and Gullies - The full report has still not been received from the site meeting although Cllr Rose has received a verbal report. This is not good enough and the Clerk will continue to chase it up.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk continues to work with the Solicitor to get all the required documentation in order.

Allotment rent from Mr Alan Brown was received in the sum of £20 for x2 allotments.

The Clerk is to check any outstanding rents.

**ITEM 8**

**SECURITY CAMERAS**

Nothing to report.

**ITEM 9**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Clothing Bank – The Clerk is arranging for a Clothing Bank to be placed in the Village Hall carpark. Further details to follow and the Clerk will look into a bottle bank also.

Parish Council Noticeboard - **Ongoing**

Internet Banking - **Ongoing**

Gym Equipment – The Clerk needs to reapply for additional funding. **Ongoing**

**ITEM 10**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr White reported an issue with rubbish at a property in the Village – The Clerk would notify the relevant authorities.

Although not PC business, Cllr White wished it to be minuted that Jane Aconley, having resigned from the PC has agreed to continue in her role as Trustee for The Poor Close Trust.

It was agreed that the Clerk would put a post on the PC Facebook page regarding the dog waste being put in the bin within the Woodland area which is emptied by a resident volunteer. Whilst it’s appreciated that people are bagging and binning it is to be requested that dog waste not be placed in this bin and that the appropriate dog waste bins are used.

Cllr Matchett is to arrange a litter pick, details to follow.

Cllr Gee reported potholes from the allotments on Woodside Lane to Poles Bank and from Candy Corner into the village, all have been reported. Also, the bridge at Tunnel Pits Pumping Station surface level is extremely dangerous, this has also been reported by Cllr Gee.

**ITEM 11**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Seven letters provided from individuals as Witness Statements have been received. These are to be submitted to HM Land Registry in support of the ongoing dispute by the Solicitor.
2. Paperwork to complete along with confirmation of grant of £250 towards the Kings Coronation celebrations.
3. Letter of thanks from the over 60’s Christmas Lunch organisers.
4. Email from Gareth Denovan re signage in the village.

**The Clerk has actioned all the above correspondence where applicable.**

**ITEM 12**

**FUNDING TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

An email was received from the Village Hall Committee regarding a request for funding for various works required. Given the current costs being incurred with the land dispute, the PC are not able to commit to any funding at this time.

**ITEM 13**

**BUS SERVICE**

A timetable is awaited.

**ITEM 14**

**KINGS CORONATION**

The funding has been granted, receipts to the value of £250 should be submitted to the Clerk asap.

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE -** The Clerk has entered Wroot into the competition.

**ITEM 15**

**TOWN AND PARISH ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023**

It was agreed that the PC AGM would be postponed until after the elections, July was suggested, and all agreed.

**ITEM 16**

**CLERKS TRAINING**

The Clerk continues to study the ILCA course in her own time.

Further courses with ERNLLCA are booked for April 25th and 26th.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Wroot Feast – There is to be a car show on the 1st of July. Kids games, picnic, and live music on the 8th of July, but there will be no floats this year.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd of May 2023 at 7pm.

Signed…………………………………………………….Chairman

Dated……………………………………………………...