**WOLVISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 in the Church Hall of St Peter’s Church, West Hartlepool Road.

**Present:** Cllrs P Shepherd (Chair), H Cook (Vice Chair), T Parker, J Parker, T Boyd, H Bigerstaff, B Martin. 2 Ward Councillors, 5 residents and S. Woodhouse (Parish Clerk)

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| 620 | **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None. |
| 621 | **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS.** None. |
| 622 | **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023.** The minutes of the meeting were considered and an amendment to the those present was agreed. Cllr T Boyd was confirmed to be present at the meeting of 12th September 2023. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. |
| 623 | **RESIDENTS BREAK.**  *The meeting will be adjourned for* ***15 minutes*** *to allow public participation where the public may speak on any item on the agenda.* ***Items not on the agenda will not be discussed.***   1. Resident requested an update regarding Hall Farm. Cllr P Shepherd advised that that had not been a change in the situation since the minutes of July, there was no planning application submitted and therefore the Parish Council had not been approached for comment. Resident stated they believed the area was under a SBC area of non-development known as a ‘green belt’. Cllrs requested the Clerk contact SBC for details of any green belt areas surrounding the village. 2. Resident advised they had been in contact with SBC following the meeting two councillors had attended with Highways. The resident has requested a meeting with SBC around the points raised in the previous minutes. 3. Resident above stated they had spoken to the Head of Wolviston Primary School regarding parking as they felt the teachers were parking illegally. Cllrs advised this matter would need to be raised with Civic Enforcement. The resident then advised he has also informed the Head that the children cannot place speed awareness signs on The Green without planning permission and he considers them to be a danger and would be removing them. 4. Residents thanked the two Ward Councillors for helping with an issue regarding an ash tree on their property. They explained that Northern Powergrid would be isolating the power so SBC could attend to cut the tree around the power lines. |
| 624  625 | **CLERK’S REPORT** – to report on actions raised at and since the previous meeting.   1. CDALC TRAINING – The Clerk requested permission to attend two training courses run by the CDALC, the first in October 2023 and the second in November. The total cost would be £20. Cllrs voted and approved this. 2. COAL LANE SLIP ROAD – Clerk advised email from SBC received stating that they are trying now also making enquiries to confirm ownership of the slip road   **COUNCILLORS’ REPORT** – to report on actions raised at the previous meeting.   1. UPDATE OF LETTER TO MP – Cllr Bigerstaff provided an update regarding the letter previously discussed. The letter has been reviewed and shortened following previous suggestions. 2. SPEED SIGNS AROUND THE VILLAGE – Cllrs Martin and Bigerstaff proposed the purchase of speed related signage to add to the ‘Welcome to Wolviston’ signs at entry points to the village. Cllr Bigerstaff advised there are options of signs which would record the number of cars to pass on a daily basis. Cllr to get quotes and update at future meeting. |
| 626 | **WARD COUNCILLORS’ REPORT**   1. RESULTS OF SPEED SURVEYS – The Ward Cllrs advised they have not yet received results from the speed survey but would circulate this once they did. 2. PATHWAY IN CHURCHYARD – Ward Cllrs confirmed that SBC would review clearing the Church pathway. 3. WALK ROUND - Ward Cllrs advised they are wanting to conduct an area care walk round with SBC. Advised they will extend an invite to the Parish Council once date is set for this. |
| 627 | **PLANNING**.   1. **23/1773/SEC** – 14 Wynyard Road, Wolviston – Section 211 notice to lightly prune 1no wild cherry tree (T1), pollard/heavy prune 1no wild cherry tree (T2), fell 1no ash tree (T3) and pollard/heavy prune 1no wold cherry tree (T4). **No objections raised.** 2. **23/1625/FUL** – 2 The Green, Wolviston – Part two storey extension to side and part first floor extension to rear. **No objections raised.** 3. **23/1668/FUL** – Northern Grange Farm, Durham Road, Wolviston – Erection of a single storey side extension. **No objections raised.** 4. **23/0261/OUT** – Land At Wynyard Village, Wynyard – Erection of up to 700 dwellings, community centre, care and medical facilities, open space, golf course improvements and associated works. The Parish Council wish to raise objections to the plans submitted regarding this development. Clerk to circulate and submit statement on behalf of the Parish Council giving note to the following:    1. The plans make it appear that the road joins the A19 from Wynyard Road.    2. There have been at least three recent serious accidents on the stretch of road between Wynyard Hall and the Cricket Club entrance.    3. There is a lack of infrastructure within the development. Previously approved plans within Wynyard included facilities which were then never built.    4. These additional developments are in excess of the original plan for Wynyard.    5. The distance of visibility for a major junction that has a speed greater than 40mph is not met due to the natural curvature of the road.    6. SBC have failed to include the surrounding villages within the consultation process despite the additional traffic and strain on infrastructure this will cause.   Decisions made (for information):   1. **23/1304/FUL** - 32 High Street, Wolviston – Erection of a single storey rear extension (demolition of rear extensions) – **APPROVED WITH CONSITIONS** 2. **23/1435/FUL** – 2 Grange View, Wolviston – Replacement of existing dormer to a pitched roof and associated alterations to dormer **– APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** 3. **23/1535/DCH** – Land On Former Car Park of the Ship Inn, 50 High Street, Wolviston **- DECISION ON DISCHARGE CONDITIONS** |
| 628 | **ALLOTMENT UPDATE.**  Cllr P Shepherd advised that allotment fees will remain the same as the previous year and letters to be issued to plot holders confirming this. There will be a meeting for plot holders to raise any queries or concerns and pay rents in January 2024.  There is work to be carried out to cut back the trees overhanging the allotments as previously discussed with Stockton Borough Council. Planning to schedule this work for November. |
| 629 | **TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNT ITEMS.** *The Clerk will report on the Council’s financial statement and invoices to be paid. All of which were circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting.*   1. CLERK’S SALARY (OCT) – £386.00 2. CLERK’S TAX (OCT) – £96.40 3. PESTFORCE - £134.60 4. ARBORCUT TREE SERVICES - £576.00 5. A.W. TREE CARE - £1800.00 6. STAMPS - £75.00   Bank balance at 30th September 2023 - £35,058.41  Cllr Shepherd advised that the above account items ‘d’ and ‘e’ related to the cost of removing the fallen tree on the green. Due to the power lines and nearby houses, there was an urgency to ensure the site was made safe and this resulted in higher callout costs. Cllr Shepherd also advised that the next tree along has two damaged branches which will need to be cut off. The Ward Councillors advised they will speak to SBC about the arboriculturalists report/certificate which the Parish Council paid for within the last three years. |
| 630 | **MONTHLY DEFIBRILATOR CHECKS** – Cllr Bigerstaff confirmed required checks completed. |
| 631 | **MATTERS ARISING**   1. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Clerk ran through details for Remembrance Sunday as confirmed with Church. SBC has confirmed road closures and letter will be issued to residents as well as notices posted with timings. Cllr Shepherd to confirm teas and coffee after with new landlord at The Wellington. 2. CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Cllr Shepherd to confirm date with new landlord. Suggested that the lunch will be Monday 11th December 2023. Once confirmed details to be circulated. 3. POND CLEARANCE – As per previous minutes, the reeds will be reduced as they now cover a significant portion of the pond. The bushes to the side of the pond will be topped to improve growth. 4. VILLAGE WALK ROUND – Councillors will conduct this on Sunday 05th November 2023 at 10am. 5. MEETING ROOM HIRE – Cllr Shepherd to speak to Church Warden regarding this. Requested Clerk place on next agenda. 6. SPEED SIGNS AROUND THE VILLAGE – Already discussed above. 7. NOTICE BOARD – The Parish Council passed on their thanks to Brian who kindly carried out repair work to the notice board on the High Street. 8. PATHWAY ON WYNYARD ROAD – Clerk read out an email from resident on Wynyard Road regarding the lack of footpath and a near miss scenario. Cllrs made aware that the resident is meeting with a representative from SBC regarding this. The Ward Councillors stated that there is an ‘active travel fund’ with SBC and will look into details of the scheme to see if this may offer assistance. 9. GRASS CUTTING – As discussed above. |
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| 632 | **MATTERS OF CONCERN TO COUNCILLORS**. *Received from parishioners, Councillors, or the Clerk.*   1. TREES BEHIND LAX TERRACE – The Clerk has received a letter from residents of Lax Terrace expressing concern regarding the trees between Lax Terrace and The Park. Residents has raised concern that the trees are now overhanging their gardens and are fearful of damage given the recent fallen tree on The Green. Cllrs to review this during village walk round. 2. MEMORIAL BENCH – A request has been received about possible placement of a memorial bench within the village. There were suggestions submitted by some residents in attendance of possible placement. Cllr to consider and look at suggestions during the walk round. |
| 633 | **CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7pm. |
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