**Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor P Bayes

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

Cllr David Rose

**Also in attendance:**

A McCardle Clerk, and 8 members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no new declarations.

**ITEM 1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr A White – Cllr R Hopkins

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY 1st October 2024**

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

**ITEM 3**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Bike Track**

Members of the public involved with the bike track were in attendance to discuss the track. It was discussed that misunderstandings with other parties had now all been resolved. A set of ‘rules’ had been written up and these would be provided to the Clerk and also displayed at the track. The Clerk had made provision with the Parish Councils insurers for them to quote to cover the bike track on their insurance. Cover was now in place subject to the PC following up with some information that had been requested and this was being organised. The initial quote was circa £270 per year, and it was agreed that this cost would be covered by the PC. The young people in attendance thanked the Parish Council for their help.

**South Thorne Bank Byway**

A resident attended the meeting concerning the terrible state of this Byway and how it was impossible, due to safety issues for the route to be undertaken on horseback. It was generally agreed that the condition was poor, the Clerk would look into this and contact Colin Wilkinson.

**Clerks Hours**

The Clerk is currently paid to work 25 hours per month which over the year equates to 5.76 hours per week. This does not reflect the number of hours actually worked by the clerk. It was agreed that the Clerks hours be increased to 39 hours per month which equates to 9 hours per week representing one full office day per week. Proposed by Cllr Gee and seconded by Cllr Brownbridge.

**ITEM 4**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance of HSBC Accounts:

* Community Account 10.247.83
* Money Manager Account 672.09

Accounts for Payment:

40 Court Costs 35,937.24

41 PKF Littlejohn 252.00

42 Woollas Security September 96.00

43 NS Groundcare Neal Smith 1236.00

44 The National Allotment Society 66.00

45 Woollas Security October 96.00

46 Alison McCardle Clerk including back pay from NALC 532.50

Pay Award from April 2024

47 Bank Charges HSBC 12.00

Cllr Gee proposed payment of the accounts for October 2024 seconded by Cllr Bowskill, and all agreed.

**ITEM 5**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

Nothing New

**ITEM 6**

**HIGHWAY/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

* *Speeding Cars –* A few one off visits have been made with officers attending with a speed gun. It has been noted that cars appear to have taken some heed of this and have been slowing down.
* Potholes – Nothing new noted through the village. However, a member of the public noted that at Tunnel Pits potholes are leaving stones on the new tarmac. Also, in the same area but over the bridge heading towards Sandtoft there is a ‘drop’ of around a foot which needs re-filling.
* Highways – Nook Corner – Visibility around the corner on the right hand bend heading out of Wroot is a hazard. Could these trees be cut back by the Environment Agency?
* Pavements – The clerk has had no response to previous reports.

**ITEM 7**

**ALLOTMENTS**

The outstanding court costs have now been paid in full. Due to it being impossible to obtain a loan from the PWLB, the Parish Council were left with no alternative other than to leave the precept at the current rate for a further 2 years, thus allowing an advance on this to be made by to the PC by North Lincs Council to settle the debt.

**ITEM 8**

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Parish Noticeboard – In progress.

Remembrance Service – Everything is in place, organised expertly by Cllr Matchett. The Clerk would write thank you cards to be handed to all those helping on the day for their support.

**ITEM 9**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

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

Cllr Bayes would arrange the Xmas Lights on the trees in the community orchard and this year would also include lights on the flagpole.

**ITEM 11**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

None

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

Signed……………………………………………………Chairman

Dated……………………………………………………