

MARCH 2024 MINUTES

The **Parish Council** meeting was held on **Thursday, 7th March 2024** at **8.01p.m.** in Hough on the Hill Church community area.

Present: *Councillors S Sharman (Chair), R Harris, J Pope, A Seage and S Allen, District Councillor P Milnes* and 1 member of the public.

Clerk/RFO - Donna Lang

There was no public forum as we had just had the Annual Parish Meeting.

66/24 To receive apologies for absence, these having been submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from *Cllr McLean* and *Cllr Rann* and *Cty Cllr A Maughan*.

67/24 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and receive Requests for Dispensations. There were none.

68/24 To approve the draft notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2023 and for these to be signed as the agreed minutes. It was proposed by *Cllr Seage*, seconded by *Cllr Pope* and resolved to approve the Parish Council minutes. The minutes were duly signed.

69/24 To receive reports from *Cty Cllr A Maughan* and *Dist Cllr P Milnes*. *Dist Cllr P Milnes* read out her report (a copy is attached to these Minutes). *Cty Cllr A Maughan* had sent through a report which was read out by the Chair in his absence (a copy is attached to these minutes).

70/24 To note planning decision notice from SKDC on S23/1943 – change of use at 7 Gelson – application approved. Noted.

71/24 To note appeal of enforcement notice: APP/E2530/C/24/3337083 Brandon Wood Clay Shooting Ground, Brandon. Noted. *Dist Cllr P Milnes* advised that she had referred to this in her report.

72/24 SIDS – Discussion and resolution as to order of new brackets for three sites at approximately £200 each and purchase of speed watch sign to replace sign damaged at £27.54. It was proposed by *Cllr Seage*, seconded by *Cllr Pope* and resolved to purchase three sets of brackets and the speed watch sign. *Dist Cllr P Milnes* advised that Stubton Parish Council had applied for SIDS through funding and were successful. The Clerk was going to make an enquiry as to funding with Stubton Parish Council. *Dist Cllr P Milnes* asked about the timing of the SID at Gelston. Clerk would ask the member of the public who voluntarily moves the SIDS between the three villages about this.

73/24 Play Area. All inspections were up to date and Wicksteed have been instructed to do an annual inspection of the play area within the next 6/8 weeks. Councillors agreed that they would organise a clean up once the weather has improved. *Cllr Seage* is going to put some ideas together to present a design for the community with a possibility to obtain funding via the Prosperity Fund. Brittens have cancelled their grass cutting contract for all three villages and Clerk is obtaining quotations.

74/24 Prosperity Fund – *Cllr Pope* advised that you do not need match funding but you should not have ongoing maintenance costs as these will not be covered. *Cllr Pope* would organise a

public consultation on Next Door and News/Views. Clerk advised that no feedback has been received from website and noticeboard advertisement, only through the Nextdoor post. *Cllr Allen* had been asked by parishioners on Hough Road at the entrance to Brandon about the possibility of more car parking in the area behind the houses where the derelict and unused garages are located. *Dist Cllr P Milnes* would investigate and report back to *Cllr Allen*.

75/24 Emergency Group/Flooding – Chair advised that this was addressed in the annual report given in the Annual Parish meeting.

76/24 D Day 80 – 6th June 2024. After Next Door post, noticeboard and website advertisement no interest has been received. It was decided not to pursue this via any other avenues.

77/24 Neighbourhood Plan/Design Code – Chair advised that this had been addressed in the annual report given in the Annual Parish meeting.

Financial Matters:

78/24 Resolution to approve the payment of LALC invoice £166.86. It was proposed by *Cllr Harris*, seconded by *Cllr Seage* and resolved to approve the payment of LALC invoice.

79/24 Resolution to approve the payment of LALC training membership for 2024 invoice of £132.00. It was proposed by *Cllr Pope*, seconded by *Cllr Allen* and resolved to approve the payment of LALC training invoice £132.00.

80/24 Resolution to approve bank reconciliations for 30.11.23, 31.12.23, 31.01.24 and 29.2.24. The Clerk confirmed that the reconciliations had been checked by the Chair prior to the meeting. It was proposed by *Cllr Pope*, seconded by *Cllr Allen* and resolved that the Chair sign the monthly accounts.

81/24 Resolution to approve the payment of Clerk's expenses and training expenses February 2024 £163.37. It was proposed by *Cllr Pope*, seconded by *Cllr Harris* and resolved to approve the payment of the Clerk's expenses.

82/24 To note correspondence received since the November meeting, 2024 Environmental Policy and Assessment and Noise Management Programme from PF International Kart Circuit in Brandon. Noted.

83/24 To record the closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for discussion and approval of Contract of Employment for D Lang following a Parish Council meeting on 28th November 2023. Recorded.

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 9th May 2024**.

The meeting closed at 9.03p.m.