**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

Councillors – A White – R Hopkins - D Rose – J Baker – A Gee

**Also in attendance:**

Clerk - Alison McCardle - and 8 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no new declarations.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. J Aconley and Cllr. D Compton

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 07/02/2023.**

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. Gee and seconded by Cllr. Hopkins and the Chairman signed the minutes.

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. White enquired as to whether the report from the 13th January meeting had been received from Mick Johnson, Highways Dept. Both the Clerk and Cllr Rose reported that it had not been received. Cllr. White wished it to be recorded in the minutes that this was an unacceptable length of time to wait for the report. The Clerk and Cllr Rose would chase Mick Johnson for the report. Further details under Item 6 – Highways/Environmental Matters.

The Clerk read an email from Cllr Aconley stating that unfortunately due to personal reasons, she wished to resign from The Parish Council.

In view of the above, Sharon Matchett was co-opted to stand in, a vote was taken, and all agreed.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cllr White interrupted the meeting to state that the donations should not be within the financial section, but in their own section (Item 12). The Clerk replied that donations must be itemised within the financial section for proper accounting purposes. The Clerk also noted, having checked, that the Financial section has always been relatively near the top of the Agenda. However, it was accepted that agreement of donation payments must be approved prior to the approval of payments. The Chair skipped to Item 12 to agree said donations. The Clerk would investigate rearranging the agenda/minutes to avoid the above situation again when time allows.

**Balance of HSBC Accounts:**

* Community Account 18,764.88
* Money Manager Account 653.21

**Accounts for Payment: FEBRUARY**

* 77 Clerks Reimbursement for SLCC

Course ILCA - Introduction to Local

Council Administration

Alison McCardle 144.00

* 78 Clerks Salary February

Alison McCardle 398.57

* 79 Woollas Security

Cameras 96.00

* 80 Clerk Training Online

ERNLLCA 6.00

* 81 Wroot Xmas Lights

Donation 300.00

* 82 Legal Fees in respect of ongoing

land dispute at Sand Lane

Jones & Co Solicitors 1,214.40

* Direct Debit Payment

PlusNet Internet 31.49

Cllr White proposed payment of the accounts for February 2023 seconded by Cllr. Baker and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

* PA/2022/2076 Major Application at Land North of High Street, DN9 2BT *Outcome awaited.*
* PA/2023/41 Field Lane Wroot – Erection of 6 dwellings *Outcome awaited.*

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Poles Bank resurfacing works – NLC have responded that there is nothing further they can do with the road.

Signage in village. The Clerk has chased Gareth Denovan

Flooding and Gullies - The full report has still not been received. Clerk and Cllr Rose will chase Mick Johnson for this.

The gullies have been cleaned and the roads swept.

Cllr Rose reported that the design for Woodside Lane has started and there is to be an investigation in April.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk read the following statement.

***Due to the ongoing dispute at the garden allotments on Sand Lane, the Parish Council have now had no option but to take legal advice.***

***It is only right, that The Parish Council make residents aware that the costs involved are significant, and that if our case is unsuccessful, this may have a bearing on next year’s precept.***

***The Parish Council feel they are duty bound to fight this case on behalf of the people of Wroot.***

The Clerk is working with the Solicitor to provide all relevant documentation from the Parish Council archives.

**ITEM 8**

**SECURITY CAMERAS**

**ITEM 9**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Parish Council Noticeboard – It was agreed that Cllr Bayes would get this fixed and in the meantime the board would be shared by the Village Hall. It was also agreed that a copy of the Meeting Minutes would be made available to residents to see in The Village Hall.

Internet Banking - The Clerk continues to look at options for moving to a new bank after ongoing issues with HSBC. **Ongoing**

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

**ITEM 10**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr White proposed a litter pick to be organised. It was agreed this would be arranged when the weather was warmer.

**ITEM 11**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Receipt from Firefly for £300 donation Calendar Sales
2. Email from Ruth Johnson-Ross regarding Arnold Baker Book at discounted price
3. Email from Gareth Denovan regarding signage in the village
4. Email confirming instruction of Counsel re allotment dispute at Sand Lane
5. Email regarding a clothing bank ***It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate this.***
6. Email from Cllr Aconley resigning from The Parish Council.

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

**ITEM 12**

**FUNDING TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

The following donations were agreed for community funding. It was hoped that others would request funding in due course.

Xmas Lights/100 Club Committee £300

Xmas Lunch Over 60’s Committee £100

**ITEM 13**

**BUS SERVICE**

There is a service being reinstated – timetable will be coming in due course.

School buses can be used by those with bus passes.

**ITEM 14**

**KINGS CORONATION**

The Clerk has applied for the grant of £250 that is available towards celebrations.

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE -** The Clerk would enter the village into the competition. Suggested planters be place around the village and request that residents in nearby house look after them.

**ITEM 15**

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

The Councillors would deliver their forms by hand to Scunthorpe.

**ITEM 16**

**CLERKS TRAINING**

The Clerk has enrolled on the certified course ILCA – Introduction to Local Council Administration and has commenced studying which is proving very informative.

Further courses with ERNLLCA are booked for April.

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

It was reported that several equestrian residents had written to NLC regarding the routes that riders have used throughout the village for many years.

Wroot Feast – Reported that there is not much interest with people being involved, so it was suggested that smaller scaled down events would be arranged such as a picnic on the field with music maybe, garden art from the Art Class. 1st – 8th July

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7pm.

Signed…………………………………………………….Chairman

Dated……………………………………………………...