

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL**
HELD ON
Tuesday 23 January 2024, At Zeals Village Hall
zealspc.org.uk

The meeting was opened at 8.25 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs C Spencer, (Chairman), P Thomas, D Corbin, M Gibbons, J Gray, L D'Ambrumenil and A Patch
Mrs F Hill (Clerk)

Cllr George Jeans - Wiltshire Council

PUBLIC SESSION

4 Members of the public were present.

AGENDA

ZPC 23/60 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

ZPC 23/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) To consider any written requests for dispensations by the clerk. - none received.
- (ii) To receive any declarations of interest

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Zeals Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011

ZPC 23/62 MINUTES

Council **RESOLVED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 23 November 2023.

Proposed Cllr Corbin, Seconded Cllr Gibbons

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 23/63 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (not covered by other agenda items) – none

ZPC 23/64 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) Council **NOTED** the balance of the account. £4381.59.81 (31/12/23) in current account and £10,113.62 in the deposit.
- (ii) Council **NOTED** we have received £1,011.87 in respect of VAT due back to us. This brings us up to date as of March 2023.

Mrs Hill Salary 31/10/23 – 31/12/23 27 ½ @£14.17 = £389.68 Expenses inc Homeworking allowance (£8pm = 8pm) Nov -Dec £16 Back pay of 138 1/4 hours from 1/4/23 – 31/10/23 @ £1 per hour = £138.25	£543.93	Chq 126
HMRC Tax and NI for Clerk	£ none payable	By DD
N Gatehouse	£190	Chq 124

Zeals Village News – previously agreed (Nov 2023)	£50	Chq 125
To provide an additional £1000 as well as the grant awarded by the Area Board of £4000 to the Village Hall repairs providing the Hall matches this figure of £5000		

(iii) To note payments paid out under delegated powers:

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Proposed Cllr D'Ambrumenil, Seconded Cllr Patch

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) Applications to consider at the meeting: or any urgent applications that come in after the agenda goes out – none received

Council considered and RESOLVED to offer no objection to the replacing of a like for like fence and planting new hedges at the bungalow on Tulse Hill. This is not a planning matter and the Clerk will write back to the new owners informing them		
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(ii) Council **NOTED** the Applications considered/determined since last meeting:

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2023/08602 – Extend and alter previous barn conversion – Lower Zeals Farm	Support	Refuse
PL/2023/09220 – upgrade of existing telecommunications base station St Martins Farm	Support	Prior Approval not Required

(iii) Council discussed the confusing status of the Mapperton Farm Planning. Cllr Jeans was able to offer some background information. The local plan has gone to the inspector. There is a Wiltshire Council policy stating where the sites can go as there is a large demand for them. This site is difficult to build on but there are no grounds for Wiltshire to fight applications from gypsies / travellers (not including New Age Travellers) from developing the land. The **Clerk** will try to be added as a consultee to the land at Mapperton.

ZPC 23/66 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR) –

The GGR meeting at Wiltshire Council has been delayed so there is nothing further required from Council at the moment. There had been a good response to the survey. Cllr Spencer thanked Cllrs Gray and Patch for all their work.

ZPC 23/67 WESTFIELD PLAYGROUND

(i) Cllr Patch reported that the Playground was all in good order and the fence now mended thanks to Cllr Corbin.

ZPC 23/68 LORRIES CUTTING THE CORNER NEAR WHITECROSS

(i) Cllr Gibbons had spoken to the Steward but there is nothing that can be done. It was **NOTED** that drivers of large vehicles such as lorries had a sharp turn and inevitably drove over the edges by accident.

- (ii) There is no action to be taken currently but when the house being built is complete a councillor might have a word with the owners to highlight the issue but with less lorries delivering building equipment the problem may be lessened.

ZPC 23/69 D-DAY CELEBRATIONS

- (i) Council was informed that there is a plan to ring the bells for D-Day. Also, that there was money left over from the parish BBQ and this could go towards a Brazier on the Green.

ZPC 23/70 LITTER PICK

- (ii) Council **RESOLVED** to take part and engage local residents in the Countywide Spring. **Cllr Patch** offered to liaise with id Verde the company who is orchestrating this on behalf of Wiltshire Council. We will organise it for Saturday 10 March starting at 10 am. She will get some information out for the next magazine article and a poster.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Thomas

Resolved 7 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/71 CORRESPONDENCE Council NOTED the items below.

Email from resident regarding Estate Agents Boards (Previously Circulated)

Email from Wiltshire Council regarding Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Previously circulated)

ZPC 23/72 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (i) Community Governance Review
- (ii) Boyes lorry park
- (iii) Cllr Patch will invite Paul Cosh to the next meeting as he wants to discuss moving the defibrillator to somewhere with access to electricity to keep it heated.

ZPC 23/73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 28 March 2024 at the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the matters above in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm