

MINUTES

Orston Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall



Present	Actions
<p>CLRs Gerry McMahon (Chair), Harry Batchford (HB), Astrid Moules (AM), Jo Napper (JN), Paul Brandon (PB)</p> <p>Also in Attendance Wendy Wakefield (WW)-Clerk, County Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan (FPH)</p> <p>Public 3 Members of the public (MOP) in attendance including Jules Humpheson (JHu) –Village Hall, Pauline Fazackerley (PF) – Bulletin & Tony Benton (TB)</p> <p>1. Apologies for Absence: Angela Probert(AP), Linda Shirt(LS), BoroCllr Chris Grocock (CG)</p> <p>2. Declarations of Interest: None</p> <p>3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2024 - Approved</p> <p>4. Correspondence/Complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding on High Street – An email had been received regarding this. GM had visited those affected and discovered that tree roots were causing the problems. Via have been made aware and GM will monitor the situation. <p>5. Planning:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Applications (previously circulated): 24/00349/FUL Applicant: Mr & Mrs Barlow - Development: Removal of existing car port structure including front wall enclosure and gates. Construction of first floor rear/side extension and canopy to side door, Application of render to front elevation. Alteration to fenestration. Location: Robin Cottage High Street Orston Nottinghamshire NG13 9NU – No Objections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Decisions (previously circulated): None ❖ Late Applications/Decisions received: None ❖ Other: None <p>6. Finance:</p> <p>a) Clerk’s report/Financial Statement –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Statement for March was agreed & approved • End of Year Accounts (previously circulated) – All documentation was explained and accounts were agreed & approved. • VAT Reclaim - £592 had been received for 2023/2024 and will appear in the April Financial Statement <p>b) Expense Requests/Payments – Payments totalling £983.53 were approved.</p> <p>c) Income other than interest – £11800 precept had been received today and will appear in the April Financial Statement.</p> <p>d) Insurance – Following full consultation and adherence to best value principles, it was agreed that the quote provided by Zurich be approved and insurance purchased.</p> <p>e) Annual Governance Statement – WW shared this with councillors it was agreed that internal controls were fully effective. Internal audit will be taking place on 16th May.</p> <p>f) Policy Reviews (previously circulated) – Councillors agreed all reviews and updates for the following: Standing Orders, Safeguarding, Financial Regulations, Equality & Diversity, Business Continuity and Risk Management. In addition, special mention was made of the Code of Conduct and the necessity for all councillors to sign up to this and the ‘Nolan Principles’.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>WW</p> <p>WW</p> <p>WW</p> <p>ALL</p>

- 7. Open Session for Members of the Public:**
 TB Informed all present of the dangers to the entrance of the football field. GM to contact Martin Hallam - club leader **GM**
- 8. Orston Community Groups updates/reports etc..**
Church – JHu thanked the ‘Grafters’ for their help clearing the Churchyard. He also advised those present to look out for 2 concerts which would be taking place in the near future.
Village Hall - WW advised of a new grant from Morrisons which may be available. Details have been sent to the relevant parties.
- 9. County/Borough Councillor Reports:**
FPH – Shared the news that local recycling centres may be closed down and 3 new super centres set up in the county. There were no further details at present.
- 10. Parish Councillor Reports (items not already on the agenda)**
 None
- 11. Matters for Consideration:**
- a) Emergency Plan (AM) – Completed. WW to send out to councillors. **WW**
 - b) Thoroton Solar Farm Update (GM) – Thoroton councillors sent thanks for the support received. GM had written an article for the bulletin & CG had put information on Facebook.
 - c) Car Colston Crossroads – All agreed that stop signs were needed here due to the high volume of accidents. FPH to chase this. **FPH**
 - d) Lombard Street Update – Still awaiting news. JHu/GM to chase. **GM/JHu**
 - e) Neighbourhood Plan (AM/CG) – First Meeting will take place on 23rd May at 2pm
 - f) Glass Recycling update – This was dealt with very quickly by RBC and new temporary bins are sited at the Village Hall. Many thanks to all involved.
 - g) CPR & Defibrillator training – EMAS volunteers have been booked for Friday 24th May at 7pm in the village Hall. WW has put an article in the bulletin and will collate a participants list. **WW**
 - h) Durham Ox update – A very informative meeting was held earlier this month in the pub. It is hoped that the pub will reopen on Friday 26th April. WW to ask Rick if he would like to produce an advertising flyer which can be delivered with the bulletin. **WW**
 - i) AGM/Welcome Meeting – AGM will take place at 6pm on 29th May. Welcome meeting/open invite to the pub to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - j) Councillor Vacancy(WW) – RBC has confirmed that a by-election before a new councillor can be co-opted will not be needed. Linda Shirt will be in attendance at the next meeting in the hope of joining us.
- 12. Items for Next Meeting Wednesday 27th March 2024 7pm Village Hall (6pm AGM)**
- 13. Closure of the Meeting 7.58pm**

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