**Wilby Parish Council**

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Wilby Coronation Hall, Wilby on Thursday, 25th January 2024, commenced at 7.00pm.**

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| **Item** |  |
| **250124/01** | **Chairman’s welcome** |
| **250124/02** | **Apologies for Absence**  Councillor Linder, accepted. |
| **250124/03** | **Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**  No councillors declared interests in subsequent agenda items.  Dispensations n/a |
| **250124/04** | **Minutes**  It was resolved that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th November 2023 were a true and correct record of the business conducted. |
| **250124/05** | **County and District Councillors and Wardens**   1. County and District Councillors did not attended the meeting (Cllr Linder had previously submitted a report). 2. The Chair read out reports from the Footpath and Tree wardens.   Cllr Regis reported that several bridleways are currently blocked and that there are some footpath issues.   1. The Chair read out the report from the Tree Warden. |
| **250124/06** | **Progress Reports**   1. The Chair reported that there hasn’t been any progress on Highway safety measures Wilby Village since the last meeting. Three items remain under consideration:    * 1. A baffle barrier.      2. Road markings outside the school to be improved.      3. Village Entrance Gates.   There are ring fenced funds received from the District Council in the budget that can be used towards the Village Entrance Gates. The possibility of applying to use CIL funds will be investigated. The County Councillor, Peter Gould, had previously also offered a contribution. Parish Council is awaiting the refund from County Council for the traffic volume and speed survey.  b) The Chair confirmed that no further input by the Parish Council is currently required on the request for Worlingworth Road speed restrictions. This item can be removed from future agendas.  c) The Chair confirmed that no further input is required on the EV chargers by the Parish Council as these are now being managed by the Village Hall Committee. This item can be removed from future agendas. |
| **250124/07** | **Public Forum**  The Chair noted that this agenda item has moved position on the agenda allowing the Public to hear reports first and be able to ask questions in public forum.  No members of the public spoke at the meeting. |
| **250124/08** | **Planning**  No items received for consideration as of 17/01/2024. |
| **250124/09** | **Finance**   1. Monthly accounts 2. To note account balances at 24th January 2024.   Cllr Cross requested that ‘Wilby PC’ be added to the top of the financial statement in future meetings.   1. To approve payments to be made.   The meeting discussed the support package defibrillator and the associated invoice for £151.20.  Cllr Cross proposed that the defibrillator support invoice be paid.  Cllr Regis seconded the motion.  Cllr Cross reported that he checks the defibrillator once a month. The code for the unit is C159X and this is a national code. Cllr Cross said that defibrillator will need a new battery in May 2024. He also explained the VETs system. Cllr Cross added that window cleaner, Scott Regan could clean the phone box, where the defibrillator is housed, for £30.00. The meeting agreed this sum and also agreed that this item will need to be ratified at the next meeting.   1. To note receipts received since 9th November 2024.   The meeting noted the receipts received since 9th November 2024.   1. Precept 2024/25   Councillors reviewed and approved the precept for 2024-25 that had previously been reviewed by The Finance Committee.  Cllr Regis proposed that the Precept 2024/25 figures be accepted.  Cllr Cross seconded the motion. All in favour. |
| **250124/10** | **Governance**  No reviews to be undertaken at this point. |
| **250124/11** | **Correspondence**  No correspondence was tabled at the meeting. |
| **250124/12** | **Items from Parish Councillors**  A discussion on the continued shortage of Parish Councillors, the impact on effectively and democratically running the Council, and pressure on the three serving.  Updating and improving the Wilby website. |
| **250124/13** | **Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**  Website  Appointment of New Clerk  Payment for cleaning of Defibrillator kiosk |
| **250124/14** | **Date of the next meeting: TBA**  (This was to be March 14th but not all Councillors are available and there being a minimum required of three for quoracy ). |

Meeting Closed 20.13