

# WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

## MINUTES 1

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Committee of the Whole held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

The meeting started at 7.10 pm.

#### **In attendance:**

Councillors: Neil McKay, Rob Woods, Gina McKay

Also in attendance was Ian Philo Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

#### **1. Appointment of Chairperson.**

Councillor Rob Woods was nominated and the position accepted as Chair to the Committee of the Whole for just this meeting. The decision was unanimous.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Lucy Quinn sent her apologies and was approved.  
Councillor Wade Nash did not attend.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

##### **3.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

##### **3.2. Other Significant Interests**

None.

##### **3.3. Other Interests**

None.

#### **4. Acceptance of Minutes.**

There were no prior minutes to agree.

#### **Meeting adjourned for public participation 7.12 pm.**

The Chair opened the floor to feedback from the public on the village plan. It was believed that the Council were making positive steps in the right direction.

#### **Meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm**

## 5. Village Plan

### 5.1. Winter Resilience Plan

Noted we have no fluvial flooding problems but to use the template provided by the Clerk with focus on mitigating the impacts of sewerage system flooding in parts of the village and on the risks to vulnerable residents of cold weather, storm disruption, electricity outages and heavy snow.

**Actions - 1) RW to get feedback from Appledore Road residents on flooding mitigations. 2) Nominate key personnel to oversee the process and take on key roles. 3) Consider role of the Hub.**

### 5.2. Improved Mobile Connectivity

Deferred to next meeting.

### 5.3. Engaging with Young People

Following any expressions of interest, to nominate a small group inc coopted members if required to consider the feasibility, issues and options for a Woodchurch Youth Council.

**Actions - 1) Clerk - Article in next 4-page newsletter to assess interest from younger residents and parents. 2) GM - to advise members on the School Council. 3) All - use contacts to seek views of those already involved in youth service provision.**

### 5.4. Parking and Traffic Safety

To continue to seek interventions and examine ways of mitigating parking challenges in the village and increasing public safety.

**Action - Clerk to contact Cllr Robey for views on progress on Highways related matters prior to Cllr E Jones' resignation.**

### 5.5. CCTV Camera Provision

Whereas it is known that certain crimes are regularly committed in and around the Village Green there is no empirical crime related evidence to support spending the £6000 budget allocated.

**Actions - RW to contact Peter New to seek advice on the options available including more proactive methods and/or alternative hardware.**

### 5.6. Power Upgrade to the Hub and Toilet Refurbishment.

Following the grant of £11000 from ABC to continue this connected project as a priority.

**Actions 1) To endorse the Clerk's appointment of UKPN (sole provider) to undertake the recabling as soon as possible. 2) All - Agree contractor for the toilet refurbishment at next Full Council meeting 3) Clerk - Examine costs of portable toilets. 5) Clerk - to write article for next newsletter.**

### 5.7. Allotments Provision.

As a first stage, to ascertain the true demand for allotments in the Parish noting the legal requirement for the Council to seek appropriate land if a minimum of 6 residents petition the Council.

**Actions - Clerk to write article in next newsletter requesting any interest in**

donating land to the village for that purpose. (Noted the possible links with the Local Planning process which are being considered separately at the August meeting of the Full Council)

**5.8. Windmill Update** - Minutes of recent Meeting with ABC already distributed to members.

**Actions:- Suggest W Nash/MBailey write an article for the newsletter following the outcome of the follow up meeting in September.**

**6. Correspondence.**

There was no correspondence.

**7. Items for Information or Agenda for Next Meeting.**

Progressing the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan. (NB members may wish to read the Neighbourhood Plan recently endorsed overwhelmingly by residents in Tenterden)

Actions - In the light of substantial new interest from residents in joining the Council, to revisit the report on Council structure to ascertain the value of a Planning and Highways Committee to deal with this and Item 5.4 above).

General Recommendation - That residents are updated on the progress of the Council's Village Plan commitments via a dedicated report in the next newsletter.

**Action Clerk**

**8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Dated \_\_\_\_\_