

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ZEALS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
Tuesday 28 March 2024, At Zeals Village Hall
zealspc.org.uk**

The meeting was opened at 7.05 pm

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

PUBLIC SESSION

4 Members of the public were present.

AGENDA

ZPC 23/74 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Patch, D Corbin - these were approved.

ZPC 23/75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(i) To consider any written requests for dispensations by the clerk. - none received.

(ii) To receive any declarations of interest non 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 23/76 MINUTES

Council **RESOLVED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 23 January 2024

Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Gray
Resolved 5 – 0 - 0
(for-against-abstain)

Council **RESOLVED** to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the parish council Planning meeting held on 21 March 2024.

Proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Gibbons
Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/77 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ZPC 23/82 DEFIBRILATOR

This item was brought forward to allow Paul Cosh from South West Ambulance Service Trust to explain the current situation with the defibrillator.

- (i) The defibrillator at the end of Portnells Lane has no electricity supply to it. Although it relies on batteries to keep it maintained the efficiency is diminished in the cold weather. Paul proposed that we move the defib to a public area with easy access and electrical supply. After much discussion the village hall wall was the only feasible site with access to electricity. This will involve an internal transformer which will lead to the outside and the case which will be kept warm in cold spells. The clerk will write to the Village Hall committee to explain this.

- (ii) Whilst investigating this Paul had found out the village defib maintenance period of 8 years comes to an end in April 2024. There were 3 options available to the Council:
- Council hire the defib from SWAST for the next 4 years. This will be a continuation of the service provided currently with SWAST being responsible and maintaining all bits of the defib and providing regular training. This will cost £1800 + VAT (one off payment to cover 4 years).
 - SWAST gift the defib to the Council and they are then responsible for maintaining it. This includes replacement pads (£80 - £100), replacement battery (£300 - £400), insurance and training.
 - To remove the defib totally and rely on the one at the school which it was noted is not listed on the SWAST database. This is where the ambulance service check to send a caller at times of emergency.
- (iii) Council discussed at length and RESOLVED to hire the current defibrillator for the next 4 years. The site will be moved to the village Hall with the agreement of the Hall Committee. The Clerk will liaise with Paul on a timescale and a date for another training session once the defib is in its new position.

Proposed Cllr Gibbons, Seconded Cllr Gray
Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/78 FINANCE MATTERS

- Council NOTED the balance of the account. £3782.66 (28/02/24) in current account and £10,135.25 in the deposit.
- The Parish Council RESOLVED to pay the following payment and any that come in after the agenda has been sent out.

Mrs Hill Salary 1/01/24 – 29/2/24 32 @£14.17 = £453.44 Expenses inc Homeworking allowance (£8pm = 8pm) Jan - Feb £16 Holiday pay £378.34 Expenses - stamps for allotment tenancies £27.84	£794.82	Chq 1127
HMRC Tax and NI for Clerk	£60.19	By DD
Adrian Light - grass cut @ £45 7/3/24	£45	Chq 1128
WALC awaiting invoice (last year £295). The Clerk will pay this out under delegated powers provided the invoice is not a large increase on last year.		
Inside Out - repair the tap that was leaking on the allotments	72.00	Chq 1130
SouthWest Ambulance Service - to renew the hire of the defibrillator at a cost of £1800 + VAT for 4 years. This was agreed that the clerk can pay it when the paperwork is complete.	£2160 TBC	
Village Hall – for repairs Agreed January 2024 ZPC 23/64 The clerk will pay out under delegated powers when the work is invoiced.	£1000 TBC	

- To note payments paid out under delegated powers: none

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ZPC 23/79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

Application	Zeals PC Comment	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2024/00921 - Bell and Crown, Zeals, Warminster, Wilts, BA12 6NJ	Support taking into consideration Wall height Parking Increase in noise	
PL/2024/02080 - Land Adjacent to Quarryfield Industrial Estate, Castle Street, Mere, BA12 6LA	Support	
PL/OUT/2023/06654 Land at Sandways Farm, New Bourton Road, Dorset	Object on the grounds of Overdevelopment No infrastructure On a floodplain	

ZPC 23/80 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW –

- (i) Cllr Gray and Cllr Spencer attended the public meeting recently. Despite a comprehensive argument put together by Cllr Gray and a survey result with 112 objections to the proposed change of boundary; the draft recommendation from the CGR Committee is that the triangle from the A303 to the B3092 is reassigned to Mere Town after May 2025. The two pieces of land north and south will remain as part of Zeals Parish.
- (ii) The Clerk has had notification from Wiltshire Council that the first tranche of CIL payments for the nursing home will be paid once the contractor has paid Wiltshire. Cllr Gray informed the meeting that the CGR committee were asking their legal team to look into CIL.

ZPC 23/81 WESTFIELD PLAYGROUND

- (i) Update on checks - Cllr Patch had sent through a report for February. There was nothing requiring attention.

ZPC 23/83 PARK RUNS

- (i) Following a request to consider Zeals hosting a park run. Council discussed the feasibility of this happening. It was NOTED that Park Runs are held every week and required a safe parkland route with tarmacked paths to run. Parking would also need to be provided. Zeals could offer neither of these. Council RESOLVED to recommend that we do not take this on.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr Thomas

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/84 LITTER PICK

- (i) The recent litter pick was an enormous success with 25 people turning up to help. A huge amount of litter was recovered including a knife which has been handed over to the police. The company behind it collected everything on the Monday including the rubbish.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Patch for all her hard work organising the event.

ZPC 23/85 VILLAGE HALL

- (i) Cllr Spencer met with Lime Repair to discuss the urgent requirements to the hall. They went into roof and concluded it is dry. Lime Repair will concentrate on the work on the masonry corners. By using a combination of new masonry and pinning they can keep the cost to £9,992.43 + VAT.
Council RESOLVED to get on and do it. Council are aware that it will need to wait for some dry weather.

Proposed Cllr Spencer, Seconded Cllr D'Ambrumenil

Resolved 5 – 0 - 0

ZPC 23/86 ALLOTMENTS

- (ii) Council NOTED that there had been a slight change in allotment holders with some dropping out and some taking on or over other plots. There was also a new allotment holder. All allotments are taken, and most plot holders have paid their annual charge.
- (iii) Following a report of the tap leaking. This has been cleared of overgrowth and replaced.

ZPC 23/87 CORRESPONDENCE Council NOTED the items below

- (i) Email 28/2/24 regarding Tourism and Park Runs (Previously Circulated)

ZPC 23/88 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- (i) Community Governance Review and CIL
- (ii) Boyes Transport

ZPC 23/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 23 May 2024 at the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and a Village Hall meeting from 6pm. TBC

Councillor Spencer offered congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Patch on the birth of her daughter.

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 8.04.