

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

Apologies: None.

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46/25 Open Forum
Nothing to report.

47/25 Apologies for absence
None

48/25 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

49/25 Reports from County and District Councillors
County Cllr Thomas had submitted a report prior to the meeting, Cllr Thomas introduced Anna Mainwaring to the councillors, Anna is shadowing Cllr Thomas before the County elections on 1st May.
District Cllr Percy circulated his report before the meeting.

50/25 CRAG update
Cllr Percy updated the council.
The parish clerk was instructed to inform TFN they have been awarded the contract to install the paths on the recreation field.
Further to Paul stepping down as treasurer, Millie Haines will take over.
The committee has considered the feedback regarding the storage bench, Elizabeth will put a business case together for a shed.
The backless benches and sails will be considered in future expenditures.
The shop has requested posts to stop drivers over shooting the car park onto the path.
£6000 will be received from Spacehive.

51/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

52/25 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.25/0198/FUL – Mobile Home, Smithfields, Elmcote Lane – erection of replacement mobile home & erection of garage (retrospective) **Object**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

None.

Clerk

53/25

Accounts – PCIncomes received and payments for authorisation

National Grid	79.80	Wayleaves
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – February
Village Hall	376.00	Room Hire
GAPTC	268.42	Annual Subscription

CRAG ExpensesIncomes received and payments for authorisation

Everhot	1000.00	Donations
Square	612.23	Card machine income
Square	475.00	Card machine income
Misc	546.00	Fundraising events
Monatrix Ltd	700.00	Donation
Square	588.82	Card machine income

Payments for Authorisation

None.

54/25

Clerks Report

- Kestrel Close has been approved as the name for the new development by SDC.

55/25

Tennis Court

The councillors approved the new nets for the courts.

Clerk

56/25

Lease for shop and village hall

WSP has chased for the leases to be sent through, Cllr Percy to contact WSP to discuss.

Cllr Percy

57/25

Bench Policy

Cllr Percy circulated the draft bench policy to councillors before the meeting, all supported and approved the policy to be adopted at the May meeting.

Clerk

58/25

Village Shop

Cllr Wait reported Les Compton attended the last committee meeting to update on CRAGS plans.

The contractors working on the installing the paths have been given permission to use the shop toilet.

The Health and safety audit is now complete.

There will be new procedures in place after the recent internet failure, this will be called shipwreck and is work in progress.

A plaque has now be erected in the shop, this is to acknowledge all those who contributed to the new shop.
A stocktake will take place at the end of March.

59/25 Village Hall Update

Cllr Hobson reported Les Compton and Tony Eve met and Tony is now satisfied with the path alongside the hall.
There is a collapsed drain out the front of the hall, this will impact on spaces in the front car park and also coincides with the start of the paths for CRAG.
There is a meeting on Thursday 6th March to discuss the lift installation.
The cupboard in the Jubilee Room will be moved into the kitchen.

60/25 Neighbourhood Watch Update

Nothing to report.

61/25 Footpaths, ditches and Stiles

Norton's Alley has been washed away, Cllr Pearcy to mention this to CRAG as part of the path restoration.

Cllr Pearcy

62/25 Allotment Update

Bills to be sent by the end of March.

Clerk

63/25 Village Maintenance

Our grass contractors have kindly cut back the overgrown hedge around the bus stop at Far Green.

Clerk

64/25 Highways Repair & Maintenance

Cllr S Pearcy reported a large pothole on the way out of the village at Far Green.

Clerk

65/25 Playarea Update

The annual inspection is due in April.

66/25 Emergency Plan

Defer to the next meeting.

Clerk

67/25 Annual Meeting

The councillors proposed the annual meeting takes place on Thursday 15th May, clerk to check hall availability.

Clerk

68/25 Matters for forward consideration

Bench policy
Emergency plan

Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.40pmm.