

## Foxley Group Parish Council

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at The Linhay,  
Devereux Wootton, Norton Canon

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present: S.Hallett (Chairman), D.Gwynne, A.Apps – part time, A.Powell, A.Davies

Apologies:

In Attendance: R.Hallett (Clerk), N.Mason (Ward Councillor) - part time

1. Draft Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were accepted and signed by SH as a true record.
2. Matters Arising
  - a. AP to approach the landowner for written agreement, in principle, to site a bus stop on the verge in the Hereford direction at Moorhampton. Only with this written confirmation will Herefordshire Council (HC) consider our request. RH to re-send to AP a draft text that could be used/amended for this purpose.
  - b. There is still no response on cost for traffic calming options at Moorhampton. It was however reported that the enquiry is now back with Balfour Beatty from HC. SH to establish whether the assessment required for the traffic calming and the one required for a speed limit are, or could be, the same.
  - c. Despite suggestions that there might be two residents willing to fill the vacant places on the council, there have been no approaches made to the Clerk.
  - d. RH and AA have completed the necessary steps to add AA as bank signatory. AP has not, however, been contacted to approve the addition. RH to pursue with Lloyds Bank.
3. Finance
  - a. The regular report was presented (see Agenda). In addition, RH updated that the projected net assets of the council at Mar 24 will be £7,000.
  - b. A grant application had been received from Brinsop PCC for £300 for churchyard maintenance. This was approved.
4. Highways
  - a. The 23/24 Lengthsman Contract is in force with most work due to be delivered in the next few weeks. Due to the state of the network, the jetting has been cancelled and an extra day of ditching has been added. This will result in a small reduction in cost to the parish council.
  - b. A draft Annual Maintenance Plan for 24/25 (App 1) was presented and the scope confirmed. Precise costs will be confirmed during contract finalisation.
5. Planning
  - a. Current applications were reviewed.
  - b. It was decided to pursue enforcement of the planning conditions for application 141561 at Woodleigh; specifically, the prevention of runoff from the property, down the drive onto the A480. As a first step, RH to draft a letter to the owner to be reviewed and approved by AA and DG in an attempt to resolve the matter informally. If this is unsuccessful, the issue to be escalated to HC.
6. Any Other Business

- a. NM gave an update on main HC issues including the financial situation, the bypass, relocation of the library, additional funding for the Lengthsman scheme.
7. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 6.30pm at The Linhay. West Mercia Police are due to attend to discuss local crime statistics and parish council priorities as part of the General Meeting. It was agreed that this would be the first item on the agenda, followed by the Annual Meeting, followed by the balance of the General Meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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