

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman
 Cllr Shirley Firth
 Cllr Rachel Griffin
 Cllr Ben Poulton
 Cllr Chris Cannon
 CCllr Steve Criswell
 DCllr Charlotte Lowe

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)
 2 members of the public present.

		Action
44	Apologies and reasons for Absence Cllr Martin Jones, DCllr Adele Costello	None
45	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda None	All
46	Public Forum – CCllr Criswell informed the meeting that the spraying of roadsides has been looked at again and Councils have been asked to submit comments. Envar have appealed the decision made by the planning department and a meeting will be scheduled for discussion. DCllr Lowe spoke about the Councillor development training to be held at Hinchbrooke. Cllr Griffin is attending via Zoom. Household Support Fund is now available on the HDC website which offers help with school uniforms, food, and fuel bills through Helping Hands. Co-Option – Nigel Smith has applied for the position of Councillor. This was discussed and agreed.	None
47	Minutes – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
48	Finance – Financial Statements were agreed. Payments to be made – Agreed Cllr Griffin proposed Cllr Smith seconded Clerk Salary £181.44 Community Action Suffolk Insurance £461.77 Defib Warehouse £346.80	SM
49	Planning – None	None
50	Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – To be carried forward.	None
51	Health & Safety / Public Right of Way – Proposed Permissive Path - Andrea Marr informed the village of their wish to set up a permissive path to link the village to the footpath to Pidley on the Wheatsheaf Road. This was to enable villages to walk to the footpath without being on the road. Andrea gave details of the process required to install this and some of the rules that would be needed to do this. The aim is for the pathway to be ready for use in the Spring. Cllr Notman spoke for the Council in thanking the Marrs for doing this and expressed gratitude and support for the project.	None
52	Conservation and Environment – Cllr Notman read out and email from HDC regarding the collection of garden waste. Cllr Notman to circulate link to HDC survey to all Councillors.	All
53	Maintenance – HDC have started the emptying of the litter bins, this will now be carried out fortnightly.	None

	Cllr Poulton informed the meeting of progress made by the works party clearing Ridges Pond and tidying up the grassy knoll which will now be managed as a meadow.	None
54	<p>Village Hall and Church Reports – Cllr Notman commented that the gazebo frame had not been taken down, no invoice has been received for the village hall hire and no accounts information sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Notman to email.</p> <p>Cllr Firth reported that the recent concert was very successful and gave thanks to Martin and Mel. The Macmillan coffee morning raised £780.00. Cllr Firth expressed concern that there are various people in the village that are becoming isolated as they are not using social media so are unaware of events in the village. Cllr Notman said that events could be displayed on the noticeboard. Cllr Firth asked if a list of people could be made who could be told of events personally.</p> <p>The works party have been clearing the hedgerow in the graveyard and this means 40 spaces are now available for cremated remains. A new moveable bench has been installed in the graveyard and is already being used. The advent fayre will be held on 25th November.</p>	AN
55	<p>Correspondence – Telegraph poles – Cllr Notman has emailed the address on the cones around the village that mark the site of new telegraph poles to be installed as some are badly sited. No reply has been received to date.</p> <p>An email has been received from the new Public Rights of Way officer.</p>	AN
56	<p>Items and date for next meeting – Budget / Precept.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting Closed at 20:24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 19:30.</p> <p>2023 Meeting dates Tuesday 14th February Tuesday 7th March Tuesday 11th April – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 9th May – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th June Tuesday 11th July Tuesday 12th September Tuesday 17th October Tuesday 14th November Tuesday 12th December</p>	SM

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