**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2024 – NO. 135**

1. **Present:** Cllr Ray, Chairman, Cllr Shilvock, Cllr Stewart

Cllr Nurser-Stephens, Cllr Mahon and Cllr Juned, SDC.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr McMillan delayed at work, Cllr Boyes family emergency and Cllr Hession. County Cllr Daniell.

1. **Written requests for disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

**agenda:**

No requests received.

1. **Cllr Juned, Leader of Stratford District Council:**

 Cllr Juned was attending, at our request, to talk to us about the responsibilities of District Councillors in view of our expression of concerns about lack of support from our current District Councillor. Cllr Shilvock asked her what we should expect.

 She suggested that perhaps Cllr Holmes, who is very young, hasn’t fully taken on board what his responsibilities are and he is currently working three days a week in London. Cllr Juned has offered to mentor him and remind him that regular District Councillor reports are important as is contact with residents as and when he is approached. As a statutory consultee his comments on planning applications could also be helpful.

 Cllr Juned said she would be happy to attend further meetings if necessary and for us to contact her at any time if we have further issues. The Chairman thanked her for attending as she left.

 **5. Public participation:**

 **No members of the public were present.**

1. **To approve for signature the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2024:**

The minutes were approved by all Cllrs. present and signed by the Chairman.

1. **County and District Cllr. Reports:**

 No County or District Council reports were available.

**8. Correspondence:**

 All correspondence received and circulated electronically is taken as

 read.

**9. Status of current Planning Applications:**

The current status of planning applications was circulated to

 Cllrs prior to the meeting.

 **10. Barn construction at New House Farm, Pathlow – update:**

 Cllr Shilvock declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

 No update has been made available.

 **11. Willow Wood Playground report:**

 a)Consideration of quotation for roundabout repairs:

 According to our last two inspection reports the roundabout is

 currently in good working order.

 b)The current lease is due to expire and a new lease produced. New Heads

 of Terms and proposed 10% interest notification received in advance.

 All Cllrs present were happy to approve both.

 **12. Pathlow Park Traveller Site:**

 The Clerk understands the fencing has now all been replaced and Mr. Chatterton is still waiting for some trees to be replanted. The Clerk asked Cllr Daniell if he could arrange for the rubbish being dumped again at the entrance to site to be cleared, and if any cameras have been installed to identify who is tipping the rubbish, No response has been received.Some months ago County Cllr Daniell asked District Cllr Holmes to enquire with the local SNT if they could spare some small cameras to put in place at the site entrance. The Clerk followed up the request with Cllr Holmes but received no response. Cllrs asked the Clerk to follow this up again with Cllr Holmes.

 Dunroaming: It appears the family has vacated the site leaving the main residence only which is now being advertised for sale.

 **13. Subsidence adjacent to the railway bridge:**

Cllr Nurser-Stephens reported that, having heard from Fraser Pithie earlier, it appears instructions for temporary fencing to be installed to protect road users had already been made. The Senior Asset Engineer has agreed to chase this work up as a matter of urgency. The question was raised about whether a risk assessment has been carried out and, if so, can we have sight of the results.

 **14. Community Speedwatch update:**

Cllr Hession sent a message saying she would like to ask that the SNT team to attend at least two Parish Council Meetings a year to give an update on their general activity in the area as well as the speed exercises.

All Cllrs present agreed that this would be a good idea and the Clerk will report back to Cllr Hession accordingly.

 **15. New Domain names and new Cllr and Clerk email addresses:**

 No response had been received from SDC on this matter so the Clerk was asked to go ahead and accept the quotation from her contact who is arranging the details for her other two councils.

 **16. Clerk Contract of Employment:**

Cllr Hession and the Chairman agreed the while the current contract is in need of updating they had agreed it would be prudent to leave this until there is a change of Clerk.

 **17. Hedge adjacent to the Mary Arden Inn car park:**

The hedge has now been cut well back from the footpath.

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

 **Precept request for 2025/26**

 **19. Date of next meeting:** 22nd January 2025.

No further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm