

Zeals Parish Council

***draft* Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2022**

Present: Cllrs Spencer (Chairman) (CS); Corbin (DC); d'Ambrumenil (LD); Gray (JG).

In attendance: Parish Clerk and 4 members of public.

Apologies: Cllrs Gibbons, Hole-Jones and Patch.

Declarations of any interest: DC on point 7

1 Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 21 March 2022: It was proposed by LD, and seconded by JG that the minutes of the meeting presented a true and accurate record of proceedings: all councillors were in agreement.

2 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

- Advice is still being sought for a suitable replacement tree for the Green and a tree to mark the Jubilee.
- Community Funds have been transferred to the current account. Careful accounting will be needed.
- S106 funding (£2,600) has been successfully received and transferred to the ZYT. All of this fund has now been used.
- Green Pastures and pavilion: see later points.
- War Memorial maintenance: DC raised again his wish for some financial support from the Parish Council so that the listed memorial, or at least the surrounding paving stones, could be cleaned and restored. CS felt that more information should be sourced on possible grant sources before any financial commitment is made. Action: DC to continue looking for grants from outside sources for this project.

3 Village Hall Management and Trustees Meeting:

It was reported by the Chair of the Hall's management team that much of their time recently had been involved in discussions with representatives from St Martin's and Whitesheet over the planning of the coming Jubilee Event. Taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 4 June at the Academy, will see a very varied programme of events for all ages taking place, with entertainment and catering also provided by volunteers. The event has been well publicised. Improvements have been made to the signage within the Hall. The Treasurer reported that income from bookings is much higher now and has actually reached levels not seen since 2018/19. Grants have been awarded for the Hall's upkeep, and such funding has been used to purchase a new boiler and fridge.

4 Correspondence received by the Parish Council:

- From a New Road resident with a request for a 'dropped kerb' to be installed where the pavement from the Alms Houses meets Bells Lane. A Highways Improvement form has been completed by the resident following advice given. This request was supported by councillors.

Action: Clerk to complete the form and send it for consideration by the CATG group at Wilts Council

- From a Fantley lane resident concerned about the owners of the Old Watercress Beds lack of activity and compliance concerning sediment and water voles in that area. Action: Clerk had informed the resident that this is a matter for Planning Enforcement and should be reported directly to Wiltshire Council.
- Wiltshire Council have asked the Clerk to publicise within Zeals details of their Solar Together Collective buying scheme that they are providing for residents and businesses. Action: Poster to be displayed.
- Precept received: a sum of £5061 has been received from Wiltshire Council.

5 Financial matters: To consider for approval the following payments:

- a) G Edgar (Parish Clerk): (i) £373.44 salary payment for April and May. (ii) £29.89 for Office payment (£16), and stationery expenses (£13.89).
 - b) G Poynton £150 for allotment rent for this financial year.
 - c) Macmillan Nurses £80 (in lieu of Internal Audit)
 - d) Kenneth Spencer Ltd £1 for access to Green Pastures.
 - e) Water2Business £21.92 for allotment water charges.
 - f) Adrian Light £100 for grass cutting in May (2cuts+ soccer pitch).
 - g) R Doody £225 for repainting bus shelter following acts of obscene vandalism (1 coat stain blocking; 2 coats of magnolia and 2 coats of anti graffiti paint).
 - h) Ross Coad £23.19 for supplying anti graffiti paint.
 - i) Access Insurance £733.14 for Building Insurance at Green Pastures. (see point 7b below).
- JG proposed that the payments are approved and paid, with LD seconding the motion, and all councillors were in favour.

6 Planning matters:

- High View, Forge Lane: Solar panels - approved by Wiltshire Council, with conditions.
- Stag Cottage, Fantley Lane: Ash tree part felling – approved.
- Boyes Transport Depot: Still under consideration.

6 Bus Shelter vandalism: Following obscenities scribbled all over the inside walls of the shelter, it was necessary to undertake immediately major clean up and prevention procedures. Altogether, 5 coats of paint were applied, ranging from stain blocking, 2 coats of magnolia with 2 coats of anti graffiti paint to complete the task. We are grateful to Insideout Property Maintenance for their urgent attention to remove this major problem.

7 Green Pastures a) Lease: version 5 has been passed by Seeds4Success to their legal advisers. A final decision is expected soon b) Buildings Insurance: The Clerk informed the meeting that he had managed to arrange insurance at very short notice for the buildings with Access Insurance Brokers at a very competitive price of £733.14 for this year. Following a discussion, it was decided by councillors that this cost should be paid initially by the Zeals Youth Trust until S4S takes up the lease, with an appropriate refund paid afterwards. c) Refund of vat to the ZYT: it was decided that the sum should

have the costs of the insurance and the external audit costs (of £200) deducted: Action: Clerk to arrange for a refund cheque for £9,637.82

8 Any other business. CS informed cllrs that the Clerk is standing down at the next meeting in July. Fortunately, following adverts placed on our boards and on the website, CS has managed to appoint a very well qualified and experienced candidate to take over. Mrs Fran Hill will start her role at the July meeting of the parish council.

Closure of meeting: 8.40 pm. Next meeting: Thursday 28 July at 7pm.

Signed:Chairman Date: