**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024– NO. 131**

1. **Present:**  Cllr. Ray, Chairman, Cllr. McMillan, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Nurser-Stephens, Cllr. Mahon,
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Shilvock due to illness – approved, Cllr Boyes unapproved,

District Cllr. Holmes.

1. **To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda:**

There were no requests.

**4 Sarah Brooke-Taylor, WRCC Housing Enabler to discuss the possibility of a new Housing Survey being carried out:**

The original survey carried out in 2015 is now out of date. Current figures are indicating that 34 Wilmcote and 16 Pathlow residents have families old and young who would like to stay in the Parish so would Cllrs agree to a new survey being carried out. Sarah explained the process and would provide a draft version of the survey for approval prior to proceeding further. In principle Cllrs. were in agreement. Sarah then left the meeting.

**5. To consider a request from Mrs. S. Hession to be co-opted onto the Council**

Mrs. Hession said she has lived in the parish for 2½ years, and also provided brief details of her background and skills. She is already known to some members and all Cllrs present were happy to welcome her to join the members of the Council. The Clerk asked her to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and advised that she would send her a copy of the Register of Interests to be complete within the next couple of weeks.

**6. To approve for signature the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th January 2024**

These minutes were approved by all members present and signed by the Chairman.

**7. Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present

**8. County & District Councillors reports:**

There were no District or County Councillor reports available.

**9. Planning Applications:**

The current status of applications was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

DISCN/00107/24 Garages, Glebe Estate relating to 22/02102/FUL

A discharge of conditions asking if the Parish Council has any comments regarding the stone proposed. No objections/comments were raised.

**10. Correspondence:**

All correspondence received and previously circulated electronically was taken as read.

The following items were received after the agenda was circulated:

Concerns expressed about a car that has been parked for a long time without appearing to be moved causing visibility issues for drivers exiting from Station House. The Clerk advised that the police should be contacted as the Parish Council has no authority over parked vehicles.

Npower contract due to expire and they are no longer providing small business contracts. Cllr McMillan is also going through the process of trying to obtain a small business contract and the Clerk asked him if he would please look into one for the Parish Council at the same time.

WALC are asking that Councillors are registered with them so that they can access the website for certain information. Whilst the Cllrs do not wish to use their regular email addresses they would consider having a separate one purely for this purpose.

SDC Estates Surveyor has now confirmed that the village store has again been added to the list of assets of community value. She also advised that the Scouts will be vacating the hut when the lease expires at the end of April. She will be talking to members and colleagues on what its future might be.

**11. Mary Arden Inn:**

No specific update but apparently it seems to be doing reasonably well.

**12. Willow Wood Play Area:**

Cllr Ray and the Clerk had a very helpful meeting with Danielle Simmonds, Head of Field Sales for Playdale Playgrounds for initial advice/recommendations on the way forward to gradually replace the equipment that is currently in poor condition, in particular the Tractor closely followed the Junior Multi-play. It was explained that we have a budget so will have to make changes as and when we can.

Danielle was going to measure and take photos and will provide us with a plan and costings when we meet her again on 28th March.

**13. Warwickshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey questionnaire**

Confirmation that Cllrs. Ray and Stewart completed and submitted the above.

**14. Parish Council Grant Fund applications:**

One application has been received so far.

**15. Community Speedwatch update:**

No update available.

**16. Lead Councillor responsibilities update as follows:**

Planning matters: Cllr. Shilvock, Cllr. Mahon, Cllr McMillan

Website: Cllr. Ray and Clerk

Standing Orders: Cllr. Ray, Cllr Hession

Willow Wood Play Area: Cllr. Boyes

Risk Register: Cllr. Ray

Financial matters: Cllr. Ray

Road Safety and Parking Cllr. Nurser-Stephens

Community Speed Watch Cllr Hession

Defibrillators/

Parish Emergency Plan: Cllr. Stewart

Grant applications Cllr. Shilvock

**17. Councillors reports on items not on the agenda:** None

**18. Items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Clerk to check rules imposed for Barbers shop by SDC Enforcement

**19. Date of next meeting:** 15 May 2024 Annual Parish Council meeting followed by ordinary Parish Council meeting.

No further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm