

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Water Orton Parish Council

Held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft @ 7pm on Thursday 27th June 2024

Ref No	Details	Actions
24.111	Apologies received from Keith Brown [KB], Russell Lowe [RL] Rachel Scully [RS] and David Reilly [DR]	
24.112 (a)	<p>Public participation. Steve Stuart [SS] opened up the floor to the public in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complaint was made about the security alarm at the old school being too loud when triggered and for going on too long when activated causing a nuisance to the local residents. Martin Watson [MW] said he would contact the security company and investigate. • There was an incident relayed regarding the bench at the railway station and the fact that it had been uprooted from its concrete base and used by someone which was perhaps drunk who moved it out of position.(reported on 7.6.240. it has since been repaired in a better fashion. • SS informed the meeting that the Football Club had received a defibrillator as part of their promotion to the 1st division and were offering it to the Parish Council to use as they see fit for the benefit of the community. There was a discussion around whether the Bowls Club could use it instead of purchasing a new one, with the location for it being the Pavilion: this will be discussed further at the next meeting. 	
24.112 (b)	<p>Warwickshire CC - MW gave an update as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Problem with the installation of the sleeping pillows as we need to have the white lining/re-lining done first. 2. The air quality testing has not been progressed because the person in charge of dealing with it has left and has not been replaced. 3. Several areas around the village having surface dressing done to the road coverings: Micklemeadow is one of those roads. MW asked that we pass the message along re: the 20mph road signs in these areas because the road chippings until this has set have the ability of shattering/damaging someone's windscreen. 4. MW reminded the Council that applications for councillors grants closes at 5pm on 30.6.24. 5. MW advised that he had gotten a nice thank you from the tennis club [Paul Messenger] for the low bounce tennis balls they has funded. 6. A public member asked for MW to provide Speedwatch with a new laser speed gun - £250 - as this had been promised but not provided by David Reilly: MW said he would try and source funding elsewhere. 	
24.112 (c)	<p>Two officers from NW Police in attendance – PC. Thompson & PC Mark Breeze - and they provided the following update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies for Pete Beale as on holiday: all three are our dedicated officers but work shifts between them. 2. There have been several anti-social behaviour incidents [ASB] but small in comparison to neighbouring districts. They were called last week to a large gathering of youths who dispersed as they arrived. Being addressed both by the presence of an unmarked car and a patrol car. Monitoring. 3. They have been called about and chased several speeding cars passing through the village – these are all from outside the village. There is a task force being set up to tackle this particular area of criminal activity and at present those that are 	

	<p>captured in time are being pursued by an unmarked police car attached to their station.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. They have made several visits last month to talk to residents who do not have a right to reside there to take action. 5. There are several pubs outside our area where regular offenders have been barred and their details appear on a database: which is piggybacking a West Midlands initiative. They are talking to our village pubs to get them to join the database and then they can share details of barred offenders so that our pubs will recognise them before they cause a problem if they come here. 6. Spate of bike thefts and there is a task force being set up to deal with this as this is a regular summer thing. 7. They mentioned that for those younger offenders who are being caught committing an offence, they are working with the community to give them opportunities to get involved and then they are less likely to re-offend because they are engaged. SS asked if they could look into proposing an activity/activities to prevent our younger villagers from actually committing offences rather than being reactive. <p>David Room [DR] asked if there was a dedicated contact number they could ring in the event of an emergency but they explained it was always best to use the email instead as there was likely to be a more rapid response to that because of the shift working.</p>	
24.113	Declarations of interest – none offered. Nattasha Freeman [NF] took the minutes in RS's absence.	
24.114	Minutes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To approve the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting of 30.5.24. No comments. SS proposed and RC seconded. (b) To approve the minutes of the Resources & Facilities Committee meeting of 24.5.24. No comments. Wendy Rees [WR] proposed and Chris Chow [CC] seconded. 	
24.115	Reports from the Chairman/Parish Councillors – none.	
24.116	Clerk's Report. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NF asked about the Old Salts dog bins proposal because she thought that the proposal had been defeated at a previous meeting. It was confirmed that the decision was not to refuse the proposal at that time but to seek costings. The Clerk is tasked with getting costs. 2. The Clerk is to make contact re: the memorial bench to see if there is a preference for siting other than next to the war memorial 3. The Clerk is to obtain a plan from North Warwickshire to discover who is the authority that would deal with hedges and plant overgrowth 	RS RS RS
24.117	Resources & Facilities Committee Meeting [24.6.24] minutes - all recommendations were proposed: DR proposed and Chris Chow [CC] seconded.	
24.118	Vicarage Lane Water Orton proposed footpath extension – MW asked if the footpath low level rail proposal was acceptable so that he could go ahead with progressing the Council's design. NF reiterated that there should be segregation and that if there was no intention to forbid parking in that area that there should at least be a low level rail installed. NF did mention concerns with possible damage to the rail from cars etc	
24.119	Integrated Care System – SS explained that the WALC research grant would only be open to 10 selected Councils. The Council voted in favour of applying to become a Research Champion. SS proposed and RC seconded.	
24.120	Maintenance - CC explained that his recent inspection had thrown up the need to replace the brushes on the top of the swing units on the village green, for safety. The Chair told him to go ahead and get a professional quote(s).	
24.121	Finance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Christmas lights</u> – approval for overpayment to be taken off our next bill. WR proposed and SS seconded. b) <u>MOT costs for the van repair +MOT.</u> Payment proposed by WR and SS seconded. c) <u>Payment schedule approval</u> – SS proposed and RC seconded. d) <u>2024-2025 Receipts & Payments approval</u> – WR proposed and DR seconded. 	

24.122	<p>WOPC – WLWS Household Support Fund</p> <p>SS explained the £7K funding available from the Department of Work and Pensions: when he realised it was available he had little time to submit an application, so proceeded to apply before coming to Council to discuss. He explained that this money would need to be ringfenced and used to deliver two meals a week for the next 13 weeks and so would be an ideal replacement for families needing to apply for free school meals. He added for people in the village at the other end of the spectrum, it could be a social activity.</p> <p>He was sent a notional yes to proceed. Council voted to accept – SS proposed and NF seconded. SS to discuss how the SPUD Club will work with the Methodist Church. He is also going to look into costings for slow cookers so that these can be made available to families to reduce hardship.</p>	
24.123	<p>Community Orchard Grant - The grant application will be completed {before Sept 24}, with a recommendation that the Orchard be situated in the land/ footpath area alongside the school and Christopher Way</p>	SS
24.124	<p>Planning – all items under 124a were acknowledged and no comments made</p>	
	<p>124b – previous planning applications for info only - no action</p>	
24.125	<p>Items for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NF advised that she update the Council on progressing the poster competition through the library during the school holidays as the prizes had not been awarded at the Village Gathering. • SS is going back to the football club to ask about more information on the Defibrillator that has been offered to the Council, as the Bowls Club (through CC) have an interest in using it. CC will source a quote for getting it hardwired to the Pavilion so that it can be used by the footballers as well as anyone on the field needing it, and perhaps the Bowls Club. 	
24.126	<p>Date, time and place of the next Parish Council – Thursday 25th July @ 7pm with a 6:30 pm start</p>	
24.127	<p>Closed session – no items discussed.</p>	