

**SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Present:**

Cllr F Christie (acting Clerk)

Cllr V Edmundson (Chair)

Cllr M Edmundson

Cllr R Granger

Cllr P Bradwell (LCC)

**Residents' Forum:**

There was no attendance from residents.

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr J Pedersen - unwell

Cllr S Scott – unwell

Cllr R Fry - unwell

Clerk S Asquith – unwell

**2. Vacancies:**

Cllr Christie began chairing the meeting until Cllr V Edmundson was proposed as Chair by Cllr F Christie and seconded by Cllr Granger. The Clerk is to send the information to the ELDC. One vacancy remains and is currently being advertised. **Action: Clerk**

**3. Declarations of interest:**

None.

**4. To agree the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4 July 2022**

These were agreed as a true record and signed off.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes of the parish council meeting of 4 July 2022**

There was no feedback on whether Cllr Scott had been set up with a dedicated parish council email address. **Action: Cllr Christie to liaise with Paul Ferguson**

There was no feedback on who had signed the bank mandates. **Action for next meeting.**

There was no feedback on who was successfully using the dedicated parish council email addresses. **Action for next meeting.**

There was no feedback regarding the community orchard. **Action: Cllr Pedersen**

There was no feedback on whether Cllr Granger had been able to speak to Alan Bray about disposal of soil from any footpath clearance along Station Road. **Action: Cllr Granger**

Cllr Bradwell stated that she would review the state of the pavements and roads in the village with the responsible highways officer.

The Clerk had put a sign up to cancel the litter pick.

There was no feedback on the information the clerk had provided on the possibility of locating a defibrillator in the phone box. **Action for next meeting.**

The Clerk had submitted the parish council objection to ELDC planning in a timely manner.

#### **6. Financial matters: presentation of financial report and bank statement; SAAA opt-out option:**

The finance report had been circulated and was approved.

The Clerk is unable to close the Money Manager account until the banking mandates are sorted out.

The SAAA opt-out option regarding the opportunity for each parish council to appoint an external auditor to carry out the full annual audit had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk's advice was to remain in the current system.

The Clerk had circulated an email from Gilly Gueritz, clerk of the Barkwith group of churches, giving the current situation, as she understood it, with the legacy monies. Any money for St Martin's was ringfenced and would not be used elsewhere. **Action: Some finalisation of the situation required. Clerk to pursue.**

#### **7. Model policies - decision on list to adopt:**

Agenda item for next meeting.

#### **8. Roles & responsibilities:**

Agenda item for next meeting.

#### **9. Bus shelter and bench repair:**

Cllr M Edmundson reported on how difficult it was proving to find a carpenter to do the work.

Cllr Christie said that his employer was prepared to donate a bench to the village and would present possible designs by Magnus Furniture before the next meeting. It was noted this would be chained to the concrete plinth rather than concreted in. **Action: Cllr Christie**

#### **10. Heneage Estate bike track update:**

The meeting was pleased to welcome Cllr Bradwell and to have the opportunity to discuss her support for the application.

There has been little movement on the application since the Natural England objection from 26 August. It is understood a reply was expected from the applicant last week – but no more information has been posted.

With October's planning committee meeting cancelled the earliest date for this to come before the ELDC Planning Committee is thought to be the November meeting – it was agreed an extraordinary meeting would be called as soon as the new planning response from the applicant is available for review. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Bradwell was asked to explain her documented support for the bike park – especially in the light of the Natural England objection and the concern over the nominated operator's, Focus Rides, behaviour in building without appropriate permissions at the original Wolds Bike Park Site.

Cllr Bradwell declined to comment on these matters and stated she had voiced support for this application without being familiar with the full details – and would not comment further until after the application had been reviewed by the ELDC planning committee. Cllr Christie chose to point out that Cllr Bradwell had been happy to be quoted by the media in support of the application without appearing to be familiar with the detail in relation to its possible impact on South Willingham village and yet was not prepared to review her commendation now that further information was available. **Action: Cllr Christie to contact Cllr Bradwell for further discussion.**

**11. Risk management (standing item):**

Owing to the precarious state of the village bench it has been decided to remove it. **Action: Cllr Granger and Cllr Christie.**

**12. Planning matters:**

None received.

**13. Parish Council initiatives:**

No items raised.

**14. Correspondence:**

The clerk had written to object to the Biscathorpe drilling application. Details of the hearing on 11<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated.

**15. Items for next agenda:**

Model policies for adoption.

Roles and responsibilities.

**16. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 16 November, 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman: