

Minutes of meeting held on 21st February 2024.

Present: Mr. D. Taylor, Mr. G. Darby, Mrs. S. James and Mrs. C. MacDonald. Village Hall Management Committee – Miss P. Lowe, Mr. R. Cox, Mrs. H. Spicer, Mrs. M. Whiting and one member of the public.

1/24:1: Apologies: Miss L. Calvert, Mr. & Mrs. P. Cumming, Mrs. K. Holford,(VHMC) Miss J. Lewis, Mrs. H. Tanser, Mr. P. Gorbing.

1/24:2: Declaration of interest: none.

Mr. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Questions / Comments from members of the public. The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) requested the support of the Parish Council to move forward. Miss Lowe was currently dealing with HSBC and Mr. Taylor would speak to Mr. P. Gorbing for follow up. The Chat Club had enquired about planting a tree in memory of Mary Field – this to be left to VHMC, Parish Council having no objection. Siting of wildlife boxes to be discussed further.

Natural Networks – the recreation ground had been inspected – whilst we may not qualify, the relevant forms to be completed and Parish Council to help with costs. Leave for present time.

There was general discussion with regard to ongoing flooding in the parish. The respective authorities having been chased.

1/24:3: Minutes of meeting held on 8th November were approved and signed.

1/24:4: PARISH PLAN KEY ISSUES:

A) Roads / Speed:

Again various concerns were raised re speed - in particular the A451, B4196, Astley Burf and Larford Lane – these issues being taken up with by the Police and Highways.

“Road” group to be set up following concerns re speeding etc. (Mr. Gorbing)

B) Communication:

- i) County Council – nothing to report.
- ii) Wi-Fi - Enquiries being made, perhaps also speak with Community First.
- iii) Update of council email address – being followed up.
- iv) Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs. Beard will shortly be stepping down. Details of role to be on Facebook, website and parish magazine.
- v) Spring Event – arrange separate meeting for discussion and suggestions.

C) District Council and Planning:

District Councillor Report circulated to all councillors and update on development in Northern Area.

Parish Council to discuss Allens Caravan application at Larford with Mr. & Mrs. Cumming , also to ask if it would be possible to have introduction to new Head of Planning.

Further discussion to be requested re flooding.

D) Environment:

- i) Cherry tree – Ridleys Cross – Mr. Neil Davies to be asked to go ahead.
- ii) Footpaths: Mr. Darby had inspected, cleared and waymarked several Rights of Way. Concern raised re electric fence on stile along footpath 659 Mistletoe House/Old School. Taken up with County.

E) Youth: For further discussion – play area, holiday club, young peoples events etc.

Accounts for payment: Donation to Nora Parsons Day Centre (2023) £100. P. Perfect M & S voucher £25.00 (K. Worton), CS Garden Clearance re lengthsman £360.00 P. Perfect printing inks £45.12. Village Hall £18.00

There being no other items arising, Mr. Taylor closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m. thanking everyone for their attendance..