

TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 10th Jan 2024 at 7:30pm, Hamilton Hall, Tetford

Present: Chairman Cllr Cawthorne
Cllr Osborne
Cllr Larder
Cllr Muirhead
Cllr Upton
Cllr Simpson (ELDC)

Clerk – E Hopwood taking minutes

The meeting started with the normal 10 minutes for the public, there were 6 members in attendance.

The distribution of The Tetford Times was discussed. There is no post box at the Village Hall to post the Times into so a copy can in future be dropped off to Mrs Renshaw to be on show in the Village Hall. The potholes in the car park were discussed as an ongoing issue. The use of the carpark by parents parking has meant the car park has had more use than previous years and it was raised that the Parish Council should look to find a grant to cover resurfacing costs. The Parish Council advised that the potholes are on their agenda, and they have been progressing a way of fixing the potholes but will investigate alternative options that may facilitate the improvement of the car park quicker. A member of the public raised that the roads still haven't been swept and the Clerk will follow up on the request submitted. It was raised that on the previous month's minutes one of the planning references was missing a digit and going forwards the public would like the address of the application adding to the agendas and minutes. A member of the public put forward a discussion in reference to a contamination report submitted for previous planning that has been approved on South Ormsby Road. As the council had not received notification of such a report, the matter will be added to next month's agenda to be discussed in full. It should however be noted that no effort has been made to keep the highway clear and up to 6 inches of mud has covered 200 yards of highway. A request to submit this to Highways was given to the Chairman but met with refusal.

01701 The Chairman introduced himself to those in attendance and opened the meeting for business.

01702 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr Kilby and Cllr Whitley. It **was resolved** to accept the reason for absence.

01703 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th Nov 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting. An amendment was to be made to point 01679 and **it was resolved** to accept the minutes as correct.

01704 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts to be paid/authorised –The Clerk circulated a payment sheet for authorisation, and it **was resolved** to authorise all payments. (Copy minute **ref 01704a below**)
- b. Bank Reconciliation – Bank Reconciliation as at the end of Dec 2023 had been circulated for review and was accepted as correct, signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

- c. Councillors Budget Statement – Budget statement as of the end of Dec 2023 was circulated for review and it was accepted as correct and signed by the Chairman.
- d. 2024/2025 – A draft budget statement was circulated, to be reviewed again in March 2024. The draft budget created the foundation to discuss the 2024/2025 Precept level. The Chariman, advised that the council propose a 5% increase to the previous year precept. It was debated by the council, and it was resolved that the amount of precept to be applied for is **£7,486.50**. The tax base for 2024/2025 has moved from 215 to 220.

01705 Planning Matters – None to note

01706 Grass Cutting – The Council discussed the grass cutting contract for 2024/225. Cllr Cawthorne will meet with any new potential supplier to confirm the scope of work and provide an accurate map of the areas which require cutting. Potential suppliers were debated amongst the Council and following multiple recommendations it was resolved that the Clerk would contact Keep it Trim to quote for the works.

01707 Village Hall Car Park – Cllr Cawthorne had researched the cost of a salt bin, which at £200 was decided as not a sensible use of the Parish Council funds. A member of the public advised that the salt that was in the car park was given to the Council for free due to previous extreme weather and if the Council wished to purchase more, this would be at a cost to them. **It was resolved** that the Council wouldn't at this moment in time be committing to purchasing any salt but would remain responsive to extreme weather. Following the previous meeting, cars only signs had been purchased for the car park. These will be put up either side of the Village Hall. Regular contractors and any exceptions to the rule (e.g Craft Fair) will be told in advance that they are an exception to the rule. The potholes in the car park are in hand by the Parish Council. Once dry weather arrives the Council will organise a team and fill the potholes in the Car Park.

01708 Recreation Ground Update – No update.

01709 Neighbourhood Projects – Cllr Whitley had been in contact with South Wold Nursing home to discuss how they can engage in the community further. Some of the suggestions included: ordering extra milk which could be collected from the home, residents being able to use the hairdresser that goes to the home, residents being able to use the Chiropodist who visits the home, availability of emergency basic provisions, providing sandwiches and cake in the afternoon for anyone with difficulties making evening tea and placing a box in the telephone box where residents can dispose of used batteries. It was discussed amongst the Council that the best way for these options to be made available to the residents would be through The Tetford Times. The Tetford Times will reach out to the nursing home to discuss further.

01710 Highways & Footpaths – As noted in the open forum, an issue around mud on South Ormsby Road was raised to the Chairman. 1,000 tons of soil are already on this site and no effort has been made to keep the highway clear. 200 yards of highway were affected, covered up to 6 inches in mud. The Chairman advised that the tree down in Little London was in hand.

01711 Patients Participation Group – It was noted that the surgery had not reported the minutes of the meeting directly to The Teford Times as had been requested. It was then discussed that people have had success in using The Hub at Louth Hospital. Making direct contact with Louth Hospital had led to an appointment time being given to see a Doctor.

01712 Defibrillators – Cllr Larder advised both defibrillators remain unused and have been checked.

- 01713 District Councillors Reports** – Cllr Simpson informed the Council that there was survey from OFGEN about standing charges where Parish Councils can input their opinion on rising standing charges. Cllr Simpson also informed the Council that the deadline for consultation on the Devolution of Lincolnshire was approaching (29th January). The Clerk had distributed material to those in attendance regarding the Devolution.
- 01714 County Councillors Reports** – Cllr Marfleet had been unable to attend.
- 01715 Correspondence** – None to note.
- 01716 Councillors Reports** – No updates
- 01717 Items for the Next Agenda** – South Ormsby Road, contamination report.
- 01718 The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 14th February.**

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Accounts for Payment	Meeting			10.01.2024
Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Payment / Chq.No
Hamilton Hall (INV 284)	16.00	0.00	16.00	Bacs
		Total	£16.00	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:42

Chairman Date

Clerk Date