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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

Tuesday 23 January 2025, At Zeals Village Hall

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The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs J Gray (Chair), P Thomas, M Gibbons, A Patch, L D'Ambrumenil and D Corbin
Ms L Gilby (Clerk)
Mrs F Hill (Retiring Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present.

Street Lighting on Portnells Lane was brought to the Councils attention and given reasons the resident considered it to not be worth considering a) its an AONB and a dark area b) thought it would be cheaper to give all residents a torch or ask them to use the torch on their phones c) options from Highways would cost mega bucks and increase the rates which the resident would like to be kept down.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllr G Jeans

Cllr Jeans absent therefore no report

ZPC 24/55 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C Spencer - these were approved.

ZPC 24/56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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 24/57 MINUTES

Council **AGREED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 28 November 2024 and minutes of the planning meeting on the 18 December 2024.

Proposed Cllr Patch , Seconded Cllr Thomas (28th Nov)

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr Gibbons (18th Dec)

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

ZPC 24/58 FINANCE MATTERS

- (i) To note the balance of the account. **£23,818.95** (31/12/24) in current account and £10,234.08 in the deposit account.
- (ii) The Parish Council **AGREED** to pay the following payment and any that come in after the agenda had been sent out.

Account	Amount	Chq Number
Lime Repairs – Rebuild both stone corners of Zeals Village Hall £13,500 75% invoice 1688 £4500 final invoice 1693 total inc £3000 VAT £18,000	£18,000.00	001157

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Mrs Hill Salary 1/11/24 – 31/12/24 27 @ £14.84 = £400.68 Expenses inc Homeworking allowance (£8pm) November -December = £16 Back Pay April – October 136 1/4 hrs @0.67 = £91.29	£416.68	001158
Miss Gilby Salary 1/1/25 – 31/1/25	£237.60	By Bank Transfer
HMRC Tax and NI for Clerk	£59.20	By DD

Council was presented with an invoice regarding the replacement of the road sign at the bottom of Portnells Lane. The council were not happy to proceed with payment as this had not been minuted in the previous meeting. Council are happy to pay this invoice as long as the Chair and Vice Chair agree for it to be paid.

Proposed Cllr D'Ambrumenil, Seconded Cllr Thomas

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

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

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Proposed Seconded

Resolved 0 – 0 - 0

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) Applications to consider at the meeting: or any urgent applications that come in after the agenda goes out

PL/2025/00200 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area ST MARTINS FARM, CHAPEL LANE, ZEALS, WARMINSTER, BA12 6NZ T1 Damaged in storm Darragh. Fell. T2 Crown lift over footpath and highway T3 Split stem remove split limb.	Support Application	

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

(ii) Applications considered/determined since last meeting: For Information

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2024/11456 BEECH HOUSE, PORTNELLS LANE. Beech tree reduced by 25%	No Objection	
PL/2024/10797 LAND ADJACENT TO ST.MARTINS BUSINESS PARK New single storage building	Support Application	
PL/2023/07051. BOYES TRANSPORT YARD	The Clerk to follow up	WC OBJECT APPEAL DISMISSED

ZPC 24/59 CLERK

- (i) Council **AGREED** to employ Lisa Gilby as clerk and RFO to Zeals Parish Council from 1 January 2025.

Proposed Cllr D'Ambrumenil, Seconded Cllr Patch
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

ZPC 24/60 FLOODING / FLOODING ON FOOTPATHS

- (i) Council **DISCUSSED** and **AGREED** that the flooding has got worse in the last 2 years at the entrance to The Stables on the road between Portnells Lane and Chapel Road and that taking the hedge back would help. The Clerk has been instructed to write to Highways as the road surface is eroding badly. Flooding / pot holes in Zeals in general was discussed and any issues need to have photos taken to be able to take forward.
- (ii) Council was updated on the Footpath across to Zeals House and this situation has been **RESOLVED**.
- (iii) Update from Lyndi on Fantley Lane. The flood was due to mostly wet wipes and fat blocking the drain. Wessex Water have said they will put cameras down the drain to check where the blockage is. Cllr D'Ambrumenil is waiting to hear from them.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Patch
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

ZPC 24/61 WESTFIELD PLAYGROUND

- (i) Council has **AGREED** to ask Farnfields Solicitors to act on the matter of the contract between Wiltshire Council and Zeals Parish Council in respect of the contract on Westfield Playground.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (ii) Council also **AGREED** to give authority to the Clerk and Chairman or Deputy Chairman to consider the lease and sign it.

Proposed Cllr Patch, Seconded Cllr Thomas
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (iii) Council **AGREED** to support the request from a resident to place a grit bin near the play area but were unable to support the request, due to cost and process, of asking Wiltshire Council to provide lighting for the road up to Westfields.

Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Patch
Resolved 5 – 0 – 0

- (iv) Council to receive an update on the transfer from Wiltshire Council. No update

ZPC 24/62 CORRESPONDENCE Council is asked to note the items below

- (i) Email from Mike Dawson re solicitor for play area 2/1/25 Zeals Rural Play area project. The clerk was instructed to resend the email.
- (ii) Email from resident 9/1/25 re Play Area re grit bin and lighting. This has been covered previously in **24/64** (iii)

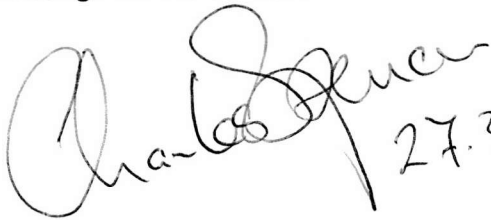
ZPC 24/63 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (i) Leaping Frogs Nursery car park – Lighting and surface.
- (ii) Excessive surface water on New Road to Wolverton
- (iii) Village Hall to apply to Allotment Charity for support for boiler maintenance
- (iv) Chapel Lane pot holes

ZPC 24/64 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 27th March 2025.

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 2000

 27.3.25