

## **Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Present:** David Alexander (Chairman), Mark Cann, Miles Moseley, Angela Braddick and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Jeremy Styles, Alison Thomas (County Councillor) and Martyn Hooton (District Councillor)

Three Parishioners were present.

### **1 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were read, confirmed and signed.

### **2. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **First Aid Training**

The First Aid training had been rearranged for the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, the trainer attended at the wrong time. A new date of 29<sup>th</sup> January has now been arranged and most parishioners previously due to attend were available. The Clerk will arrange for the remaining places to be filled by other parishioners.

#### **Highways**

Following the resurfacing of The Street and Mill Road in Hardwick, there had been issues with loose stones. The two roads both needed sweeping again and a request will be made to the Highways Department for this to be done.

More potholes in Mill Lane had been reported to the Highways by a Parishioner who had also reported that the edge of this road was breaking up.

The map of the Parish Footpaths by the Village Hall needed a new perspex cover and this had been reported by a Parishioner with thanks from the PC.

#### **Village Well**

Due to other commitments, the renovation work had still not been done, but it was hoped progress would be made in the next few months.

#### **Village Hall**

The monthly coffee mornings were well attended and the first evening fund raising event was taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> December with all tickets sold well in advance.

#### **County Broadband.**

There was nothing further to add at this stage and it was not known if the scheme was still viable.

### **3. Correspondence**

In addition to the regular items of correspondence, the Clerk reported to following:-

1. South Norfolk Council had now completed uploading the Register of Interest forms.
2. Code of Conduct: Parish and Town Councils were being encouraged to adopt the new Code. The PC agreed that this should be considered by all the Councillors and a decision made at the next Meeting about adopting it.

#### **4. Planning**

There were no existing or new planning applications.

#### **5. Accounts**

The current balance was £2,310.74. The Clerk reminded the PC that there was the sum of £502.66 which was a CIL payment and should be used otherwise it would be repaid to South Norfolk. Whilst no final decision was made, the CIL payment could be utilised towards assisting the Village Hall with a capital project or the provision of a Village Sign for Shelton.

The Bank for the PC's bank account had contacted the PC requiring up to date information concerning the signatories. This had been provided and follow up correspondence dealt with. It was understood that a large number of small charities/organisations had been required to provide similar information.

The PC considered the Precept for 2024/25. The Precept had been reduced to £750 in the last financial year. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Clerk and agreed by the PC that the Precept should be increased to £800.

#### **6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation**

There was none.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

The Clerk informed the PC that after many years, Robert Lewis had decided to stop the regular litter picking that he did in the Parish. The PC were very grateful to him for his hard work over the many years that he had helped to keep the local roads free from litter. It was hoped that another parishioner could be found to take over the task.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

This was fixed for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.57pm

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Chairman  
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**Payments:-** Shelton and Hardwick Village Hall- £15