**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17th JULY 2024– NO. 133**

**1. Present:** Cllr Shilvock, Vice Chairman, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Nurser-Stephens, Cllr Hession and one member of the public, Cllr Robinson Chair of Haselor Parish Council.

**2. Apologies:** Cllr Ray, Cllr Mahon, Cllr Boyes on holiday and Cllr McMillan work related issues. District Cllr Holmes

**3. To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary interests:**

There were no requests.

**4. Gary Strain, Warwickshire Police Road Safety Officer:**

Mr. Strain, a civilian member, demonstrated the New Bushnell speed device which is now approved by the police and is much easier to use for CSW team members, with minimal training required.

Mr. Strain is also very keen to reinstate and reactivate Community Speed Watch Groups in the area and had suggested we could invite members of other councils attend for information. Cllr Robinson from Haselor was keen to find out more about CSW and accepted the invitation. After the presentation she thanked us and then left the meeting as did Mr. Strain shortly after, having been thanked by the Cllrs for attending.

Cllr Hession suggested we purchase two of the new speed devices as they are reasonably priced and easily obtained. As these devices are readily available online it was agreed only one would be necessary. It was also agreed by the other Cllrs that we should wait until we have a good number of volunteers who are able to carry out a lot more regular checks than previously. Cllr Hession did point out that we have 5 volunteers already. One resident has recently offered to help out but would only be available on the odd occasion as are two of the current volunteers. Cllr Hession has also volunteered.

The Clerk passed some blank Police National Computer Check Consent Forms to Cllr. Hession to pass to volunteers for completion.

It was agreed a vote for the purchase of one speed device would be on the agenda Sept 24.

**5. Public participation:**

There was no further public participation.

**6. To approve for signature the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and ordinary meeting held on 5th May 2024**

These minutes were approved by all members present, subject to a minor amendment in Item 4 of the ordinary meeting minutes and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**7. County & District Councillor’s reports**

There was no report available from the County Cllr.in time for the meeting.

District Cllr Holmes provided a report that is attached on page 4.

**8. Correspondence received and previously circulated will be taken as read.**

After the agenda was circulated a message was passed to the Clerk for information advising that the School is no longer going to be using the field by the village hall. The cost for the upkeep and mowing is no longer manageable for them.

**9. Planning Applications.**

The current status of planning applications was circulated to

Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Consideration of Planning Application No 24/01381/FUL Sunny Bank, Wharf Lane, Wilmcote: Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling (Self-build).

Cllrs responses were of objection to this application for the following reason: Gross increase in volume, overlooking neighbours and impact into encroachment into openness of Green Belt.

**10. Willow Wood Play Area:**

Cllr Boyes had advised that work started on Monday to prepare for the new equipment and is ongoing. Cllr Hession suggested we hold a formal opening and post information on social media when it is finally completed and a ‘party in the park’.

**11. WRCC Housing Survey report:**

Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Housing Enabler had submitted her report and Cllrs confirmed they were happy with it. And no further action tobe taken.

**12. Wilmcote Parish Council Grant Fund Applications:**

Cllr. Hession had requested an application form for the Village Hall from the Clerk who explained that applications for this current year had closed on 31st March, and it is an annual process.

Cllr Hession’s opinion is that application forms should be available anytime if all fund money hasn’t been accounted for. Prior to the meeting Cllr Shilvock had been asked to look into this and perhaps change some of the information/dates in the application form. she modified it so that the only date that would need changing in future would be the date of the meeting where decisions are made. A copy of the application can then remain on the website. It was agreed that the next application document can be posted in the November Parish magazine and a notice attached to the noticeboard at that time.

The Clerk will provide a copy to Mr. Bailey from the History Society and Cllr Hession at the same time.

A vote was taken and it was agreed by 3 in favour and 1 against that we continue to offer grants once a year.

**13. Land subsidence adjacent to the railway bridge:**

Cllr. Nurser-Stephens is concerned that the road bridge in Station Road is beginning to subside. At her request the Clerk had contacted our Highways Area Surveyor who, having looked at the area and checked with the Highways Dept., reported that it is the verge sinking. It had been topped up earlier in the year with a load of soil and that had now sunk so some more would be added shortly to build it up again.

Cllr Hession passed a letter to the Clerk regarding concerns for one of the buildings on the Stratford side of the platform. Cllr Nurser-Stephens took the copy and would speak to the resident and report back.

**14. Councillors reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

**-** New model revised Financial Regulations: Cllr Hessian had

circulated her proposed draft ahead of the meeting.This is quite a

lengthy document and she was asked if she would produce a

shortened version using her comparison analysis, and thanked for

the work she has carried out so far. With a show

of hands Cllrs voted 3 to 1 in favour of including the full

regulations at present.

- It was agreed that we should take up Cllr Juned’s offer to attend a

meeting as the situation has not really improved with

communications from our Ward Member. The Clerk will invite her to the September

meeting.

- Community Speedwatch. To consider purchase of a new speed device.

- Cllr Hession asked what the date is for changing domain names

and email addresses. The Clerk advised that no specific date

has been mentioned but understands it should be by

October. Cllr Shilvock offered to contact the company

recommended by WALC to enquire exactly what the process is and

report at the next Parish meeting.

**Items 15 & 16 were deleted as not applicable.**

**17. Date of next meeting:** 18th September 2024.

No further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

