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**MINUTES OF WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 IN THE PARISH HALL**

Item No	
24(10)1	<b>Chair's Welcome</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
24(10)2	<b>In Attendance:</b> John Bradshaw, Geoff Dunkley, Kate Jackson, Iain Wilkinson, Emma Wilson-Jones, Louise Sampson (RAF Wittering), Roger Paull (Wittering JFC), Craig Buttress (Wittering S&S Club), Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), one member of the public and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk) <b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Jo Gault, Dave Hughes, Russell Pye, Charlotte Blake (Wittering Primary School) and Sharon Polden (Airplay Station Youth Worker)
24(10)3	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> 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).
24(10)4	<b>Public Time</b> The following issues were raised:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By email – a request for CCTV at the entrance to the village from the A1 and the entrance to the village from the A47. The Parish Councillors were not able to vote on this as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting. Louise Sampson confirmed that if motorists are seen performing U-turns on the A1 to access the camp's main entrance, this should be reported to the police and the RAF. She will ask that military personnel are reminded that no U-turns should be undertaken on the A1. The Chair has a Zoom Meeting planned with Sam Carling, the newly elected MP, and will raise this as well as other local issues. He will invite Sam to attend the next Parish Council Meeting and to visit the village.</li><li>• Roger Paull asked why Draft Lease for the Junior Football Club included a £2,000 rent payment. The Chair confirmed that this had not been agreed yet. He said Russell Pye had looked at what other local football clubs had to pay but, as Russell Pye was not present, he could not comment. He confirmed that this was an on-going dialogue between the Parish Council and the Junior Football Club and was open to negotiation and the aim was to create a better working relationship. The possibility of asking for funds for sporting facilities from PCC was mooted but Gavin Elsey said that in the light of PCC's current financial difficulties, this would be unlikely. The Chair expressed grateful thanks to Roger Paull for all his work with the Junior Football Club.</li></ul>
24(10)5	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>

	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, were reviewed, approved as proposed by Geoff Dunkley, seconded by Emma Wilson Jones, agreed to by all present and signed by the Chair.
<b>24(10)6</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
	<b>Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group</b> Gavin Elsey has asked Lewis Banks (PCC Transport & Environment Manager) for an update and to confirm whether any plans have been retracted but has not had a reply. Gavin Elsey will chase this up.
	<b>New Wittering Community Building (including Funding)</b> Dave Hughes was not present so there was no update. The Clerk said she needed further information from Dave to send to 4Grants who could help with applying for grants and will chase this up. The Chair reported on a visit to Warboys' Parish Council, who are in the process of building a new community centre and he was able to find out information regarding how it was funded, etc.
	<b>Village Events</b> The next events will be Remembrance Tea on 9 <sup>th</sup> November, Drag Bingo on 16 <sup>th</sup> November and a Christmas Fayre on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2024. Tickets are still available for Remembrance Tea and Drag Bingo. There have been more applications for stalls at the Christmas Fayre this year. Events have already been booked for the Summer Fayre for 2025. Geoff Dunkley said that £300 had been raised for the church and £100 raised for SSAFA at the concert held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024. The Chair expressed grateful thanks to the Events' Committee for all their hard work.
	<b>Village Bus Service</b> Julia Cunnington gave an update on the bus service. Currently, there is no bus that arrives in Peterborough early enough for students to arrive at Peterborough College on time and students must wait an hour after the end of college to catch a bus back. Gavin Elsey said he was trying to challenge this with Peterborough College as it has been allocated funding to support students travelling to the college. The bus service currently has 2,000 users per month but needs more than this for it to grow.
	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> The letter has been printed and will be distributed to all households in the village.
	<b>Speedwatch</b> Iain Wilkinson will chase up the invoice for the order for the Elan Evolis.
	<b>Nature Recovery in Wittering</b> The Chair said he is due to meet Sophie Van Den Burgh on 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 and will give an update at the next meeting.
	<b>Parish Council Logo</b> Emma Wilson-Jones asked if prizes could be given to the top seven designs. She will arrange for the winning design to be digitalised. The Parish Councillors were not able to vote on this as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting.
	<b>Park Farm Trees</b> As Russell Pye was not present, this item was not discussed. It was noted that the footpath along the back of the school has been cleared of leaves.
	<b>Leases for the Bowls' Club, Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club</b> Meetings have taken place with representatives of the Bowls' Club, Junior Football Club and Adult Football Club when Draft Leases were discussed. Further meetings will be arranged.
	<b>Breakfast/Burger Van</b> No-one attended and so this item was not discussed.
	<b>Parish Councillor Vacancy</b> The Clerk reported that Kate Jackson had been the only applicant, but the Parish Council were not able to co-opt her as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting. Due to the resignation of Julia Cunnington, there is another Parish Councillor vacancy. The Clerk will advertise this vacancy.
<b>24(10)7</b>	<b>Footpath Improvements</b> The Chair reported that the works undertaken on Hall Lane have been successful and have greatly improved the condition of the footpath, which is now in a good state. He expressed grateful thanks to Lee Moore, PCC Footpaths' Officer for arranging for the works to be undertaken.
<b>24(10)8</b>	<b>Parish Liaison Meeting</b> The Chair was unable to attend the meeting as it was being held tonight but the Parish Council will receive the minutes in due course.
<b>24(10)9</b>	<b>Police Report</b>

