**WOOLLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD 9th JANUARY 2025**

**Present:** Councillors M Willis, C Robson, I White, A Jones, P Dyke,

**In attendance**: 1 member of the public and Cllr S Harvey.

**97/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr E Rowbottom

**98/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest. ***Resolved*** that a general dispensation be granted to all Parish Councillors to enable them to discuss any objections to planning applications

**99/25 TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

None.

**100/25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th December 2024**

***Resolved*** that the minutes of the council meeting held on 12th December 2024 be accepted as a correct record.

**101/25 TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**102/25 TO AGREE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM 13**

***Resolved*** that members of the press and public be asked to leave the meeting following agenda item 13

**103/25 TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

A written report had been provided for discussion and an update as given by Cllr Jones.

**104/25 TO UPDATE ON GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS**

**Gritting/snow clearance –** gritting and snow ploughing had been undertaken as the snow had been very heavy. There had been a misunderstanding with the gritter on one occasion when he had not gritted the correct area on Woolley Grange due to a new driver. This had been rectified. Clerk to ask the gritting firm to refill the grit bins where needed.

**105/25 TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**i) Approval of Payment of Accounts**

Payments were authorised to

Salary - Clerk January £ 311.80

Woolley Village Hall 3,000.00

KJA 104.40

Vision ICT 144.00

` Bank Balance £66,406.70 prior to above payments.

**ii) Quarter Balance Sheet**

The Clerk presented the Quarter Balance Sheet to 31st December 2024 and associated bank statements which showed a balance of £66,406.70. The statement was agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**iii) Budgets and Estimates for 2025/6 precept application**

The Clerk reported on forward spending projections and following discussion it was ***resolved*** not to raise the precept for the forthcoming year. It would remain at £31,000 which would mean a very slight decrease in the parish part of the Council Tax. It was also ***agreed*** to earmark £5,000 for future biodiversity planning and to increase the Playground renewal fund to £15,000 as some of the equipment would need replacing in the near future.

**106/25 TO RECEIVE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerk had received information from WMDC on the procedures to be adopted in relation to Cllr Tom Moore’s wish to resign from the Council. Clerk to contact Cllr Moore and put the appropriate procedures in place.
2. Email of thanks from Wakefield Community Foundation for the donation to the bed poverty project.
3. From the coach Sandal Under 11’s football team asking abut the use of the recreation ground pitch for their team. Agreed to seek further information as to the likely usage, number of cars etc.

**107/25 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Discussion took place on application 24/01762 Ful., and it was ***resolved*** to lodge an objection with WMDC on the grounds that it was the same land as application 19/02636/Ful which included condition 6 which prohibited fencing, structures etc being placed om the land. The new application is in direct contravention of WMDC’s recent planning condition set on 9th October 2020. The Council’s objection is for the same reason “to ensure the character of the asset is maintained with particular reference to the geen belt an Heritage Assets and to accord with policies D9 and D18 of the Local Development Framework and policy contained wthin the NPPF.”

**108/25 TO DISCUSS PARISH MATTERS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Harvey reported on the lack of grit bins on the bus route and hill. She was to ask WMDC whether they would provide bins as it was an adopted road and their responsibility. The planning application for an equipment store for maintenance of the paddock was raised and the fact that condition 6 prohibits buildings on the land. The old market hall in Wakefield as to be reopened as a public space. Woolley Hall was now with estate agents to be sold.

**Woolley Grange** – Nothing to report.

**Haigh –** Nothing to report.

**Woolley Village and Village Hall –** Cllr Jones to have a word with the resident whose shed was leaning over into the recreation ground to avoid any potential damage to the recreation ground. The inaugural meeting of the table tennis club was to be held on the following Monday at 2pm.

**Woolley Hall –** Cllr Harvey had given an update.

**Neighbourhood plan –** Cllr Robson and Cllr Dyke discussed the next steps and the need for a meeting to progress this matter.

**109/25 TO AGREE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on **THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2025** in the Village Hall, The Green, Woolley at 7pm.

**IN PRIVATE**

No items

**Signed………………………… Dated……………………………….**

**Chairman**

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**NOTES OF PUBLIC SESSION HELD 9th JANUARY 2025**

One member of the public present together with Cllr Sam Harvey.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for making the effort to travel to the meeting in view of the snowy weather.

Signed………………………………….

Dated.....................................