



Weybread Parish Council Meeting of the Parish Council Held at the Village Hall Minutes 21st March 2023

Present: Mrs J Blair, Mr G Gibbs – Chairman, Mrs S Middleton, Mrs A Pickess and Mr G Tibbenham.

Also present: 1 member of the public, Cllr Lavinia Hadingham and the Clerk Mrs Newby.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor Mr P. Gould, Councillors Mr Jordan and Mrs Hardy, apologies were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Other Interests:** none were received.
3. **Approve the Minutes:** The minutes of 17th January 2023, were approved as being an accurate record. Proposed by Mr Tibbenham and seconded by Mrs Blair, all in agreement.
4. **Co-option of vacancy of Councillor:** Due to Parish Council being in the Pre-Election Period, the Council is unable to co-opt a Councillor. The Parish Council welcomed Mellissa Sheldrake to the table, for this meeting.
5. **Reports:**
 - a. County Councillor: There has been no report received.
 - b. District Councillor: Mrs Hadingham's report had been distributed. There has been no increase in rates. Mrs Hadingham would like to remind people of the importance of photo ID for voters. The deadline to request a postal vote is 18th April 2023.
 - c. Chairman's report: The Recreational Charity Annual Return has been submitted to charity commission website.
 - d. Clerk Report: The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor, Heelis and Lodge had been booked for Middle of April 2023. The Clerk noted that she would be happy to deliver the nomination papers to the pop-up site in Eye 22nd – 24th March 2023.
 - e. Tree Warden: No report received.
 - f. Policing Issues: The Crime map shows 3 crimes for Weybread in January. 1 pinpointed in Fir Tree Close and 2 in Ablett Close. All are listed under the violence and sexual offences category. Nothing showing for February. The Safety Cam Van figures for January show 2 Traffic Offence Reports sent to drivers for excess speed in Weybread.
6. **Review outstanding actions from last meeting:** and agree any additional action:
 - To reduce the number of wheelbarrows and move them away from the road and the bench. (Action Mr Gibbs). Mr Gibbs has visited the person in Friars Road. Two broken wheelbarrows are being removed. He, is thinking of removing the handles from the other wheelbarrows for safety reasons. By the bench he will have two wheelbarrows pointing towards the bench in a semi-circle. He, has spent a lot of time painting the bench, it may need some repair. Parish Council, to keep an eye on this. He, has agreed to move the flashing lights back from the side of the road.

- To sort out the Temporary Speed Indicator Device (action Clerk). The Clerk reported that she had chased this up with Wayne and he was going to ask Mr Gould if he had any funds to help us. There were no funds left in 2022/23. **Action Clerk** to ask again in the new financial year.
- To request an update on the Crown Chicken Site (Action Clerk). We have received a letter from someone at Crown Chickens. *Following taken from the letter:*
The site has now been secured and paint tins removed. They are instigating a weekly inspection and will clear the site of the rest of the paint tins.
The previous planning was approved for the site, but there has been no interest from property developers in taking over the site on this basis.
They have commenced discussions with Mid Suffolk District Council to revise the application and are hoping to be in a position share this with you when complete.

7. **Meeting Suspended for Public Speaking.** There was nothing to discuss.

8. **Village Issues, discuss and agree.**

- Village Sign update and additional plaque: This is going very well. The sign has been painted and is looking very good. The wording on the sign will have 'Weybread' in white rather than silvery grey as it looks better.
Mr Wall has been very kind and doing a lot of the refurbishment work.
The Queen's Jubilee silver plaque has been polished and is looking great.
Coronation plaque. The wording for this was agreed as being 'Refurbished on the occasion of the Coronation of HRH King Charles III 6th May 2023'. Mrs Pickess to speak to JSH Stonemason and get a quote for the work.
- Update on Upper Weybread Noticeboard. The noticeboard has been delivered to the Clerk's address by mistake. It is now stored in a barn at Mr Gibbs address. The packaging is still intact, but the noticeboard has not been inspected. The Clerk has confirmed that we do not need Suffolk CC Highways to install it. **Action Clerk** to ask Mr Wall for a quote for the installation.
- Parking outside Post Office Cottages. There are problems with parking outside numbers 10-13, and the layby outside. The person at number 11 has been told not to park on the path. However, when parking in the layby next to their entrance, it is blocking No 10's view. The person at No 10 states they have had permission to park outside theirs from the Council years ago and there was a white painted line. **Action Clerk** to pass this issue to Highways.
- Wheelwrights Cottage – Road Traffic incidents. There have been 2 accidents in the space of 6 months. The accident recently has led to the hedge and wall being knocked over. Could they have a crash barrier on that bend? **Action Clerk** to communicate with Wayne about this issue and see what can be done.
- Update on the trees and shrubs around Village Hall Car Park. (Mr Tibbenham and Mr Jordan). This has not been sorted out yet. Hedge and tree work is allowed to be done up to 1st April 2023. Otherwise, this will have to wait until the nesting season is finished, later in the year.
- Update on Highways, drainage, and Flooding Issues. No update. **Action Clerk** to chase this up.
- Speeding issues. No update. The Clerk suggested 'Quiet Lanes' approach, the Council thinks that this would not work as it is too much workload and not many lanes would qualify for this.

- Coronation Event. **Action Clerk** to chase again with the Village Hall. Time is moving on.
- Update with the Crown Chicken Site. Crown Chicken have in the past stated that this site is not suitable for affordable housing and that they would donate affordable housing at some other location and probably not Weybread.

9. Finance Report, discuss and agree:

- HSBC bank issues. The Bank accounts have been re-opened. Double check that the Bank correspondence address is ok. **Action Clerk** to check the list of signatories, and to set up Online banking for herself.
- Note account balances. Noted under the statement of account.
- Bank reconciliations. These have been done for April 2022 – February 2023. There was an agreement to pass these to Mrs Middleton for approving.
- Payment Schedule

paid between meetings Nil

Cheque Number	Payee	Detail	Amount		
100455	Weybread PCC	Donation		500.00	
100456	Clerk	Jan, Feb. March Wages	£541.38		Jan + Feb £360.92
		Working from home	£30.00		£20.00
		mileage	£15.30		£10.80
		stationery	£6.86	593.54	£6.86
			£593.54	£1,093.54	£398.58
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*approve 3 mths or 2 mths

Payment for the wages was agreed for the 3 months to the end of the financial year. Total payments approved £1,093.54. Proposed by Mrs Blair and seconded by Mrs Pickess, all in agreement.

It was noted that the payment to Weybread PCC was a donation to the churchyard maintenance, this is an annual donation.

- Update on the CiL monies and what has been spent on. The Clerk reported on the following:

CiL monies received	£1455.78
Expenditure so far:	
Village Sign Replacement	-£104.13
Noticeboard Upper Weybread	-£698.00
License for above	-£150.00
 CiL monies left	 £503.65

These figures are only provisional, as most of the CiL funds are ring-fenced for the village sign. These figures will be confirmed at the next meeting when the additional information is available, when all the Councillors are present and the new Council is formed.

10. Planning Issues, discuss and agree:

- Update on planning enforcement. The Clerk reported that she has not received an update on the planning query number EN/22/00695, The erection of a large barn and concrete pad, Watermill Lane. **Action Clerk** to send the details to Mrs Hadingham.
- Note the Refusal Decision for DC/22/06343. This was noted.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th May 2023 commencing at 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There were no more issues to be discussed and the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....Date.....