# Wilby Parish Council

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 11.04.24

## Present: Steve Lee, Rebecca Regis, Robin Cross

## In attendance: Councillor Anders Linder and 1 member of the public.

# MINUTES

## Chairman’s welcome

## Introduction of clerk

## Apologies and approval of absences

## (a) Councillors to receive any apologies for absence.

## **None**

## (b) Councillors to **vote** on acceptance of any apologies received

## **N/A**

1. **To receive Declarations of Interest**

Councillors to declare interests in subsequent agenda items as follows:

(a) Pecuniary Interests

(b) Other registerable interests

(c) Non-registerable interests

**None**

1. **To consider requests for dispensations**

**N/A**

1. **Councillor vacancies: To review any applications for co-option**

*Councillor Steve Lee chose to abstain from the discussion due to having an association with the co-option applicant outside of Parish Council business.*

**Helen Ball has put herself forward for co-option and the Councillors have been emailed an overview of her reasons as to why she would like to join Wilby Parish Council. She was the offered the opportunity to speak.**

**Summary from Helen:**

*Helen welcomed any questions. She explained how she possesses strong community values and commitment from childhood onwards; and wanted to give back to the community. Helen previously lived in Stradbroke and remains a member of Stradbroke Council, and since moving to Wilby feels she would like to extend her Councillor commitments to include Wilby alongside Stradbroke. Helen explained that her background experience includes IT Consultancy and teaching as well as working as an Examiner and Author – furnishing her with a breadth of experience in dealing with different people. She would like to make a difference to Wilby community so is putting herself forwards for Wilby Parish Council.*

**Feedback from Councillors:**

Helen’s addition to Wilby Parish Council would provide a great opportunity to share more with other parishes.

Helen is an excellent fit for the PC and we always welcome volunteers and help.

**Proposed**

**Second**

Helen will begin formally as Councillor for Wilby Parish Council at the next public meeting on May 22nd

1. **To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 25th January are a true and correct record**

**Proposed**

**Seconded**

1. **County and District Councillors & Footpath and Tree Warden Reports**

There were no reports or points to note from either the Footpath or the Tree Warden, but it was noted some trees have been pruned/cut back around the parish.

Councillor Anders Linder was in attendance. His report is available on the Wilby PC website and he summarised its contents for the meeting.

Councillor Regis raised concerns to Councillor Linders around the efficacy and resolution management of County Council responsibilities including pot holes in the village; and the complexities around accessing relevant individuals/departments within the council when attempting to resolve/query council matters on the telephone.

1. **To receive Progress Reports/updates for information**
   1. PC Flood Report

Parishioners will be contacted with regards to feedback on flooding last year in order to feedback to MSDC.

* 1. Highways Update

The Parish Council will continue to work on implementing road safety measures with Suffolk County Council.

* 1. Wilby PC website

Work to refresh and organise the website will commence.

* 1. Banking

Liaison with Lloyds Bank to ensure all administration is correct.

* 1. VETS Defibrillator

Further volunteers required; the community will be contacted to seek out additional volunteers

## Public participation session (15 minutes)

## Councillors to receive questions or comments from the public on agenda items

## **None**

1. **To consider planning applications**

No applications for consideration.

## To consider Annual Parish Meeting date

## 22nd May 2024 agreed for the APM / AGM / PC MEETING with refreshments. Community groups to be contacted.

1. **Finance**

(a) To note account balances at 29th February 2024: £18,184.13

(b) To approve the payments to be made in month as listed below:

Clerk training: £90 APPROVED

Hall Hire annual invoice: Request for half yearly invoicing in arrears - £80 per half year APPROVED

Phone box cleaning reimbursement: £25 - APPROVED

Brunby News contribution: £100 - APPROVED

(c) To note the receipts received during February 2024: £0

1. **Policies for review**

(a) Community Emergency Planning

(b) TBC

**To be considered at a future meeting.**

1. **Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda**
2. **Correspondence for Information**

None

## Items from Parish Councillors

## A new village resident has made contact and a copy of Brunby News will be shared with them.

## Agenda items for next meeting

## Date of next meeting

May 22nd 2024, 7.30pm at Wilby Coronation Hall.

ALL: Confirmed

MEETING CLOSED – 20.59

*A. Clarke*

*Clerk to the Council*