

2021/1 Withybrook Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Withybrook Parish Council held in the village hall on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 8.00 pm

Present

Present were Cllr L. Ollier (Chair), Cllr J. Harman (Vice-Chairman), Cllr V. Vallis, Cllr J. Matthews, Cllr M. Dewes, and T.C. Moore (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr A. Warwick (WCC) and Cllr T. Gillias (RBC)

Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared against any of the items on the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

1. Water leak Kirby Lane. WCC had originally hoped to carry out the investigation into the water seeping through the carriageway in August but it had now been scheduled for October.
2. Brook bank erosion. WCC had checked the section of bank to be reinforced with sheet piling, the materials had been ordered and a date was awaited for the work to commence.
3. Re-profiling of the brook. WCC were still investigating the most cost effective means of providing a permanent solution to the problem.
4. Speeding in Featherbed Lane – Cllr Ollier and Cllr Vallis reported further instances and it was agreed to contact Warwickshire Police again.
5. Mobile library. The Clerk had requested an additional stop off point for the library in the centre of the village and a response was awaited.
6. LED street lighting. An application had been made to RBC's rural development fund for a grant to purchase replacement LED street lamps for the village. A decision was expected in November.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Correspondence

1. An email had been received from RBC providing further information on the revised model code of conduct that was being considered. It was agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until RBC had settled on their new code before deciding whether to adopt it or continue with the Parish Council's existing code.
2. A temporary closure notice for Church Lane had been received from WCC for the period 5th -7th October
3. Various agenda, minutes of meetings and circulars.

Planning

1. An appeal had been lodged by the applicant following the refusal by RBC for the change of use of land at the corner of Fosse Way and Bow Lane to a residential caravan site.

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Accounts

1. As previously agreed the Clerk was reimbursed for having settled an invoice for £216.00 from WS Gardens for amenity grass cutting in May.
2. As previously agreed the Clerk was reimbursed for having settled an invoice for £216.00 from WS Gardens for amenity grass cutting in June.
3. As previously agreed the Clerk was reimbursed for having settled an invoice for £258.97 from E.On for electricity charges for the ¼ ending 30/06/21.
4. As previously agreed the Clerk was reimbursed for having settled an invoice for £80.64 from E.On for street lighting maintenance charges for the ¼ ending 30/06/21.
5. As previously agreed the Clerk was reimbursed for having settled an invoice for £36.00 from CPRE for renewal of the Parish Council's membership.
6. The Clerk's salary of £200.00 for the 6 months ending 31/7/21 was approved for payment.
7. A remittance of £1,750.00 had been received from RBC in payment of the second half of the Parish Council's 2021/22 precept.
8. A letter had been received from E.On advising of an increase in electricity supply costs of about 15% from 1st September. It was agreed to defer any review of the electricity supplier until it was known whether the Parish Council had been successful in its application for a grant for LED street lighting.
9. A letter had been received from HSBC advising that it was changing the status of the Parish Council's bank account to that of a small business, and in consequence there would be a standing charge of £8.00/month and a fee of £1.00 for each cheque issued. Based on the Parish Council's current operation this would result in charges totalling about £130/year. It was agreed to look for an alternative bank.

Any Other Business

1. Cllr Vallis advised that there appeared to be a mains water leak in Overstone Road. STW to be notified
2. It was noted that fly tipping continued to be a problem in the village and it was agreed to discuss the matter with RBC via Cllr Gillias.
3. It was recalled that prior to Covid a group of villagers had volunteered to form a community speed watch team, with training provided by Warwickshire Police. It was agreed to contact the Police to establish the status of the training programme.

Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday 5th October 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.