

Minutes of a Meeting of Wootton Parish Council held on Wednesday September 7th 2022 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Tim Dalton, Dot Adams,,Angus Dalton, Debbie Finnikin, Pat Fielding (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence: Ed Barker, John Burgess.

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Tim Dalton proposed and Dot Adams seconded that Debbie Finnikin be co-opted as Parish Councillor. This was approved unanimously and Debbie was welcomed to the Parish Council.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously, and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

4. Matters Arising

Jeremy Kneller was thanked for his work on the restoration of the Notice Board. The outside of the Reading Room windows are to be painted before the winter.

5. Financial Report

The current account stands at £3862.97. With deduction of today's payments of £846.11 the balance is £3016.86. Forecast income before the end of the year is £1039 (this includes a donation of £150 from Matthew Elias, of Nigel Davis Solicitors, towards the upkeep of The Reading Room), and forecast expenditure is £590.79. The balance at the end of the year will therefore be £3465.07, barring any other unforeseen expenses. After today's payment of £115.06 for website renewal, the £46.57 unspent Transparency Code Grant from SPCA will have been used up.

The cost of Website Hosting will therefore have to be included in next year's budget and precept.

6. Authorisation of Payments

- a) Clerk's Wages Apr-Sept 2022 £440 Cheque no. 000269
- b) Belcher & Son Ltd – Service of Fire Extinguisher in Reading Room
£15.60 Cheque no. 000268
- c) Dot Adams – Expenses for Platinum Jubilee Street Party - £150 Cheque
no. 000270
- d) Jacqui Kinch - Expenses for Street Party - £50.45 Cheque no. 000271
- e) Jeremy Kneller – Materials for Notice Board Repairs - £75 Cheque no.
000272
- f) John Burgess – Website Hosting - £115.06 Cheque no. 000273

Angus proposed and Debbie seconded that these be approved and they were approved unanimously.

7. Climate Change Meeting Update

The bin outside the Reading Room is emptied once a week by Tim; the contents to be sorted and taken to the Globe Foundation in Utttoxeter in due course.

It was noted that SCC are offering some free Green Help regarding heating, though Planning permission may be needed for some things in the Conservation Area.

8. Planning Update

a) Uttoxeter Quarry: there has been a noticeable increase in aggregate industry traffic over the last few months, with sometimes an HS2 sign on the windscreen. Ellastone noticed the same. Tim has written about this to Graham Allen at SCC; he has replied that were some trial runs, but no longer. They are to consult with Derbyshire CC about an alternative route and a decision is expected in October.

Comment was made that the shortest route is the best for the planet.

It was suggested that a chicane could be set up to slow the traffic; there are plenty in the county. Pat will discuss with Trevor Mellor.

b) Back Lane Farm: there are no objections to this Planning Application, P/2022/00943 for extensions.

9. Carol Singing

Last year's event did not work quite so well;; the weather was not so good nor the PA system. We'll discuss again in December.

10. AOB

Bench in Car Park: Seth has been in touch with JCB to see if they would be willing to contribute to a replacement. Dot and Seth have costed a new bench and delivery at c. £500. Dot proposed and Tim seconded that this be sent to JCB, and all agreed.

Defib: Dot said the batteries needed checking.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday December 7st 2022