

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 12th March 2020 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion

PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)
John Bradshaw (Vice Chairman)
Gerry Crosbie
Julia Cunnington
Geoff Dunkley
Simon Hurn
Roger Paull
Jon Warters

IN ATTENDANCE

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

John Bradshaw, Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

Wittering Youth Forum – the members from Wittering Youth Forum gave a short presentation about their wish to locate two picnic tables on MoD land in the village. They will consult with nearby residents before the picnic tables are sited. The Parish Councillors thanked the members for attending and agreed to fund the two picnic tables.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Maxine Palmer.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. No crimes were reported.

4. MINUTES of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 30th January 2020 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by:- Simon Hurn

Seconded by:- Richard Roffe

5. MATTERS ARISING

i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

John Bradshaw is due to attend a meeting with Baroness Vere of Surbiton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport and Shailesh Vara, MP at Westminster on 23rd March 2020. Richard Roffe expressed his hopes that the RAF continues to support the Group.

ii) **Finding Fitness Ltd**

Roger Paull has contacted Jack Hubbard of Finding Fitness Ltd but has not had a reply to date.

iii) **Wittering Bowls' Club Canopy Quotations**

John Hare is awaiting a quotation for a canopy for the Bowls' Club Pavilion. Richard Roffe agreed to obtain a quotation.

iv) **Bell Tower Inspection**

Geoff Dunkley confirmed that an inspection of the bells has taken place and they have been passed as safe to ring. The bells will be rung every Monday night at 7.30 pm and anyone who is interested in bell ringing is welcome to attend.

v) **Wittering Sports & Social Club Agreement**

Gerry Crosbie gave a report on his progress to date in producing a more formal agreement/contract with Wittering Sports & Social Club. The Asset Register is currently lodged with the accountants and he hopes to obtain sight of it soon. He confirmed that the Sports & Social Club pay their own electricity bill. He confirmed that the Sports & Social Club pay the cleaner's wages (for cleaning both the Sports & Social Club and the Parish Hall) and for the windows to be cleaned. He stated that he felt that having looked at what the Sports & Social Club pay, this should be in lieu of any rent to be paid to the Parish Council. He has suggested that the Minutes of the Sports & Social Club's Meetings should be put onto the Parish Council Website. He still has to draw up a Job Description for the cleaner. He said that although good progress has been made, there are still some outstanding issues to deal with. The Parish Councillors agreed with the suggestion that the Sports & Social Club should not pay any rent to the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to Gerry Crosbie for his report. Thanks were expressed to Richard Roffe for his hard work and commitment to the Sports & Social Club over many years and David Standish-Leigh for his current work.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Wittering Primary School had sent a letter of thanks for the funding of the coaches for the Young Voices Concert.

Wittering Harriers JFC had sent a letter requesting an extension to the existing compound used by the Football Club. After a short discussion, the Parish Councillors agreed to this request and to pay for the cost of this. A quotation will be obtained from the builders who undertook the original works. Wittering Football Club had investigated the possibility of undertaking work, including spraying on the football pitches but it was noted that this will not be going ahead. It was confirmed that both Wittering Football Club and Wittering Harriers JFC need to approach the Parish Council for permission prior to undertaking any projects.

7. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 29th February 2020 was reviewed and approved as presented.
Proposed by:- Simon Hurn **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

8. **PUBLIC FORUM**

David Standish-Leigh requested permission to install a glass washer in the Sports & Social Club. This will involve removing the sink and cupboards and replacing the sink. The Parish Councillors agreed to this request.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Roger Paull agreed to liaise with Mark Davies regarding the erection of a kissing-gate and warning sign at the path adjacent to the A1.
ii) Julia Cunnington suggested that the black box on the side of the Sports & Social Club needs marking up as someone had recently knocked their head on it
iii) Julia Cunnington reported that Wittering Primary School will have a float at the Stamford Festival in June 2020.
iv) Roger Paull expressed his thanks to Robin Dunlop for tidying up the corner at the junction with Hillside Gardens and keeping the footpaths in a good state and this backed up was by all the Parish Councillors. The Clerk will write and thank Robin Dunlop accordingly.

- v) Richard Roffe agreed to mark up who owns what land in the village for future reference. The Clerk will obtain an OS map.
- vi) Geoff Dunkley and John Bradshaw stated they had been appointed Church Wardens.
- vii) The grass at the edge of the footpath across the playing field is higher than the path and is causing puddles on the footpath. The Clerk will report to Peterborough City Council.
- viii) John Bradshaw asked if the gas tank at Hill Park could be tidied up.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of Wittering Parish Council should have taken place **at 7.00 pm on 14th May 2020 in Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion**. This should have been the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting. However, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, these meetings will have to be postponed.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

14/05/20