

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman
 Cllr Chris Cannon
 Cllr Shirley Firth
 Cllr Rachel Griffin
 Cllr Ben Poulton
 Cllr Nigel Smith
 Cllr Logan Vity

DCllr Charlotte Lowe

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)
 1 member of the public present.

		Action
76	Apologies and reasons for Absence DCllr Adele Costello, CCllr Steve Criswell	None
77	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda – Cllr Ben Poulton is related to Logan Vity who has applied to be a councillor.	None
78	Public Forum – DCllr Lowe commented on the Village Eco, Net Zero email which has been circulated. Cllr Poulton if this was focused just on buildings. DCllr Lowe replied that is was for items such as air source pumps. Cllr Smith asked about solar panels and suggested they could be put on the village hall, but Cllr Notman felt that the roof was probably not strong enough for this.	None
79	Minutes – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
80	Co-Option of Councillors – Logan Vity has applied for the position of Councillor. The application was discussed with Cllr Firth commenting that it would be good to have a younger person on the council. Logan expressed a wish to bring a new eye to issues in the village and felt that the experience could help with a future career in politics. Cllr Notman proposed acceptance of the application with all Councillors voting in agreement. Cllr Vity was issued with declaration forms to complete and welcomed onto the council, as the youngest council appointed to Woodhurst Parish Council.	LV
81	Finance – Financial Statements were agreed. Payments to be made – Agreed Cllr Notman proposed Cllr Poulton seconded Clerk Salary £181.44	None
82	Planning – None	None
83	Standing orders and Financial regulations - Ongoing	All
84	Health & Safety / Public Right of Way – Cllr Poulton reported that a first aid course had been held in the village hall with 12 people attending including 3 Councillors.	None
85	Village Reports – Village Hall – Cllr Notman informed the meeting that the pensioners lunch was well attended with 31 people being fed. Townlands Charity – Cllr Notman reported that 9 pensioners had reapplied for the monies from the charity, each received £40.	None None

	<p>Church – Cllr Firth reported that 2 successful events had taken place – the advert fayre and a concert, both were well attended. Cllr Firth also informed that the Rector Sue Simpson would be moving at the beginning of May.</p>	None
86	<p>Streetlight Maintenance – Cllr Notman has received the quotes for replacement lights from Balfour Beatty. £756 to replace a bracket and the lantern cannot be replaced without a new bracket. To replace all brackets and lanterns would cost £7104. Cllr Griffin asked about the guarantee on these, Cllr Notman to enquire. Cllr Cannon suggested that it would be better to start the job of replacements now than to wait a couple of years when the quote will be higher. Cllr Notman reminded the Councillors of the financial figures and it was agreed to discuss again at the next meeting. Cllr Notman also informed the meeting that the maintenance contract is no longer being offered. Cllr Griffin to look and contract and question Balfour Beatty about this.</p>	All
87	<p>Traffic Issues – Cllr Notman has reported the issue of DLG staff turning around on the A141 junction holding up traffic, Cllr Griffin has again reported the road marking issue here. Cllr Cannon commented that since the letters regarding the 7.5 tonne limit through the village have been sent out, there has been no sightings of those lorries.</p>	None
88	<p>Conservation Area – Cllr Cannon expressed concern about the number of trees being felled in the gardens of houses in the conservation area. Cllr Notman said that if all correct processes were followed and planning permission is sort then this is not a Parish Council issue. Cllr Poulton suggested that all tree applications were looked at the any considered to be an issue were reported.</p>	None
89	<p>Maintenance – No issue reported. Cllr Notman to advertise for a contractor to complete village maintenance.</p>	AN
90	<p>Correspondence – An agreement has been received from HDC regarding litter bin emptying. Cllr Griffin to confirm contract details. DCllr Lowe commented that new Councillor training was available on line. Cllr Griffin has a Councillor handbook that can be passed onto Cllr Vity.</p>	RG
91	<p>Items and date for next meeting – Traffic Issues, Streetlights. The next meeting will be held on 4th February 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting Closed at 20:30.</p> <p>2025 Meeting dates Tuesday 4th February Tuesday 11th March Tuesday 8th April – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 13th May – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 10th June Tuesday 15th July Tuesday 9th September Tuesday 14th October Tuesday 11th November Tuesday 9th December</p>	

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