MINUTES: of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Beverley Chance, David Pickup, Keith Russell, Peter Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Maxi Freeman, Clerk

1. **The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.**
2. **Apologies for absence**. Received in advance from Cllr Hanks.
3. **Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011).** None.
4. **To hear representations from the public regarding items on the Agenda.** None.
5. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (May 2022)** The meeting approved the minutes and the Chairman signed them. Action: Clerk to post to website and circulate by email.
6. **Matters Arising (Clerk’s Report and report from Chairman).** Councillors noted the Clerk’s report and decided to cover the topics of online banking and insurance policy changes at item 9.

The Chairman reported that the presentation of Platinum Jubilee commemorative medals to children in the village had been very well received and that more children than expected had requested one.

1. **Planning applications**

a. To comment on: No new applications had been included in the agenda.

b. To confirm comments made between meetings:

22/01877/FUL .Hillside, 1 Village Avenue. Councillors confirmed the post of ‘No objections’.

c. Councillors noted the following outcomes since the previous meeting:

21/02159/LBC Ash Tree Cottage. NPC objected. Awaiting Decision.

22/00045/FUL Pixie Cottage. NPC posted ‘No objections’. Awaiting Decision.

22/00676/LBC Farmhouse, Dale Street. Permitted.

22/00904/FUL Summerhill House. Awaiting Decision.

22/01204/FUL Church Farm House. Awaiting Decision

22/01330/FUL Parkers Cottage. Permitted .

22/01371/FUL Stables, Brockhill Quarry. Awaiting Decision.

1. **Assets and risk assessment**.

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| Recreation field (including dog waste) & benches | Cllr Bell confirmed that the main gate to the recreation ground was being damaged by scraping against the stony ground. Action: Cllrs Bell & Hanks to review suitability of material used in the playground for the area under the gate. Cllr Bell to provide costings for the next PC meeting.  The use of dog waste bags continued to increase. Action: Clerk to order double the usual quantity to avoid shortage. |
| Play area (including dog waste) | Cllr Hanks could not attend. |
| Flood Monitoring | Cllr Russell reported low water levels in the river. The October ‘clean up’ and inspection would take place as usual in October. Cllr Russell agreed to report to the PC in September regarding any work required and to address the issue of compost falling into the river. Action: Clerk to include in the agenda. |
| Village Hall | Cllr Chance informed the meeting that the Village Hall meeting would take place the following week and that she would report to the PC at the September meeting. Action: Clerk to include in the agenda. |

1. **Finances.**

**(a) To receive current accounts and bank reconciliation.** Councillors noted balances of

£10, 877.28 (current account 16 June 2022) and £454.89 (deposit account 9 Sept 2020).

Councillors noted the reconciliation, which the Chairman and the Clerk signed.

**(b) Insurance.** Councillors decided to defer a decision on whether to change to ‘all risks’ insurance to include the new playground equipment until the next meeting as the cost was double that of the current policy. Action: Clerk to find out (1) whether the all-risks policy covered the recreation ground as well as the playground; (2) a breakdown of the elements of the revised cost; (3) details of cover for damage to playground equipment; (4) what is included under ‘hirers liability’ (5) whether insurance for all village organisations using the recreation ground is included.

**(c ) To note income and expenditure and expenditure for the Recreation Ground 1.4.22 YTD.** Councillors noted the unpaid invoices. Mr Johnson has since paid but the annual fee from the Village Hall was still outstanding. Action: Cllr Chance will raise the matter at the Village Hall meeting in the following week.

**(d) To approve general payments and note receipts.** Councillors resolved to make the following payments:

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| 841 | M Freeman | Clerk’s salary May/June 2022 including arrears due to national pay award | LGA 1972 s.112 (2) | 439.27 |
| 842 | PATA | Arrears due to bank failing to update standing order | LGA 1972 s.112(2) | 6.20 |
| 843 | B. Chance | Expenses – Jubilee medals | LGA 1972 s.137 | 45.46 |
| 844 | Community First | Annual insurance premium DEFERRED to the next meeting | LGA 1972 s.111 |  |

1. **Any other business**

Councillors noted planning applications received after publication of the agenda. 22/0090/FUL Mill Barn - an update on a similar previous application; 22/00998/FUL at 1 Aylworth Cottages, erection a residential garage/storage, a further development on the site.

Cllr Russell noted that GCC has trees available for planting either on private land, land visible from a footpath or on a roadside verge (in which instance, GCC will also plant them)

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th September 2022 at 7 p.m. in the village hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

Signed …………………………………………………………………………. 19th September 2022

Chairman