

SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024

Present:

Cllr F Christie

Cllr V Edmundson (Chair)

Cllr R Granger

Cllr R Fry – Ward Councillor

Shirley Asquith (Clerk)

Steve Cragg - public

Paul Fuller - public

Edwina Scott - public

Residents' Forum:

There was no attendance.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr S McDowall – for work reasons

Cllr Pat Bradwell – LCC

2. Vacancies:

With the recent resignation of Cllr Pedersen there are currently three vacancies. The three members of the public listed above were considering putting themselves forward for co-option. Following the meeting Steve Cragg and Paul Fuller wished to be proposed as councillors.

Paul Fuller – proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Edmundson

Steve Cragg – proposed by Cllr Granger, seconded by Cllr Edmundson

They both signed declarations of office and will complete and return pecuniary interest forms within the deadline. **Action: Clerk**

3. Declarations of interest:

Cllr McDowall's interest in the Heneage Estate Bike Park planning application still stands.

4. To agree the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1 August 2024:

These were agreed as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the parish council meeting of 1 August 2024:

Cllr Christie is waiting to see Paul Ferguson about the parish website host and individual email addresses for councillors which do not seem to be working properly.

Action: Cllr Christie.

6. Financial matters: presentation of financial report and bank statement:

The financial report and bank statement were circulated and approved.

It was agreed to move the ring-fenced money for the bus stop into the general balance as the council had completed the repairs for free. **Action: Clerk**

7. Defibrillator

Owing to the resignation of Cllr Marsh the Clerk is looking into sourcing a defibrillator from the BHF, which is free. At the current time there are none being offered and it is not clear that SWPC will be high up on the list of priority applicants. She suggested that the meeting should consider self-funding. It was agreed that the village still wanted one. Cllr Fry suggested contacting Jenny Cooper, the Clerk of South Elkington PC, who has recently obtained one. **Action: Clerk**

8. Bike track Heneage estate (standing item):

Until a formal announcement of the withdrawal of the planning application the meeting agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

9. Risk management (standing item):

Cllr Christie has ordered a bracket to secure the bench to the ground. Cllr Edmundson knows someone who might be able to fix it. The meeting agreed to pay up to £50 for the work to be done. **Action: Cllr Edmundson.**

10. Planning matters:

None.

11. Parish Council initiatives:

The drain without a lid on Donnington Road is opposite the Bray's farm gate. It was suggested that the planters could be allocated to councillors to look after under Roles and Responsibilities. The Clerk will check with Jo Rouston which of the planters were painted with preservative during the Village Tidy-up. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Fry reminded the meeting that he had grant monies available up until the end of February should there be anything the PC wished to apply for. The funding of a defibrillator would be eligible.

12. Correspondence:

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident whose horse had bolted as a result of a dog escaping from a front garden. The meeting agreed that there were several dogs in the village which barked aggressively at passers-by and tried to jump out and that they could be a danger to children and horse riders. However, the meeting felt it was not a parish council issue. Should there be an incident of a loose dog, it would be a matter for the individual to take up with the dog-owner and/or the police.

13. Items for next agenda:

None.

14. Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to move the meetings back to Tuesdays. The next meeting will be in January and the Clerk would circulate a list of revised dates. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date: