

Minutes of the Goldcliff & Whitson Community Council. Held on 10/10/24 at 7.30pm, Goldcliff Schoolroom.

Councillors: Wayne Fox- Chair, Jeff Rowlands- Vice, Roger Preece, Brian Cork, Julia Waters.

Apologies: Elaine Ford.

Present: Mia Fox, Maureen Owen, Steph & Phil Ward, Bob & Cherry Dowsell, Lorraine McDonald.

1072 - Minutes of the last meeting approved. Proposed by Councillor JR and seconded by Councillor RP.

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Matters Arising:

1073 - 2x Vacancies on the Community Council. 2x expressions of interest shown. Applications to close next month.

1074 - Thanks to Councillor RP for the amendments made to update the website. The questionnaire for Whitson Hall is now live, ready for voting, so too is the email address. Invoice £75 raised, to pay for the work.

1075 - Goldcliff Churchyard – Maintenance of grass cutting. £90 currently paid from Churchyard Fund. GCC are committed to continue maintenance. Councillor WF raised question how long before the funds expire and the precept must be increased for the future. Balance to be made known in preparation.

1076 - **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Reviewed** by Councillors WF and EF and emailed to councillors. Lengthy documents, probably more scope to be precised, but important part of the control structure and need to get them in place as earlier version lost with Anna's so we can demonstrate they are in place. Prop Councillor JW, seconded Councillor JR.

1077 - **Roads and Infrastructure:** Follow up with Martyn Kellaway for overhanging trees to be cut back on Nash Rd. Flooding on the bend before Ford's needs to be addressed. Councillor WF to log on NCC website for drain unblocking. Apologies from Martyn Kellaway- unlikely to attend GCC meetings unless on Friday. Councillor RP proposed a Saturday instead.

1078 - **Drainage:** Councillors BC and JR attended a quarterly NRW meeting last week. They brought to their attention pollution entering Monks Ditch and showed evidence. They were given an Emergency Contact Number to report any future findings : 0300 065 3000. Discussion around pollution of waterways; invitation to Geraint Roberts to attend our meetings; Pump station and future ownership if Tata steel pulls out.

1079 - **Planning Applications:** Roger said the Moorlands has applied for change of use- Business to Residential. Level Farm.

1080 – **Buildings** A gate has been made for the rear access of courtyard, Goldcliff Schoolroom. PAT Testing regarding electrical items e.g. the kettle, vacuum etc used at

Goldcliff schoolroom. Roger will speak to John Hicks. Goldcliff schoolroom- the concrete pad outside the front door is broken and could continue to worsen. Should this be fenced off for H& S? It would prevent further bank erosion and stabilise if it were staked.

1081 - **Community:** Julia- Waiting for the GCC website to upload the Questionnaire about What to do about Whitson Hall, to get widest coverage 2 options to vote -either digitally or hard copy. Hard copies will be delivered by local postman Stuart, to each household. Post-box now fixed on Goldcliff schoolroom for hardcopy replies. Wayne to monitor digital replies on website. Residents have 1 month to reply.

1082 - **Governance:** Elaine. Nothing to report. To check membership of One Voice Wales.

1083 - **Financials:** cheques.: Grass cutting. Councillor JF prop. Councillor JW seconded. Bank summary below agreed to statements by WF and JR.

			<i>Current</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balances - Sept meeting			6,091.28	11,162.44	17,253.72
Church		101172	- 890.00		- 890.00
Grass		101173	- 280.00		- 280.00
Interest				81.36	81.36
Balance 10 October			4,921.28	11,243.80	16,165.08
Payments for approval					
Grass			280		
No outstanding items					
PGW account £604.86, inc 4.86 interest					

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1084 - Mr & Mrs Sharma living in Nash picked up intruders on their Ring doorbell 1.40am last night. Warning to everyone.

1085- Mrs S. Ward: Local and Social History Exhibition for the last 150 yrs of our 3 villages is over the weekend 2-3 November. Volunteer request for support to Steward and to help with Refreshments.

1086 - Harvest Festival Service at Nash Sunday 13th October.

1087 - Mrs Steph Ward asked the question, when will the advert for New Community Councillors go out? WF Councillor answered that it is on notice board but largely spread by word of mouth. There are 2 expressions of interest. Once there are expressions of interest, one aspect to consider is geographical representation, covering Whitson/Porton.

1088 - Councillor BC asked Robert Dowsell whether he would like to return. He answered no.

1089 - Wayne: Completion of the returns to the Charity Commission for Whitson Hall. Still no trace of the other Trust for the Recreation Field and whilst not directly linked to GCC we need to understand position in terms of link to the village hall.

1090 - Robert Dowsell: Invoices for the Poor Ground. Mr H. Dudley has paid up the last 4 years. There are 3 x Trustees, but unsure where the account is. It would be unusual for all the accounts not to be with the Co-op.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm.

Next Meeting- 14th November 2024.