

**Garton on the Wolds Parish Council**

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**3rd November 2023**

Garton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the meeting held on the **2nd of November 2023** at 19:15 in the Church.

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| Present |  |  |
| Cllr. Alison Botten | AB | Councillor  |
| Cllr. Mike Benton-Rose | MBR | Councillor |
| Cllr. Stuart Dixon | SD | Councillor |
| Cllr. Tom Cawkwell | TC | Councillor |
| Attended by |  |  |
| **Officers** |  |   |
| Catherine Simpson | CS | Clerk and RFO |
| **Others** |  |  |
|  |  | 1 member of the public (arrived after the meeting had started) |
|  |  | **Action** |
| **23/24-102** | WELCOME |  |
|  | **RESOLVED**: that in the absence of Cllr. Wilson, Cllr. Botten would chair the meeting.The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  |  |
| **23/24-103** | PUBLIC OPEN FORUM |  |
|  | Concern was raised by two council members in their capacity as residents and not councillors over the Piercy Farm planning application. |  |
| **23/24-104** | APOLOGIES |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Wilson and the reason accepted. |  |
| **23/24-105** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST |  |
|  | 1. Cllrs. Mike Benton-Rose and Tom Cawkwell declared non-pecuniary interests in the Piercy Farm planning application. Both councillors had strong views on this issue and were reminded by the Chairman that they should not take part in the discussion. Cllr. Botten declared a pecuniary interest in item 7a (finance) as one of the payments is a reimbursement to herself.
2. There were no dispensations.
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| **23/24-106** | **CO-OPTION** |  |
|  | There has been some interest. It is hoped that this interest will result in possibly two new members in the future. |  |
| **23/24-107** | **MINUTES** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meetings as a true record Ordinary Meeting of Council 12th October 2023 (MBR/SD) |  |
| **23/24-108** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | ***The Clerk took over at this point as Cllr. Botten had declared a pecuniary interest***:a. **RESOLVED**: to approve the following payments (MBR/SD):FAB Training (defibrillator session) £168.00Alison Botten (plants) £91.781. The accounts for October were approved and the bank reconciliation signed by Cllr. Botten (MBR/SD)

***Cllr. Botten resumed control of the meeting at this point.***1. The Clerk has circulated a draft budget. This was briefly discussed and will be finalised at the November meeting.
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| **23/24-109** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | 1. **Bus shelter –** a camera has been purchased and there were two offers of help to install this should this be required.
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| **23/24-110** | **HIGHWAYS** |  |
|  | 1. Community Speed Watch update – a site meeting is to take place on the 10th of November. Anyone wanting to attend should meet outside Agriweld for 10:30.

The Clerk has emailed Wetwang PC to ask for feedback on their scheme but has not heard anything as yet and will check that she has the correct contact details.1. Bus funding – there is a live survey on community transport which can be completed by the 15th of December to gauge public opinion on this topic. Cllr. Botten will promote this on the council Facebook page.
2. No update has been received on the Church View footpath, however, Cllr. Dixon has seen ERYC officials on site with their measuring equipment.
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| **23/24-111** | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | **23/01054** – Piercy FarmThe Council has not been notified of the proposed change to the access route for this application. In view of the previous concerns over the application and in light of the new information it was agreed that a site meeting be requested with ERYC officers. |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to speak to ERYC. | **CRS** |
| **23/24-112** | **TELEPHONE BOX & DEFIBRILLATOR** |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Botten has checked the defibrillator and all is ok.
2. The training session which took place on the 19th October was a success and there has been positive feedback. There were 4 residents and 3 councillors present.
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| **23/24-113** | **EXTERNAL MEETINGS** |  |
|  | None, however, Cllr. Benton-Rose advised that Yorkshire Water attended to a blockage in the village but in a different place to the previous incident. |  |
| **23/24-114** | **OUTDOOR SPACES** |  |
|  | 1. Replacement bench for the west end of the village.

**RESOLVED:** to purchase a hardwood timber bench at a cost of £674.00 plus delivery and fixings. Cllr. Benton-Rose will advise as to the fittings which will be required.1. Christmas lighting – Cllr. Botten kindly offered to set up the lights at the pond.
2. Trees – it has previously been agreed to purchase 3 trees to commemorate the King’s Coronation and to replace the Jubilee tree which has sadly died. There are also some others which have not survived which need replacing and some gaps which need filling.

**RESOLVED:** that a budget of £500 be set for the purchase of these trees (AB/MBR).1. Ducks – there is still a problem with excessive feeding of ducks on the pond. The culprit has again been reported to the Police by a resident of the village.
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|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to order bench after Cllr. Benton-Rose has confirmed the fixings required. |  |
| **23/24-115** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Wilson has kindly offered to lay the Remembrance wreath on behalf of the Council. The service will take place on Saturday the 11th November at 10:45. Cllr. Botten will also endeavour to raise the flag.
2. Ideas for grant funding were discussed including renovation of the bus shelter, a children’s playground and the creation of some hard standing at the entrance to the green lane. There is funding available but those currently open do not have realistic deadlines to work towards. It was agreed that projects need to be ready to launch prior to any applications for grant funding.
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| **23/24-116** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | The Clerks and Councils Direct and CPRE magazines have been received and distributed. |  |
| **23/24-117** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | Budget and precept for 2024/25. |  |
| **23/24-118** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will be held on the 14th of December at 19:15 in the school. Cllr. Botten may not be at the meeting and therefore Cllr. Benton-Rose kindly offered to collect the keys from the school. |  |

Meeting closed at 20:45

Signature of Chairman:

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