

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Clerk: Ms. Caroline Boyden. Chairman: Mr. Brian Chandler.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 24TH November 2022 from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

No questions or comments from members of the public

077/22 Present: Cllrs B. Chandler (Chairman), N. Steed, S. Rose, J. Pocklington, P. Peak, Borough Councillor J. Moriarty and Clerk (C Boyden)
No members of the public.

078/22 Apologies: Cllrs Case, and Alexandra-Kaye.

079/22 Declarations of Interest: None

080/22 To approve the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 29th of September 2022. Proposed by Cllr Steed and all in favour who were present at that meeting.

081/22 To receive report from County Councillor Chenery – No report

082/22 To receive report from the Borough Councillor Moriarty:

The Borough Councils runs a Council Tax Support Scheme, which is designed to help people with the cost of their Council Tax if they are on a low income. This is separate from the Government's national scheme. This scheme is reviewed annually and each time the council invites all residents to have their say on the scheme – that consultation is now.

Details of the proposed scheme and the consultation questionnaire are available on the council's website at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/ctsconsultation. The consultation closes on 12 December. It is my view that where a discount is considered appropriate in certain circumstances, it should be 100 per cent rather than wasting money on doubling the size of the Council's PR output (as they have done) telling us all how wonderful they are at everything.

The next round of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applications will open on 1 January and community groups will have until 1 February to apply.

CIL funding is drawn from a levy on development in the borough and can be used for a variety of projects that improve community assets.

For community projects, sums of £2,000-£30,000 may be applied for. They should be in one of the following areas:

- Education – local initiatives
- Health
- Economic development
- Community facilities
- Green infrastructure
- Open space and leisure
- Community transport

Larger, infrastructure projects can also be funded for more than in the areas of 18+ adult education, green infrastructure and leisure time activities.

For more information please visit this link: <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/cil-applications>. Please note that you cannot apply until 1 January.

Jim Moriarty
Massingham with Castle Acre Ward

083/22 Matters outstanding:

- a. Playground – Jubilee bench is now on the play area.
- b. Playground – replacement gates – deferred to January 2023 meeting for further information and 2 full quotes.

084/22 Correspondence and communications received

- a. Parish Partnership 50:50 scheme – white gates. Clerk to obtain “rough” costs. CB
- b. Ranger’s request – none. Cllr Peak mentioned that his strimmer required maintenance and he was unable to trim the bus shelters on the A148. Cllr Steed to assist.
ACTION PP/NS
- c. Payback Team – still no information as to when they will return.
- d. Enquiry received for a request of financial support for the Craft Group. This was discussed and it was decided not to support this request as it would set a precedent and could lead to other groups requesting support. Proposed Cllr Steed, seconded Cllr Peak and all in favour. Cllr Rose abstained.
- e. Request from the mobile post office to promote within the parish and clerk to send out via round robin and website.
ACTION CB

085/22 Planning – no new applications or decisions.

086/22 Finance:

- a. To approve the bank statements, reconciliation, and payments/receipts from September to October – proposed Cllr Peak and all in favour.
- b. To approve the payments made for November including the public sector pay rise backdated to 1.4.22 Proposed Cllr Peak and all in favour.
- c. Draft budget for 23/24. The draft as sent out by the clerk was reviewed and it was

decided to accept the budget with a 10% precept increase. Proposed Cllr Pocklington, seconded Cllr Rose and all in favour.

087/22 Highways Matters:

Ownership of the Back Street Pond – no further update from Highways.

088/22 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

- a. Playground gate
- b. 50:50 white gates

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **26th of January 2023**, in the Village Hall from 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 20.07 hrs.