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Minutes of the Council meeting held at the schoolrooms on Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: - Chair, Wayne Fox. Cllrs: - Jeff Rowland Elaine Ford, Julia Waters and Bob Dowsell

Also Present: - Mrs Mia Fox, Mrs C Dowsell, Mr and Mrs Ward and Mrs L Macdonald.

Apologies for absence: - Councillor Brian Cork – Illness. And Councillor R Preece

994 – Previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting held on 21/1/23 were approved

995 - Matters arising from last meeting.

995.1 Future of Whitson Hall still needs to be decided – A suggestion to send a questionnaire around is still being mooted.

995.2 It seems the reinforcing stone being stored at the Pill is Compacting the Ground and a plan is in hand to address this. Still no Movement

995.3 Signposts have been erected warning drivers that the road is unsuitable but with foreign drivers and domestic Satnavs it appears they are being ignored – Trees are increasingly encroaching onto the roads in the whole area the suggestion is to invite NCC to a meeting to discuss these issues.

995.4 Redecoration of the Schoolroom is complete apart from some small areas which were left out of the quote.

995.5 Cost of Batteries for the Defibrillator at Mr Greg Waters home – Cost to be confirmed at £210 and Mr Waters asked to buy with GCC to reimburse him.

995.6 Jamie Williams and Howard Dudley contacted re the Hall field and Poor Ground respectively. And both have agreed to pay for rent once they receive invoices for such.

995.7 The Clerks role:- A meeting of the Councillors is to take place on 27/2/2024 to discuss roles to be undertaken in lieu of the Council not employing a paid Clerk in the context of the issues with recruitment and finding a solution which offers value for money to the community.

996 - Correspondence

996.1 All correspondence has been emailed to Councillors.

996.2 Planning – no specific issues noted but Chair noted the need for us to monitor NCC local development plan in the context of sites which could impact surface water entering reën system.

997 - Audit & Annual returns

997.1 Audit Wales have been very supportive but have now set a final date for the submission of all returns as the end of February. It was agreed that we would submit the return based on the limited information we have. Whilst we have been able to build a full record of the transactions over the four year period covered by the outstanding returns there remain 18 unidentified payments. 4 are large (circa £1500) which suggests payment to our late Clerk, 2 for circa £200 again in relation to our Clerk (tax) and the remainder for Electric, Fire Surveys PAT testing.etc. Copy cheques have been requested

997.2 It was suggested that Glynis be contacted with a view to auditing our Council finances in the future.

998 - Financials

998.1 Current account - £8198.77 available (includes transfer of 4K from deposit) outstanding cheques for the painting and Nash sleigh. Poor Ground Whitson £595.15 Deposit account- £8074.22 (After Transfer)

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999 - AOB

999.1 Mrs J Evans although not at the meeting, asked whether anything could be done about Chapel Road flooding and marooning her in her home! Councillor Rowlands to contact NRW. Also concerned about HGVs entering the area via Broadstreet common! This to be covered by C above.

Councillor Waters reminded us that the Spring Flower Meadow preparations needed to be finalised.

1000 - Special meeting - A meeting of the Council will be held on 27 February to cover:

- Audit returns
- Future of Whitson Hall
- Allocation of roles to councillors

The next Full Council meeting will take place on March 14th 2024 7:30pm

