

Wetton Parish Council

Minutes of Wetton Parish Council Meeting held Monday 7th December 2020

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed by Councillor Mark Goodridge **Chair of Wetton Parish Council**

Role	Name	Present	Interests declared	Dispensation requested	Confirms minutes	Confirms Finances	Notes
Chair	Mark Goodridge	Y	N	N	Y Proposed	Seconded	
Councillor	Margaret Hodgkinson	Y	N	N			
Councillor	Lucy Powis	N	N	N			
Councillor	Graham Stubbs	N	N	N			
Councillor	Carol Kimberley	Y	N	N	Y seconded	Proposed	
Councillor	Denise Noble	Y	N	N			
Public Visitors							

Agenda item 1	Legal Formalities regarding Interests and Dispensations, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising
Minute 02/11/20/01	The Chair handled all formalities and requested whether any Councillors had any pecuniary interest in any agenda items including planning applications, or required any dispensation. Interests were declared as per attendance table above. The minutes of the previous meeting 2 nd November 2020 were agreed and approved. The Parish Council wishes to send condolences to the family of Councillor Diana Higton who has passed away. It was agreed that the Council would send a donation of £100 to the Church and the Christie Hospital charity to pay respects to our colleague who will be greatly missed from our meetings. The Clerk was instructed to inform SMDC Democratic Services of the sad loss of Councillor Higton.
Agenda item 2	Public Speaking and Announcements by Principal Councillors
Minute 02/11/20/02	2.1) None
Agenda item 3	Report by lengths-person and response from Councillors
Minute 02/11/20/03	There was no report from the lengthsperson but Councillors had a discussion on the work that was required to be done in the future. The Clerk informed the meeting of the contract used for Warslow lengthsperson and agreed to send associated documents to the Chair,
Agenda item 4	Highway Defects to report to Staffordshire County Council Highways
Minute 02/11/20/04	4.1) None reported
Agenda item 5	Periodic Review of Council Policies
Minute 02/11/20/05	5.1) Clerk to continue with Grant application for playground equipment and report on progress at next meeting.
Agenda item 6	Planning
Minute 02/11/20/06	6.1) There were no objections from the Parish Council to the applications relating to 6 Wetton and the Ménage at Manor House Farm.
Agenda item 7	Chairs Announcements, Councillors Any Other Business and updates from the Clerk
Minute 02/11/20/07	7.1) Report by Chair on Multi parish and other agencies meeting to discuss antisocial behaviour around Swainsley Tunnel. The Chair notified this meeting that there are plans to do speed checking through the tunnel on certain days and to discuss further with SCC Highways the practicalities of installing speed bumps which would control fast vehicles but may not be popular with Horse riders, cyclists pedestrians and farmers, other responsible users who would be inconvenienced by these out of area abusers of the rural environment. A park and ride system was suggested to help control the incidences of too many cars in the valley and villages around the tunnel. The use of Thor's Cave for Base Jumping (using small parachutes

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to jump off cliff edges) was reported to the Police. It was agreed that a structured approach to managing visitors and visitor numbers is needed. Parish Councillors reported the unfortunate and disrespectful occurrence of visitors spectating and eating sandwiches whilst funeral directors staff were taking away Councillor Higton from her home.
7.2) It was agreed that a survey would be installed on the Parish Council website to collect the views of residents on how the influx of visitors to the village and Thor's Cave should be managed.

Agenda item 8 Parish Managed Works including status of playground

Minute 02/11/20/08 8.1) Clerk was requested to find out who is in charge of opening, maintaining toilets and emptying bins on the SMDC car park.

Agenda item 9 Finance

Minute 02/11/20/09 9.1) Recently received bank statements were made available to the meeting confirming the summary balance sheet as;

Date	Account	Balance	Notes
4 th December 2020	Capital Replacement Reserve	£10,000.00	Includes £5000 playground grant from SMDC
4 th December 2020	Working Funds	£8,249.18	All cheques issued now cleared and Safe Custody Hold fee of £25 paid from this account.
4 th December 2020	Bank Account	£18,249.18	

9.2) The following payments by the Parish Council were presented to the meeting and agreed for payment.

Chq No	Payee	Item	Amount
000714	Wetton Village Hall	Use of Hall	£90.00
000715	Clerk	Salary November 2020	£55.84
000716	HMRC	PAYE 1 month	£14.00
000717	Donation	Church	£50.00
000718	Donation	Christie Hospital Charity	£50.00

Agenda item 10 Items for future agenda and the next meeting dates

Minute 02/11/20/10 10.1) Next meetings in 2021 scheduled as 7:30 Monday 18th Jan, 15th Feb, 5th April, 17th May, 21st June, 2nd Aug, 20th Sep, 8th Nov, 13th Dec.