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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: - Rosemary, Ms M Fox, Mr and Ms P Ward, Mrs L Macdonald, Mrs J Dowsell and Ms J Evans

Apologies for absence: - Councillor Brian Cork.

1. Matters arising.

Following contact with the Coop Bank it appears we have at least £10000 available to us as a Council. But we still only have access to 2 years account information. We have 3 Accounts :-

1 with £13368 available

2 Poor Ground Whitson £603

3 Deposit £2034

- a. Future of Whitson Hall still needs to be decided – It was proposed charities be approached with a view to funding refurbishment. After a visit it was proposed that a clean up be initiated along with getting quotes to repair damage.

A Rates Demand of £1600 for the Hall has been received basically because the Hall is not being used for "Charitable" purposes!! An appeal has been lodged – Ongoing, but legal action threatened for arrears so part payment of £800 agreed.

- b. Councillor Rowlands attended the meeting of NRW, which apparently was a Finance meeting and unfortunately no new information was forthcoming. The next meeting is the end of June so hopefully something will come out of this,

- c. Although some Road markings have been refurbished there is still concern about the state of the rest with a majority indistinct if not missing! Also, there is a marked deterioration in the state of the roads throughout the parishes. The Bridge is now in operation.

- d. An attempt to understand our position financially from "Historic" paperwork is proving difficult (see A)

Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to Councillors.

The Audit Office return has been delayed.

Financial

Grass Cutting x 2 £140 = £280

Goldcliff Church £440

Insurance £513.75

Valley cleaning between Schoolroom and neighbouring property £90

A request was submitted that we petition NCC to bring in a 20mph speed limit on Porton Road, Saltmarsh Lane and Chapel Road. This request appears to need to go to the Police.

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The setting up of a Spring Flower Meadow, on the outskirts of Goldcliff Common in recognition of Charles III Coronation is being initiated and delivery of Sand and Seed are awaiting the growing season

Mugs – Some children still to be given their mug's along with around 14 of the Older members of the parishes

A Deep clean and redecoration of the Schoolroom was discussed. Councillor Preece obtained quotes :-

S J Parry £9700
Chris Arlett £4855. (£5826 if Vat included)
Emergency exit £950 plus VAT

A discussion took place around which route to take but no resolution ensued.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be held on 13th July 2023 at 7:30pm

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