

GCC

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 at 7:30pm

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

Also Present: - Ward Councillor Mr Martyn Kellaway, Mr and Ms P Ward and Ms J Evans

Apologies for absence: - Councillor Brian Cork – Illness, Councillor Wayne Fox

1. **Matters arising.**

Following contact with the Coop Bank it appears we have 3 Accounts:-

1 with £12023 available - Current account

2 Poor Ground Whitson £593 -

3 Deposit £2034

- a. Future of Whitson Hall still needs to be decided – A suggestion, is that a trustee meeting be held in place of a Council meeting, to progress our intentions on this.
- b. Councillor Preece gave a very rough outline of the costs for refurbishing the Hall and this came to a very Conservative £42000. A verbal quote of £6000 for the Hole in the wall and as most of the windows are rotten about £1000 each to replace, being some of the highlighted costs.
- c. NRW to be asked at their next meeting by Councillor Rowland why the Monks Ditch (Pill) has not been cleared this year as already it is running at capacity after a night's rainfall. Councillor Fox expressed a query asking if Councillor Rowlands can ask NRW about reinforcing stone stored at the Grove.
- d. Signposts have been erected warning drivers that the road is unsuitable but with foreign drivers and domestic Satnavs it appears they are being ignored – the suggestion was to Contact Tesco's and Bookers and invite them to a meeting to discuss how to resolve the issue. Also, as Tesco and parts of our parish share the same postcode is there a way to change Tesco's postcode?
- e. It now appears that we are receiving planning notices.
- f. Mugs – Some children still to be given theirs. And some more Children have been identified as living in the Parish.
- g. The setting up of a Spring Flower Meadow, on the outskirts of Goldcliff Common in recognition of Charles III Coronation has been initiated and after a delivery of Sand and Seed, are awaiting the growing season.
- h. Redecoration of the Schoolroom is expected to be complete by the next Council meeting.
- i. Feedback from Ward Councillor Martyn Kellaway:- We will need to look at the candidate sites for the proposed LDP with circa 6000 homes in Llanwern and Langstone....and all that means to the communities of Goldcliff, I expect to have a copy within a few weeks. Illegal encampment in Nash ...the police suggest they will be gone by the end of the week, but legal proceedings will start, now all wellbeing assessments have been carried out. I have visited the landlady and am trying to get NCC & Police to act in a more robust manner. I have again raised the issue of consultation with democratic services (Anne Jenkins) in relation to planning. Speed watch group has been set up in Glan Llyn would urge similar for Goldcliff & Whitson. Consultation will soon start on the 2024 budget therefore council tax...would be good to consider taking part in this and respond.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to Councillors.

The Audit Office return has been delayed pending details behind our last return. Councillor W Fox to contact them to confirm we will submit the return based on the limited information we have. It was suggested that "Glynis" be contacted with a view to auditing our Council in the future.

Financial

Grass Cutting x 3 = £420

6 Months Whitson Hall Rates £800 to be refunded following reinstatement of Charitable status.

Goldcliff Church maintenance £445

Water rates £5.24 (Bank Transfer)

Electricity direct debit failed, therefore £184.64 to be paid manually.

Cost of key cutting for Both the Hall and Schoolroom £30

Added to next - 10/11/24
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There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next Full Council meeting will take place on November 9th 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, located in the bottom right corner of the page. It appears to be a stylized name, possibly "J. H. Smith".

Re: Council update

Wayne Fox <wr.fox@hotmail.com>

Thu 12/10/2023 09:16

To: Robert Dowsell <robertdowsell1@gmail.com>; Elaine Ford <elaine_ford@btconnect.com>; Maureen Owen <mauwen38@gmail.com>; Julia Waters <j.w.jones@btinternet.com>; Maria Preece <rogermariapreece@hotmail.co.uk>; halebros <halebros@btconnect.com>

Hi, ahead of today's meeting:

No change in bank position below.

Payments due:

Grass £420 July Aug sept

Goldcliff Church maintenance £445

Water 5.24 Bank transfer

We should get the £800 back from NCC re the hall

Electricity direct debit not taken so will need to pay manually 184.64

On the hall, valuation office have asked for details of required works to make usable and ball park cost - with Roger. Its only for context, they are not expecting formal quotes or any commitment on whether works are actually planned.

My suggestion on future of hall would be to have a trustee meeting in place of a council meeting to progress our intentions on this.

On 22 Sep 2023 at 10:38, Wayne Fox <wr.fox@hotmail.com> wrote:

Finances:

Balances Deposit 12,023, current 5,671 PGW 593

Main movement is 4,016 second precept from NCC. 4.77 out to NRW, 800 to NCC business rates and 420 grass cutting

Audit Wales have provided the last return Anna sent but there's no detail behind it. Also checked with the individual who did the internal audit for Anna but no records held. Audit wales are checking with the previous auditors if they have anything. If nothing from there we will need to go back to the point we do have records which is about 6-8 years ago. Really frustrating.

Feedback from Martyn to original meeting date:

Thank you for the invite to the meeting this evening ,unfortunately a family member (Helens side) and long time resident of Goldcliff passed away today so I will not be attending on this occasion.

Summary

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Whitson Hall

Chased valuation office re rateable value but nothing yet

Similarly with NCC, Martyn is also following up.

Water – apparently meter changed in December last year (not convinced based on how it was overgrown) and WW say there was nominal but steady use until 2021 which is confusing but maybe why they changed meter. From their perspective the connection is ready to use – so there must be another stop cock somewhere.

Schoolrooms

Roger to update on painting etc

NRW

Query from me in terms of the stone for reinforcing the wall etc stored at the Grove – Jeff, is there anything from NRW on this or any update from meetings.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows