

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: P Wait, J Hobson, M Percy and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: B Bywater, C Eardley, S Cook.

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47/23 Open Forum

In addition to District Cllr Percy's report:

The local plan is in the final stages, there is a meeting later this month, councillors will meet with inspectors, November is the deadline.

The National planning policy has now been agreed it will give local governments the opportunity to challenge the housing Numbers forced on them.

There is hope that by the Autumn of 2025, a scheme will be in place to implement deposit returns on bottles and cans.

Parish Councils can now get food vouchers to distribute within their parish if they wish. SDC presently refers cases to the local food banks and also has vouchers available at the offices for those in need.

48/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr Cook, Bywater and Eardley.

49/23 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

50/23 Reports by District Cllr Percy and County Cllr Thomas

Appendix I attached to these minutes is the report from District Councillor Percy.

51/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

52/23 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

None.

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None.

53/23 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	491.20	Wages February 2023
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54/23	<p><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The clerk brought to the councils attention an email which has been received from a concerned parishioner after another parishioner fell off the pavement between the village hall and the pub. It was felt the lack of street lighting contributed to the fall. The clerk has raised this with County Cllr Thomas who has also been in touch with the parishioner.</li> <li>2. The clerk has received an email about the blocked footpath across one of the farm, this has been passed onto PROW at County Council.</li> <li>3. A Wisloe representative wishes to attend the council meeting in May, councillors supported this request.</li> </ol>	Clerk
55/23	<p><u>Tennis courts</u> Clerk to carry out an inventory of stock in the bench.</p>	Clerk
56/23	<p><u>Village shop</u> Cllr Wait reported the book swap had been a success, the committee would appreciate some young adults books being donated. More volunteers are still also required. The shop will also be open in the mornings over the Easter period. New wines have also been introduced into the range.</p>	
57/23	<p><u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported the WIFI should be connected on 9<sup>th</sup> March, the hall has now been fully installed, it just needs the last stage of being connected to the box in the road. The foyer will be replastered in the near future, then the portrait of Dave Billett will be mounted in the foyer. There has been a recent bequest of £500 to the hall.</p>	
58/23	<p><u>Coaley Uley Climate Action Network</u> The group recently met, a field trip took place to Bisley community composting site. The site has been in operation for 20 years and is very popular. If Coaley considers a similar project it would need to be on a smaller scale. Cllr Percy did not feel at present that there is a suitable site within Coaley. The Repair Café is ticking over quite well, a steady number of attendees at each event. New members would be welcomed to the group.</p>	
59/23	<p><u>Policing</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
60/23	<p><u>Footpath, ditches and stiles.</u> The clerk has spoken to a couple of residents regarding paths in the parish, the residents have been redirected to PROW at GCC. Clerk will also report. The kissing gate at Haw Street needs attention as the post has rotted. The path at Steel Farm seems to be blocked, clerk to investigate.</p>	Clerk
61/23	<p><u>Allotment update</u> The new invoices and agreements will be issued shortly. The clerk has met with a potential new tenant, the tenant would like to keep one bee hive on the allotment, the councillors voted to support this request.</p>	Clerk

62/23	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
63/23	<u>Highways Repair &amp; Maintenance</u> The street sign at Pinnells End Lane is on its side.	Clerk
64/23	<u>Playarea</u> The clerk reported the RoSPA inspection will take place in April.	
65/23	<u>Coaley Recreation Action Group</u> Nothing to report.	
66/23	<u>Village Design Statement</u> Cllr Pearcy to circulate to the council.	Cllr Pearcy
67/23	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April due to annual leave.	
68/23	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes.	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.