

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024 held in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Whittaker-Smith Cllr Allan

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
None received - Clerk not in attendance due to medical reasons.
2. **To receive declarations of interest**
None received

24/78 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were accepted.

Prop: Cllr Allan

Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

decision was unanimous

24/79 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

In the absence of the Clerk notes which they had forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting were read out. (These are in blue throughout the minutes)

- "I emailed the head teacher at Walesby C of E Primary School and point out that the request for DARE funding didn't actually have a figure contained in it and also setting out the issues we may have along with offering free use of the Village Hall for any fundraising needs they may have – however I have not received a response.
- I have not seen the church warden to ask about opening the church on Monday 11th to allow the poppy wreath to be laid at the war memorial. Sandra has informed me that they plan on doing a small service at the memorial bench on Retford Road on Monday 11th November starting at around 10:30/10:45am. Cllr Allan to attend and take the Poppy Wreath
- I have spoken to Sandra, the carols in the hall event will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm. Jeremy is once again booked to play the keyboard to accompany the carols. We will do light refreshments at the interval as usual and also hope to have a Father Christmas visit. If one of you would like to come along and 'host' the evening that would be good." Cllr Smith may attend

24/80 The Allotments: to discuss their uptake and issues

- I asked the contractor to do the allotment gate and he said he would schedule it in asap and let me know when it was complete however I have not heard anything from him since, I did also tell him that due to the value of his quote for the other work we had to get other quotes as a comparison. If anyone wants to chase this his number is (details retracted for GDPR reasons)
- I have not heard anything back from the contractor regarding a quote to clear the area between the allotments and the churchyard.
- Now that the deadline for allotment renewals have passed you can see from the enclosed map there are 8 allotments now available. You will notice that plot 1 is blank this is because I have sent the paperwork to someone who requested the allotment but haven't received the tenancy agreement back yet. A decision will have to be made what we are going to do with the 'free' allotments, e.g. are we clearing them before we try to rent them out?
- Clerk to be asked to add this to the agenda of the next meeting to see if more information is available.

24/81 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

None received

24/82 Payments for approval

All payments were approved

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Sec: Cllr Allan

decision was unanimous

24/83 To receive items for information and future meetings

- The Stay & Play Christmas party will be held 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday 11th December.
- As I said in a previous email I will be unable to put the outdoor Christmas tree up this year due to my recovery from my operation. Cllr Smith to speak to Clerk about this

24/84 To suspend standing orders for public participation

None present.

24/85 Time and date of next meeting

Thursday 5th December at 6:30pm

Meeting closed at 6:50 pm