**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2023– NO. 124**

1. **Present:**  Cllr. Ray, Chairman, Cllr Shilvock, Cllr. McMillan, Cllr Mahon, Cllr Nurser-Stephens

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Stewart who is abroad – approved.
2. **To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda:**

There were no requests.

**4. To approve for signature the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd November 2022 and Extraordinary meeting held on 16th December 2022.**

 These minutes were approved by all members present and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present.

**6. County & District Councillors reports:**

 County Cllr. Daniell and District Cllr. Shenton’s reports are appended to the minutes.

**7. Planning Applications** – status of current planning applications:

 The status of current planning applications was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**8. Correspondence:**

All correspondence received and previously circulated electronically was taken as read.

**9. To formally agree the precept request for 2023-2024:**

Cllr Ray proposed a figure of £43,840.00 be requested. Seconded by Cllr Mahon and agreed by all Cllrs. present at the meeting.

**10. Community Speedwatch:**

The device has been with Bearley since early December and the team are having a break during the cold weather but expect to be back out in February.

A resident in Church Road had contacted the Clerk expressing concern about speeding vehicles and she asked to be put in touch with the Speedwatch Team. The Clerk did request that the Team contact her.

**11. Willow Wood Play Area:**

 The annual inspection was carried out earlier this month and ten low risk issues were raised, many of them being connected with the timbers beginning to split and rot. The cableway requires a

 thorough inspection and the Clerk was asked to contact Wicksteed, the suppliers, regarding that. Some of the fence pots and mesh infill need attention.

 Cllr Shilvock proposed that a five year plan be prepared and Cllr. McMillan offered to take on the responsibility for the preparation of that.

 **12. Wilmcote Parish Council Grant Fund applications:**

One application had been received from the Good Companions This was considered and Cllr Shilvock proposed that a figure of £600.00 be granted. Seconded by Cllr Nurser-Stephens and agreed by all Cllrs. present. The Clerk will arrange a transfer of funds to their bank account.

**13. To consider further options for a warm hub:**

 Further investigations into the possibility of a Warm Hub in Wilmcote are required as we are now moving towards the warmer months and most warm hubs will cease to exist at the end of March. Cllr Ray proposed this is now a project for next winter.

**14. Npower footway lighting renewal 1st March 2023:**

A quotation of £8984.00 for the next annual spend has been received starting 2nd March 2023. Cllr Shilvock recommended accepting this quote, seconded by Cllr. Nurser-Stephens and all Cllrs present were in agreement. It was also proposed that all lights should be programmed to part night, being turned off at 11.00 pm until 5.00 am. in future. Seconded by Cllr Ray and all in agreement.

 The Clerk raised an issue with the itinerary for the lights advising that E.on and N.power appear to have different information. She asked if one of the Cllrs would be prepared to walk round the village and cross-check the lights against the National Grid itinerary. However, it was thought that National Grid and E.on should get together to sort it out and the Clerk to take no action.

**15. Councillors reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Possible safety zone around the shop.

**16. Lead Councillors’ responsibilities update:**

 Deferred to the May meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting:** 22nd March 2023 Annual Parish Assembly followed by ordinary Parish Council meeting.

No further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

County Councillors report 23.01.23

Wilmcote specific report 25.01.23

