

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 28th March 2019 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion

PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)
Geoff Dunkley (Vice Chairman)
John Bradshaw
Gerry Crosbie
Julia Cunnington
Richard Drain
Maxine Palmer
Jon Warters

IN ATTENDANCE

Wg Cdr M Ainsworth, RAF Wittering
Mark Davies, Community Devt Officer, RAF Wittering
Four Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

Sqn Ldr M Knights attended prior to the meeting to advertise RAF Wittering Families Day (13th July 2019) and how the process for Wittering Residents to secure tickets will work.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Simon Hurn, Roger Paull and Diane Lamb, Ward Councillor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present.

4. MINUTES of the Fifth Meeting of the 2018/2019 Parish Council held on 24th January 2019 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- John Bradshaw **Seconded by:-** Jon Warters

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

John Bradshaw gave an update of the current situation. A meeting had taken place on 20th March 2019 with Shailesh Vara, MP, John Holdich, Leader of PCC, Diane Lane, Ward Councillor, representatives of the RAF, Geoff Dunkley and himself to progress the campaign. Everyone attending the meeting had been supportive. A business case has been drawn up and this will be taken to Mr C Grayling, Transport Minister in May 2019 and will outline reasons why the current gap in the central reservation should be replaced. These include the danger of the current junction, that many Wittering residents suffer from 'village isolation' because they are cut off from facilities such as doctors and dentists and that carbon emissions are increased because people have to drive north to Stamford in order to travel south from Wittering. John

Bradshaw was thanked for all his hard work in progressing the campaign. It was agreed to pay his travel costs for attending the meeting in May 2019.

ii) **Delaine Bus Service 205**

The Parish Councillors were disappointed that no reply has been received to date regarding the Parish Council's request for financial support towards funding a Saturday service. The Clerk will contact Cllr Holdich again accordingly. Another meeting with the neighbouring Parish Councils will be arranged once a reply has been received from Cllr Holdich. It was noted that the Call Connect Bus Service is working well.

iii) **Parish Hall Kitchen - Peterborough Communities Fund (Gerry Crosbie)**

Gerry Crosbie had organised a meeting with users of the Parish Hall, the caretaker, the Clerk, Julia Cunnington, Geoff Dunkley and a representative of QKS Kitchen of Stamford to discuss what is required/desired. He had submitted an application to the Peterborough Communities Fund on 18th February 2019 but has not been informed of the decision on the application to date. Gerry Crosbie was thanked for all his hard work in dealing with the application.

iv) **Facebook Page (Julia Cunnington)**

Julia Cunnington stated that she had no update on the Facebook Page. Wg Cdr Ainsworth stated he would be happy to include any relevant information on the RAF Wittering Facebook Page.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was agreed to discuss the Parish Council's Safeguarding Policy (already circulated to the Parish Councillors) at the next meeting.

7. **FINANCE**

i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28th February 2019 was reviewed and approved as presented.

Proposed by:- John Bradshaw **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

ii) Donation to Bowls' Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations

It was agreed to donate £1,000 towards supporting the Bowls' Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations, paying the water and sewerage costs and maintaining the equipment. This was proposed by John Bradshaw, seconded by Geoff Dunkley and agreed by all present.

iii) Donation to Wittering Football Club

It was agreed to donate £1,000 towards supporting the Wittering Football Club's plans to upgrade the floodlights which will result in significantly reduced electricity costs. This was proposed by Gerry Crosbie, seconded by Geoff Dunkley and agreed by all present.

iv) Donation to Wittering Primary School

It was agreed to donate £2,500 towards supporting Wittering Primary School to purchase curricular resources. This was proposed by John Bradshaw, seconded by Julia Cunnington and agreed by all present with Gerry Crosbie and Geoff Dunkley abstaining.

v) Setting a Ring-Fenced Fund for Renewing the Parish Hall Roof

It was agreed to ring-fence a sum towards the cost of renewing the Parish Hall Roof and put this in a separate bank account.

8. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Members of the Public present raised the following issues:-

- Mrs M Venables confirmed that there is a service at 10.30 am every Sunday at All Saints' Church, Wittering
- A resident requested help to establish ownership of a tree on a small area of land on Townsend Road which is blocking out the light to his property and could be potentially dangerous for motorists if branches

fall off onto the road. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Diane Lamb, John Holdich, Peterborough City Council and the Highways England.

- A resident requested financial support for the 2nd Wittering Scouts Fund Day. It was agreed that a written request needs to be submitted along with a copy of the accounts before a decision will be made.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Slimming World Banner**

Ms N Burton, Slimming Word had requested permission to erect a banner promoting the group at the Parish Hall. It was agreed that she can do this before and after the meeting on a Wednesday but not as a permanent fixture.

ii) **Silver Birch Court Management Group**

It was agreed that Silver Birch Court Management Group could use the Bowls Club Pavilion for their meetings.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 6th June 2019 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion.

11. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

06/06/19