

# WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Wittering Parish Hall

### PRESENT

John Bradshaw (Chairman)  
Gerry Crosbie (part)  
Julia Cunnington  
Simon Hurn  
Maxine Palmer  
Emma Wilson-Jones

### IN ATTENDANCE

Wg Cdr Margaret Boyle, RAF Wittering  
Mark Davis, Community Development Officer, RAF Wittering  
Paul Vasey, Allison Homes  
12 Members of the Public  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Geoff Dunkley, Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), Gillian and Ricky Amos (2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as they are Church Wardens). Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

### 3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

#### i) **Chairman**

John Bradshaw as proposed by Simon Hurn, seconded by Emma Wilson-Jones and agreed by all present.

#### ii) **Vice Chairman**

Maxine Palmer as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Joanna Gault and agreed by all present.

### 4. CO-OPTION OF TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk had received five applications for the two vacancies, but two applicants had subsequently withdrawn their applications. Interviews for the two vacancies will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### 5. POLICE MATTERS

#### i) **Anti-Social Behaviour outside Cost Cutter**

Wg Cdr Boyle stated that there have been attempts to engage with the young people who hang around the Airpark/Playpark next to the Community Shop. The Airpark is now over 10 years old and there are plans to investigate refurbishing it and adding more lighting and CCTV.

- ii) **Neighbourhood Watch**  
Liz Putterill gave a comprehensive report about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as she has agreed to take on the role of Co-Ordinator. The Parish Councillors indicated they will look favourably on requests for funding signs, etc.

6. **MINUTES** of the meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were reviewed and approved.  
**Proposed by:-** Simon Hurn                      **Seconded by:-** Emma Wilson-Jones

## 7. **MATTERS ARISING**

- i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**  
As Gavin Elsey was not present, there was no update. The Chairman will discuss this with Gavin Elsey. Sophie Joy, a resident, expressed at interested in becoming involved with the Group.

- ii) **Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement**  
As Gerry Crosbie was not present, there was no update, but it was understood that Ally McNaughton had sent him photographs of the equipment.

- iii) **Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts' Plans**  
Gillian and Ricky Amos had sent their apologies for absence along with the following update: "We currently have no updates other than we have met with Ian, our Architect and advised to start sourcing samples and prices ready for approval, contacting key authorities regarding electric/sewage, tree protection and car park management plans and start applying for grants/funding. We have a comprehensive list as we issued previously and are waiting on our final accounts from Sam, our Treasurer which will hold all the key financial information we need to apply for these. We will keep you informed with any details as we move forward".

- iv) **'Flashing Speed Sign' on Old Oundle Road/Speeding in the Village**  
The Chairman will discuss this with Gavin Elsey. Liz Putterill will investigate activating Community Speedwatch.

- v) **Repairs to the Parish Hall**  
Geoff Dunkley had obtained one quotation for the work but will be asked to obtain a further quotation for the work.

- vi) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**  
Joanna Gault gave a comprehension brief of the plans for the Wittering Community Jubilee Weekend to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Rev Margaret Venables will open the event at 1.00 pm. Thanks were expressed to Joanna Gault and the Committee for all their hard work in organising the event.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Shona McKenzie, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – Anti-Social Behaviour in Wittering (Noted)  
ii) Cate Harding -TIP Permits for all Peterborough Parish Councils (Noted)  
iii) Good Neighbours Scheme (Maxine Palmer agreed to find out more information)

## 9. **FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was reviewed and approved as presented.  
**Proposed by:-** Emma Wilson-Jones                      **Seconded by:-** Simon Hurn

- ii) **Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2022**  
The Independent Internal Audit Report has been completed and it was noted that all control tests had been satisfactorily met by the Council's records and procedures.
- i. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement - was examined, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
  - ii. Section 2 Annual Return Accounting Statements for Year Ending March 2022 were examined, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer
  - iii. The Annual Return will be e-mailed to the PKF Accountants by the required date.
- iii) **Purchasing of Dog Foul Bins**  
A Member of the Public stated that she had been informed that Aragon were planning to replace the bins. The Clerk will check this out before a decision on the purchasing of new, larger bins is made.
- iv) **Wittering Bowls' Club Pavilion**  
John Hare asked if the Parish Council would approve the purchase of a new back door and a canopy for the Pavilion. This had been approved in the past but had been withdrawn when the Bowls' Club received a PCC Grant of £10,000. It was agreed that up-to-date quotations would be required before a decision could be made.

## 10. **ALLISON HOMES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Vasey gave an update:

- There are 45 houses completed
- The Health & Safety Reports have been good
- There have been no accidents on the site
- Sales are strong

A request was made for a donation of one of the flag poles for the village. He agreed to investigate if this would be possible. He will provide a list of the road names on the development.

## 11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) **Richard Roffe**  
It was agreed that the Clerk will ask Shirley Roffe if she has any ideas of a suitable gift that the Parish Council could purchase to mark the retirement of Richard Roffe.
- ii) **RAF Report**  
Wg Cdr Boyle stated that she will be leaving RAF Wittering in the next two months.

Mark Davis gave a comprehensive update on Airplay Youth Provision. He will send a report to the Clerk, and this will be put onto the Website.

## 12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Wittering Parish Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

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Chairman

DATE

07/07/22