

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 November 2024

**Present:** Cllr. S Stuart (Chair), Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. R Coldrick, Cllr. N Freeman

**Guests in Attendance:** 1

**Minute Taker & Clerk:** Rachel Scully, clerk@wopc.org.uk

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
<b>24.191</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
	Cllr C Chown, Cllr W Rees, Cllr M Watson noted and accepted.	
<b>24.192</b>	<b>Public participation:</b>	
	<p>a) Members of the Public &amp; Press There was no public participation.</p> <p>b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: There were no County or District Councillors present. There were no reports available.</p> <p>c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: A report was received from the police who were present and confirmed the figures relating to last month: 3 reported anti-social behaviour related incidents. The police confirmed they spoke to the involved parties. There were no reported burglaries or vehicle crime incidents. There were 3 road related incidents. 6 damage related incidents which the police were currently in the process of investigating and trying to resolve the issues. The last reports were at Halloween.</p> <p>There were discussions about vehicle operations that had taken place in other areas targeting traffic offences. In Kingsbury and Whitacre there was “Cuppa with a Copper” events operating which could look to run in Water Orton. Cllr. Freeman mentioned in the Community Engagement meetings there have been discussions about running more events for youth engagement as well as health.</p> <p>The police mentioned that there was a police worker who was involved in youth engagement and they would make contact with her to see if she would be able to come to Water Orton. Further discussions took place about Community Engagement and the police being involved with a youth event.</p>	<b>NF</b>
<b>24.193</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and dispensations:</b>	
	None.	

<b>24.194</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> A discussion took place regarding the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 31 October 2024. Cllr Freeman referred to the following: 24.173b) To note error should be “flooding” not fooding”. 24.180a) To add “Council” before Representative, to make it clear that Cllr Freeman is the Council Representative of the Spud Club. 24.181c) To note that Cllr. Freeman was requested by the Chair to send the actions relating to the risk assessment for the playing field to be sent to Maintenance Working Party.  It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 31 October 2024.	
<b>24.195</b>	<b>Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:</b> The following update and reports were received: a) The Chair’s Report - Cllr Stuart thanked Cllr Freeman for all her work on the first issue of the Newsletter. b) Community Engagement meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2024. The minutes from the Community Engagement meeting were received. It was noted that date of the meeting was 20.11.2024 and not 21.11.2024. It was RESOLVED to accept and approve the minutes. c) There was no report available from the Special Management Zone. d) There was no written report available for Spud Club. Cllr Stuart commented that the bank account had now been set up for Spud Club and he had managed to obtain further grant funds to secure its costs and help develop it up until March 2025. To note thanks to Cllr Stuart for obtaining the grants. e) Annual Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting. Cllr Stuart thanked Cllr Brown for attending the Annual General Meeting. Clerk noted the recommendations and proposals, and confirmed that the National Contributions would be considered within the budget.	<b>RS</b>
<b>24.196</b>	<b>Clerk’s Report:</b> The Clerk’s Report was not available.	
<b>24.197</b>	<b>Maintenance:</b> a)The monthly play inspection report from Cllr Chown was not available.  b)It was agreed that the clerk would email the members of the Maintenance Working Party to arrange a date, time and place for a meeting in preparation for the budget.	<b>RS</b>
<b>24.198</b>	<b>Finance:</b>	
198a)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of the invoice for Chubb in the sum of £536.16.	
198b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of the invoice for Open Spaces Society in the sum of £45.00.	

198c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of the invoice for Scribe Accounting Services in the sum of £792.00.	
198d)	It was RESOLVED to approve payment for renewal of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) membership in the sum of £190.00.	
198e)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 20 November 2024 and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule.	
198f)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2024-25 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 20 November 2024.	
<b>24.199</b>	<b>Draft Policy: North Warwickshire Borough Council Pavement Licensing</b>	
	It was RESOLVED that any comments on the consultation survey should be emailed to the clerk on or before Saturday 21 December 2024 so the Clerk could make responses by the deadline date being Thursday 9th January 2025.	
<b>24.200</b>	<b>Planning:</b>	
200a)	To consider new applications: <b>Reference:</b> PAP/2024/0520 No comments.	
200b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only)  <b>Reference:</b> PAP/2024/0455, PAP/2024/0147, PAP/2024/0374, HS2/2024/0003 Noted.  Cllr.Chown made the following comments in relation to planning application-PAP/2024/0374: This planning application has been granted by Authorised Officer-Jeff Brown (North Warwickshire Borough Council) on what appears to be by <u>one</u> local Councillor's comment of "no objection" and <u>two</u> local Councillors' comments of "no comments. Water Orton only have <u>two</u> Borough Councillors not <u>three</u> .  Due to the objections received for this application, a scheme of delegation was followed, where local Councillors were consulted for their opinion and so by the Councillors' comments this application was granted.  The objections from neighbouring properties and the Parish Council seem to have been disregarded as (quoted in the Officer's comments) by being "Minimal".  As far as I know, no neighbour has had a visit or communication from North Warwickshire Borough Council Planning in order to access the deprivation of light to their properties and gardens.	

<b>24.201</b>	<b>Parish Council Vacancies</b>	
	It was RESOLVED to continue to advertise the two Parish Council vacancies to include the third vacancy once the Clerk had checked that there had been no requests to call an election.	<b>RS</b>
<b>24.202</b>	<b>Items for Next Meeting:</b>	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
<b>24.203</b>	<b>Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:</b>	
	The next Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 30 January 2025 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
<b>24.204</b>	<b>Closed Session:</b>	
	It was RESOLVED to move into a closed session and exclude the public and press, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of business to be discussed for agenda item <b>24/204</b> to consider salary increments which were approved.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:.....

Dated: .....

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