

# WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 in Wittering Parish Hall

### PRESENT

Richard Roffe (Chairman)  
John Bradshaw (Vice Chairman)  
Julia Cunnington  
Geoff Dunkley  
Joanna Gault  
Maxine Palmer  
Emma Wilson-Brown

### IN ATTENDANCE

Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk

John Bradshaw chaired the meeting.

Joanna Gault and Emma Wilson-Jones, the newly co-opted Parish Councillors were welcomed to the meeting.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Gerry Crosbie, Simon Hurn, Ally McNaughton, Wittering Bowls' Club, Paul Vasey, Larkfleet Homes Housing Development and Peterborough City Ward Councillor Gavin Elsey.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Julia Cunnington declared an interest in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts (as her daughter is a member). John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as they are Church Wardens).

### 3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. No crimes were reported. It was noted that there are still issues of anti-social behaviour at the Playpark and the RAF Police do not appear to have addressed these.

### 4. MINUTES of the meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 were reviewed and approved. **Proposed by:-** Maxine Palmer                      **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

### 5. MATTERS ARISING

#### i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

Gavin Elsey was not present. The Clerk will ask him for an update.

#### ii) **Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement**

Gerry Crosbie had sent a message stating that there had been no progress with the Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement. It was noted that new doors to replace the current doors at the back of the building have been ordered but they are stuck in transit.

**iii) Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts' Plans**

No representatives from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts were present. A Planning Application for Change of Use has been received (see under Correspondence). The Clerk will contact the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts and ask them to bring along information to the next meeting about the organisations that they are planning to apply to for the funding of the building and associated costs.

**iv) Dog Fouling in the Village**

It was noted that the Dog Foul Bin which had been removed from outside the Larkfleet Homes Housing Development off Lawrence Road has now been returned.

**v) Boiler in the Wittering Junior Football Club Pavilion**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council is responsible for the cost of servicing and maintaining the boiler. The Wittering Junior Football Club is responsible for organising a plumber to undertake any necessary works.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Tommy Kelly, Armed Forces Covenant Officer, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - *Armed Forces Covenant* – the Parish Councillors agreed to sign the Armed Forces Covenant. The Clerk will check on what needs to be done.
- ii) Planning Application 21/01857/FUL *Change of use of land and erection of new scout hut and boundary treatments on land off Burghley Avenue, Wittering* – this was discussed and voted upon with 3 votes to support, 1 vote against and 3 abstentions, the Clerk will inform the Planning Department at Peterborough City Council. There was a majority vote for the Parish Council not to make any comments about the Planning Application.

**7. FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was reviewed and approved as presented. The invoices of £9,242.95 and £433.20 from Cadent for the essential gas works at the Parish Hall were noted.  
**Proposed by:-** Richard Roffe                      **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

**ii) Request for Funding for T-Shirts for Young Voices Event from Wittering Primary School**

Richard Roffe proposed that the Parish Council donate £1,000 towards the cost of the T-Shirts. This was seconded by Geoff Dunkley and agreed by all present. The Clerk will confirm that this sum should only be spent on the T-Shirts and not used for other purchases.

**iii) Funding of the Church Repairs**

Geoff Dunkley stated that the invoice for replacing the bell clappers was for £1,200 and this will be presented to the Parish Council for payment (as agreed at the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021). The invoice for replacing the bell ropes was for £1,200 and it is hoped that this will be paid for from the Wittering Parish Room Fund.

**iv) Budget and Precept 2022-2023**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk will meet in early January 2022 to set the Budget and Precept 2022-2023. These will be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

**8. LARKFLEET HOMES DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Vasey, Site Manager was not present. No issues with the site have been reported.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no Members of the Public present.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Rubbish Bin and Litter Issues**

Emma Wilson-Brown stated she had noted that the rubbish bin outside the Co-op had been full recently and asked who was responsible for emptying it. It is the responsibility of Peterborough City Council. The Clerk will ask if it is possible for a recycling bin to be erected at this site.

The Parish Councillors would like to thank residents who have volunteered to undertake litter-picking within and on the edges of the village. It is much appreciated.

ii) **Fallen Tree on Old Oundle Road**

The Parish Councillors would like to thank Robin Dunlop and his son and Simon Hurn for clearing the fallen tree on Old Oundle Road recently. It is much appreciated.

iii) **Footpath next to the Fence Around Wittering Primary School**

Emma Wilson-Jones stated that the footpath is covered by wet leaves and is very slippery. The Clerk will ask Peterborough City Council for it to be cleared. She will also ask Mark Davis, Community Development Officer, RAF Wittering if the SWO Officer still has a Friday Working Party who could be tasked to help.

iv) **Map showing Land Ownership in Wittering**

Emma Wilson-Jones agreed to ask her husband to produce a map for Richard Roffe to markup land ownership in Wittering.

v) **RBL Poppy Appeal 2021**

Geoff Dunkley reported that £3,521.87 had been raised this year.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Wittering Parish Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman

DATE

13/01/22