	It was noted that PC Stephen Main has been working in the village, monitoring areas of concern that are either reported to the police or picked up on Facebook. He can access the CLC Building when he is in the village. It was noted that, following the introduction of the bus service, anti-social behaviour has been reduced in the village.
<b>24(10)10</b>	<b>Organisation Reports</b>
	<p><b>Wittering S&amp;S Club</b></p> <p>Craig Buttress said that the S&amp;S Club were planning a Warm Space Trial 2.00–4.00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. The S&amp;S Club will be staffed, and hot drinks will be available. Activities such as bingo, crafts and cribbage, etc were planned. The cost will be £400 per month but funds may be available from Good Neighbours.- Rural Peterborough. The S&amp;S Club will be undertaking a leaflet drop to publicise this and the Parish Council will send them information about the Parish Council and Events' Committee that can be included on the leaflet. Craig handed out a drawing of the plans for the ground floor of the Wittering Community Building. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting of the Wittering Community Building Sub-Committee before the plans are submitted to the architect. The Christmas Draw will be launched soon and there are plans for several other events over the next few months. The Chair expressed grateful thanks to Craig and the S&amp;S Club.</p>
	<p><b>RAF Wittering</b></p> <p>Louise Sampson gave updates on various issues including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaising with Danielle Black, Integrated Neighbourhood Programme Manager about the lack of a pharmacy in the village</li> </ul>
<b>24(10)11</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>23/01750/FUL</b></p> <p>Installation of an approximately 4.3km below ground pipeline as a diversion to an existing pipeline at Collyweston – Awaiting Decision</p>
<b>24(10)12</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various CAPALC Bulletins (circulated)</li> <li>• Cllr Neil Boyce – Parish Council Liaison Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024</li> <li>• Airplay Wittering Summer 2024 Report – the Chair commented on how please he was to read this positive report</li> </ul>
<b>24(10)13</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve the payments included on the financial statement dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Parish Councillors were not able to vote on this as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting.</li> <li>• To discuss a request for a contribution to the start-up costs of the Community Choir. The Parish Councillors were not able to vote on this as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting.</li> <li>• RBL Poppy Appeal and Wreathe. The Parish Councillors were not able to vote on this as the meeting was not quorate. This will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>24(10)14</b>	<p><b>Matters for Future Consideration</b></p> <p>There were no matters for future consideration.</p>
<b>23(10)15</b>	<p><b>Date of the next meeting</b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, to be held at 7.30 pm in Wittering Parish Hall.</p>

Deirdre McCumiskey, Wittering Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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DATE 14/11/24

Chairman