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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025. The meeting took place at 7pm at the Village Hall. **(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)**

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Paul Strowlger, Jill Day, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present were Keith Robinson and Ed Back. There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies received from Connor Moore, and Carly Jones. Apologies accepted by all members, Proposed by Paul S, and seconded by Jill D. Apologies also received from Paul Ashdown.
2. **Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda. Miles declared an interest in the garages when budget is discussed.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 11th November 2024. Apart from one item which had previously been corrected (Jill D was not involved in social media) the minutes were unanimously agreed and confirmed. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Miles.
4. **Public Forum** No members of the public were present.
5. **Updates**
 - Speed Indicator – Jill D presented the findings from the speed indicator. Ed Back will forward the contact details for the local Police Officer, Michelle Deal, so she can be contacted regarding the high proportion of cars speeding along this stretch of road. The speed camera will be reversed to monitor traffic going out of the village.
 - Warm Welcome Rooms – This is running well with about 12 attendees per week, some of whom are from neighbouring villages. Stats have been sent to ESC.
 - Grants update – All the grant-funded projects are up to date. An evaluation is still to be sent for the archive project. The VH committee have secured funding and have organised fitness classes to commence on 21st January. This will be a taster session followed by an 8-week block. If successful, funding will be obtained for on-going sessions. Leaflets will be sent around the village in due course.
 - Village Hall Energy Bid – A quote has been obtained for £19,200. Funding is being sought.

Signed

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- Car park and Conservation Area – A meeting is planned for Friday to draw up plans for the car park area.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

Keith Robinson spoke about a devolution meeting regarding the reorganisation of District and County Councils to streamline the structure of the Councils.

7. Correspondence –

No correspondence received that has not already been dealt with or circulated

8. Review of Draft Budget for 2025/26 and Precept request for 2025/26 – The budget for 2025/26 was set. (see Appendix 1 below). The precept for 2025/26 was set at £4109. This increases the amount for a Band D property to £30.46 resulting in an increase of less than £1 from last year. Proposed by Paul S and seconded by Jill D. No objections.

9. Accounts a: Review of income and expenditure and balances to end December 2024. Review of bank reconciliation to end of December 2024. Review of actual and forecast income to end December 2024. There was a query regarding grant income in the actual and forecast table. Clerk will look through this and bring back to the meeting in March for review.

b: Payments to Authorise:

Clerk's salary to end of January 2025 and end of February 2025 – agreed in principle pending review of clerk's salary and WFH allowance at item 11. Proposed by Gayle and seconded by Jenny. No objections.

Village Hall (Warm Rooms) £245 Proposed by Jill D, seconded by Paul A.

Reimbursement to Wendy £14.72 and £17.21. Agreed pending invoice for £17.21. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jenny.

SLCC £80 – membership renewal – proposed by Jill D, seconded by Paul S.

10. Dates of Future Meetings 2025 - 3rd March 2025.

11. Councillors Forum – Walk the Footpaths (carried forward from last meeting), Speed Camera, Laptop replacement (carried forward from last meeting).

12. Non-Public Item – Review of clerk's salary and working from home allowance. This was discussed and agreed privately and outcome reported to clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Appendix 1

Proposed Budget 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Income:

Precept	4109.00
Garage Rents	858.00
Allotment Rents	120.00
Bank Interest	30.00
Total Planned Income	<u>5117.00</u>

Expenditure:

Employment Costs	2962.00
Insurance	700.00
Hall Hire	90.00
Website Hosting	90.00
SLCC subscription	90.00
SALC subscription	225.00
Internal Audit	225.00
ICO (GDPR) registration	45.00
Contingency and Other	750.00
Total Planned Expenditure	<u>5172.00</u>

Signed

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