

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 11th APRIL 2024 IN THE PARISH HALL**

Item No	
24(04)1	Chair's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
24(04)2	In Attendance: John Bradshaw, Julia Cunnington, Geoff Dunkley, Jo Gault, Dave Hughes, Jean Jackson, Kate Jackson, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Wilson-Jones, Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), five members of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) Apologies for Absence: Russell Pye and Emma Stacey (RAF Wittering)
24(04)3	Declaration of Interest The Chair reminded the Parish Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as they are Church Wardens). Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning the allotments (as he is an allotment holder).
24(04)5	Public Time No members of the public present had any individual concerns that they wished to raise.
24(04)6	Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2024 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 th March 2024, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Jo Gault, agreed by all present and signed by the Chair.
24(04)7	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 7th March 2024
	Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group Gavin Elsey has been attending meetings with Highways England to progress this.
	New Wittering Community Building Dave Hughes said that a scoring matrix had been used to finalise the choice of architect for the project. The Clerk will inform the successful architect and a meeting will be arranged with him.
	Village Events The next Village Event will be the Summer Fete 1.00 – 11.00 pm on 13 th July 2024. Leaflets will be distributed to all residents. The TA Royal Anglian Brass Band will be performing and there will be live music throughout the event.
	Village Bus Service A meeting will be held on 26 th April 2024 to progress this. Gavin Elsey said that several tenders have been received.

	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Chair spoke about the meetings that he had attended at Peakirk and Sutton Parish Councils who are both preparing Neighbourhood Plans. Emma Wilson-Jones proposed that the residents start a Neighbourhood Plan, this was seconded by Jo Gault and agreed by all present. The Chair will consult with Gavin Elsey to progress this.</p>
	<p>Speedwatch Iain Wilkinson had undertaken research into Evolis Radar Speed Signs as a solution to reducing speed within the village. These would cost approximately £2,250 each. Two locations will possibly be Burghley Avenue and Townsend Road. Iain will prepare a report for the next meeting.</p>
	<p>Communication between the Parish Council and Residents & Village Newsletter The Sports & Social Club plans to publish a quarterly newsletter and will invite the Parish Council to contribute Parish Council news in it. Becki Sharman plans to publish an online version.</p>
	<p>Parish Hall – Terms & Conditions Russell Pye is looking at the current Parish Hall Terms & Conditions (to include an inventory) as well as the current Parish Council Owned Buildings' Agreements and make any recommendations that he feels would be useful. It was agreed to cancel the evening event booked for 20th April 2024. The Clerk will inform the hirer and refund her deposit. Geoff Dunkley has obtained Eye Parish Council's Hall Terms & Conditions for reference and the Clerk will send these to Russell Pye.</p>
	<p>Keyholders for Parish Council Owned Buildings Russell Pye will look at who the keyholders should be for the Parish Council Owned Buildings.</p>
	<p>Storage Container Robin Dunlop has agreed to help with obtaining a Storage Container and Emma Wilson-Jones will consult with him.</p>
	<p>Nature Recovery in Wittering The Chair had met with Mike Horne and Sophie Van Den Burgh. A formal plan will be prepared. A village walk-around looking at suitable sites will take place on 22nd April 2024.</p>
	<p>Parish Council Liaison Meeting The Chair had attended the recent Parish Council Liaison Meeting and reported on the topics that had been discussed including fly-tipping, the Police Liaison meetings and biodiversity as a requirement of planning permission.</p>
	<p>Defibrillator Gavin Elsey will speak to the MD of Allison Homes regarding the siting of a defibrillator at the Allison Homes Development site.</p>
24(04)9	<p>Police Report The Parish Councillors were disappointed that only one resident had attended the Police Surgery held on 21st March 2024.</p>
24(04)10	<p>Organisation Reports RAF Emma Stacey had submitted a report which had been submitted to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.</p>
	<p>Bowls' Club Ally McNaughton (Chair) gave a report to the meeting. The Bowls' Club is in the Top Division of the Stamford & District League and was placed third in the Peterborough League, only just missing promotion to the Peterborough Premier League. A small profit was made in 2023. The club has sufficient funds to replace the benches and purchase a new water tank when required.</p>
	<p>Sports & Social Club Craig Buttress together with Lisa Creighton gave a detailed financial and general report to the meeting. Following the AGM held on 9th April 2024, Criag is now the Treasurer, Lisa is now the Chair and Ro Thistlewood is now the secretary. The Sports & Social Club has established a £2,000 charity fund from which local organisations can apply for small grants. It was agreed that the Sports & Social Club can erect a small fence around the patio area. It was agreed that the Cheesy Pig Van can be sited in the car park on the first Thursday of every month for one year (and then this will be reviewed). There is now free WIFI available in the Sports & Social Club and Village Hall. The Clerk will contact Emma Stacey to see if one of the spare bike racks (belonging to the RAF) could be sited at the Parish Hall/Sports & Social Club. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the Sports & Social Club for their hard work in making this excellent village facility a success.</p>
	<p>Junior Football Club Report Steve Orr had submitted a report which had been submitted to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. There are 136 players, ten teams and thirty adult volunteers. There is also an adult team. The club has</p>

	sufficient funds to purchase kits and equipment when required. The teams will be playing until the end of May due to the bad weather. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the Junior Football Club for supporting young people in the village.
	All Saints' Church Report Rev Gary Alderson - "Our Easter celebrations at All Saints' were well-attended, especially the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday. It was good to welcome some rainbows, brownies and guides for Mothering Sunday. Work will be continuing on the roof and walls. The notice board should be installed soon – it is currently upstairs".
	Allotments Simon Goldsmith had confirmed that there were no outstanding issues with the allotments.
24(04)11	Planning 23/00852/FUL Proposed Cattery, temporary mobile home and small pet crematorium at Magnolia House, Old Oundle Road, Thornhaugh – Permitted 24/00183/HHFUL Front ground floor extension at 51 Church Road, Wittering – Awaiting Decision 24/00276/HHFUL Demolition of single storey extension, construction of single storey and two storey rear extension at 8 Eccles Road, Wittering – Awaiting Decision 23/01750/FUL Installation of an approximately 4.3km below ground pipeline as a diversion to an existing pipeline at Collyweston – Awaiting Decision
24(04)12	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various CAPALC Bulletins • Request from Antonino's Pizzeria Mobile Catering to site a van in the village – it was agreed to invite Sergio Dello-Russo to the next meeting to discuss his plans. • Request re Roller Skating in the Parish Hall – Jean Jackson proposed that the Parish Council allows this to go ahead (if the hirer has their own Public Liability and keeps away from the Parish Hall windows), this was seconded by Iain Wilkinson and agreed by all present. • Wittering Guides – thanked the Parish Council and Craig Buttress for providing storage for guiding equipment in one of the garages next to the Sports & Social Club.
24(04)13	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the financial statement (previously circulated) . Approved as proposed by Emma Wilson-Jones, seconded by Jo Gault, and agreed by all present. To approve the payments included on the financial statement (previously circulated). Approved as proposed by Geoff Dunkley, seconded by Emma Wilson-Jones, and agreed by all present. • Quote from Eriam for Lock and Bolt for the Parish Hall – it was agreed not to go ahead with this work as the issue with the troublesome hirers has been dealt with. • Gavin Elsey has funded one RBL Tommy Bench from the Community Leadership Fund and he was thanked for this.
24(04)14	Matters for Future Consideration Parish Council Logo.
23(04)15	Date of the next meeting To confirm the date of the next meeting as 16 th May 2024, to be held at 7.00 pm in Wittering Parish Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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DATE 16/05/24

Chairman