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Garton on the Wolds Parish Council – Minutes of the meeting held on the **7th November 2024** at 19:15 in the School.

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| Present | |  |  | |
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| Cllr. Alison Botten | | AB | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Mike Benton-Rose | | MBR | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Stuart Dixon | | SD | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Daniel Wilson | | DW | Vice Chairman | |
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| Attended by | |  |  | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk | |
| **Others** | |  |  | |
| Cllr. Mark Blakeston | | MB | Ward Councillor | |
|  |  | | | **Action** |
|  | WELCOME | | |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. | | |  |
| **24/25-113** | PUBLIC OPEN FORUM | | |  |
|  | There were no members of the public present. | | |  |
| **24/25-114** | APOLOGIES | | |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Black and the reason approved. | | |  |
| **24/25-115** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | | |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Botten declared an interest in item 7, Finance.   Cllr. Dixon declared an interest in the item 11, Confidential.   1. There were no dispensations. | | |  |
| **24/25-116** | **CO-OPTION** | | |  |
|  | There has been no interest in the four vacancies.  **ACTION:** Clerk to circulate the slides from the recent co-option training given by ERYC. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-117** | **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meetings as a true record (SD/DW).  Ordinary meeting 3rd October 2024 | | |  |
| **24/25-118** | **FINANCE** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Wilson took over the meeting at this point:   1. **RESOLVED:** to approve the payments listed below (SD/MBR). There was one abstention:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Alison Botten | £45.60 | Reimbursement for plants | | Alison Botten | £34.00 | Reimbursement for plants | | Wharfedale Joinery | £850.00 | Decorating of bus shelter | | British Legion | £25.00 | Poppy wreath | | Information Commissioner | £35.00 | Subscription |   Cllr. Botten took the Chair once again:   1. The accounts to the end of October were agreed and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman (MBR/SD). | | |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to check anomaly in one of the Excel formulas. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-119** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** | | |  |
|  | A resident has been cutting the grass around Church View for a long time. A discussion took place as to whether Council should pay him for doing so. The Clerk advised that this could create a problem as this would then change the parameters and they would become an employee. The grass is supposed to be cut by ERYC as it is part of their contract anyway. | | |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Cllr. Dixon to speak to the resident concerned and persuade them not to continue cutting the grass. | | | **CS** |
| **24/25-120** | **HIGHWAYS** | | |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Black advised that the school signs are hidden in the hedge and need reporting to ERYC. 2. ERYC has now turned the school sign the correct way round, however, the light is not working. 3. Cllr. Botten has kindly strimmed the west end bank in readiness for the bulb planting. 4. Some trees are touching overhead wires and Cllr. Botten will find out if these are telephone or power. 5. Council would like Cllr. Leo Hammond to attend a meeting in the New Year to talk about the various new speed initiatives available. 6. The Clerk will continue to chase a response from the Community Speed Watch team. 7. The hedge rows along Garton Slack on the A166 need cutting back in places. 8. Cllr. Botten will raise the issue of incorrect signage on the green lane at the next Local Access Forum meeting. | | |  |
|  | **ACTION:** Clerk to report faulty light on school sign, chase up response from Community Speed Watch team and report hedges on A166.  Cllr. Botten to raise issue of green lane signage. | | | **CS**  **AB** |
| **24/25-121** | **TELEPHONE BOX / DEFIBRILLATOR** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Botten checked the defibrillator on the 31st October and everything was in order | | |  |
| **24/25-122** | **OUTDOOR SPACES** | | |  |
|  | Update on Bus Shelter Project   * 1. The decorating has been completed.   2. Cllr. Botten has collected the shelving from Men in Sheds which should be fitted next week.   3. The new notice board needs to be hung and the large one has been repaired and is also ready to be put back.   4. The hanging baskets have arrived but the brackets need to be weight tested. The Risk Assessment will need to be updated.   5. Cllr. Blakeston declared an interest in this item of the agenda as he is part of the Men in Sheds group.   6. It was agreed that some No Smoking signs would be recommended.   7. The shelves will need staining and Cllr. Benton-Rose may have the required product which could be used.   8. Once complete it was agreed that an article in the local press would be in order and perhaps a local person could perform an “opening” ceremony.   9. Cllr. Blakeston kindly offered to fund a Wold Rangers map for the wall. | | |  |
| **24/25-123** | **EXTERNAL MEETINGS** | | |  |
|  | Cllr. Botten attended the ERNLLCA District Meeting on the 9th October. One of the topics discussed was the HM Land Registry land charges programme. This might be relevant to the Council if it decides to register the pond. | | |  |
| **24/25-124** | **THE WOLDS & AOONB** | | |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that members should respond to the consultation individually. | | |  |
| **24/25-125** | **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES** | | |  |
|  | 1. Cllr. Botten will setup the Christmas lights as usual   Discussion took place about the possibility of installing armoured cabling to make it a permanent power supply and Cllr. Benton-Rose will speak to a couple of electricians about this.   1. Volunteers have been requested to collect bucket donations on the evening of the 14th December on behalf of the Illuminated Tractor event. Cllr. Benton-Rose is available and possibly Cllr. Black. | | |  |
| **24/25-126** | **ADMINISTRATION** | | |  |
|  | 1. Update of website / new website – this item will be carried forward to the next meeting. | | |  |
| **24/25-127** | **CORRESPONDENCE** | | |  |
|  | All relevant emails have been circulated.  The Clerks and Councils Direct and CPRE magazines were circulated. | | |  |

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| **24/25-128** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The Remembrance service will take place at 10:45 on Monday the 11th November 2024.  Items for next agenda:   * Finalise budget & precept. * Electricity supply – armoured cabling. |  |
| **24/25-129** | **NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on the 5th December in the School. |  |
| **24/25-130** | **CONFIDENTIAL** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(2), Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960):   * + - * 1. A complaint has been received from a member of the public and was discussed by Council The Clerk has responded initially and it was agreed that any further correspondence received will be circulated as appropriate.   Meeting concluded at 20:45 |  |

Signature of Chairman:

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