

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, J Hobson, P Wait, S Percy and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

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243/24 Open Forum
Nothing to report.

244/24 Apologies for absence
None.

245/24 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

246/24 Reports from County and District Councillors
County Cllr Thomas had submitted a report prior to the meeting, which has been circulated. In addition BT have acknowledged they damaged the culvert when carrying out works on The Ham, this will be repaired.
District Cllr Percy circulated his report before the meeting.

247/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

248/24 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:
a) S.24/2094/P3R – Lapley Farm Bungalow – change of use of part of agricultural building.
b) S.24/1929/FUL – Site adjacent to Cambridge House farm, Elmcote Lane – erection of commercial building (use class E9 (a) and E (g) and car parking.

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:
None.

249/24 Accounts – PC
Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages - November
Hathaway Gardenscape	276.00	Grass contract
S Cook	157.06	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing
S Cook	307.80	Defibrillator battery

L Thornton	274.40	Back pay on pay increase
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CRAG Expenses

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Coaley Shop	4000.00	Contribution to development
Square	499.53	Card payments
Misc	706.20	Deposit into bank

Payments for Authorisation

Sarah Lorkin	49.25	Murder Mystery – February 25
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- a) 2nd draft of the precept discussed

Clerks Report

250/24

- The village hall committee have advised they are increasing the room hire from 1st January 2025.
- The council needs to adopt the remaining policies, clerk to circulate before the next meeting.
- CRAG are hosting a celebration on 17th December in the Jubilee Room at 7.30pm, all invited.

251/24

Tennis Court

Nothing to report.

252/24

Lease for shop and village hall

Cllr Percy has been in communications with Tony Eve who would like some changes made to the measurements. Cllr Percy will do this during the Christmas break. Once the lease has been agreed in principal this will be sent to WSP for both the shop and hall to be formalised.

253/24

Village Shop

Cllr Wait reported the Christmas decorations are up and the shop is looking very festive. The mural on the outside of the shop is being well received.

Abby has a display in the shop and products sold will generate a donation to the shop.

The committee is hosting a quiz night for Crag in January.

The new consultation is in the final stages.

254/24

Village Hall Update

Cllr Hobson reported the heating is now as good as it is going to be, the committee is considering getting extra heating appliances for the main hall. A recent application for funding to support the hall development has been successful, the works need to have commenced by the end of March 2025. A surveyor is attending the site on 12th December.

255/24	<u>Membership of Rural Network</u> Cllr Pearcy has investigated the benefits to joining the rural network, it cost £70 a year and local councils are being encouraged to sign up. Cllr Pearcy cannot see any advantages to joining the scheme at the moment and suggest putting the idea on hold and revisiting it later in the year.	
256/24	<u>New Councillors</u> There are presently 3 vacancies on the council, the clerk will put an article in the newsletter, website and Facebook to try and prompt some interest.	Clerk
257/24	<u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Cllr Pearcy is organising a meeting for the beginning of the year. Cllr Hobson suggested speaking to Yvonne Billett who use to be secretary for the original watch.	Cllr Pearcy
258/24	<u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Cllr Wait will be putting a map and pad in the shop for local walkers to report any issues with the footpaths across the parish. Clerk to provide the map.	Clerk
259/24	<u>Allotment Update</u> Nothing to report.	
260/24	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
261/24	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Cllr Eardley was the contact for highways, this role will now be shared by all councillors.	All
262/24	<u>Playarea Update</u> Cllr Wait will carry out the next inspection. The clerk is waiting for a delivery date for the new toddler swing.	Cllr Wait
263/24	<u>Emergency Plan</u> Clerk is meeting with an officer from SDC regarding producing an updated emergency plan.	Clerk
264/24	<u>CRAG</u> Cllr Pearcy discussed the need for a new chair within CRAG further to Cllr Eardley's resignation. It was agreed the parish council needs to ratify the new chair.	
265/24	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Policies Leases Emergency plan Precept	

266/24 Items for press release and publication
Minutes
New councillors
Robin Bus

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.