

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th January 2023 AT 2:45pm in the Cavendish Room, Events Centre.**

Present: Cllr J Bend, Cllr. D McGregor, Cllr J. Wells, Cllr K Jones. Cllr S Smith, Cllr E Glassey, Cllr N Sanders, Cllr J Clifton.

Also in attendance: R Nunn (Clerk),

87. Public Participation

5 x member of the public (MOP) in attendance.

MOP queried land ownership and signage around Wollen Close. Cllr McGregor stated that the area in question was an unadopted private road. He also suggested that the resident contact the County Council about the signage.

MOP queried the orientation of the graves that have been dug in the new part of the cemetery. Cllr McGregor stated that he was unaware of any absolute requirement for the graves to be dug differently.

88. Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Richardson, Cllr C Gilfillan, Cllr R Turner

89. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sanders item 10.4

90. Motions to Vary Order of Business

None

91. Police report

Police not in attendance. Clerk read out latest statistics provided by police showing a decrease of 3 crimes in December compared to the same month from last year. Clerk also reported that on an annual basis the number of crimes in 2022 was the same as 2021.

All to Note

92. Events Centre Report

62.1 Managers report

The Events Centre Manager provided a summary of upcoming events, including ticket sales and advertising..

Moved by Cllr D. McGregor , seconded by Cllr N. Sanders

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

93. District Council Report

Cllr McGregor reported that the District Council had formed a company (Dragonfly) with the intention of pursuing commercial property opportunities

94. County Council Report

No report

95. To Approve the Minutes of:

95.1 The Parish Council meeting held on 24th November 2022

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Glassey

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

96 Financial Matters

96.1 Financial Statement for December 2022

The Clerk presented the December statement and reported that there were no significant adverse issues or trends to report to date, but expenditure would increase in the final 3 months of the financial year as previously approved items impacted.

Moved by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Sanders.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

96.2 Accounts for Payment January 2023

The Clerk answered several questions about individual payments.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Wells

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

96.3 2023/24 Precept & Draft Budget

The Clerk outlined the recurrent funding requirements for 2023/24 and that in order to fund them a precept increase of 7.6% would be required, which for a band D property was an increase of £12.23 per annum. The Clerk also reported that with regards to the Councils cash reserves and given what has already been committed this financial year together with uncertainty around the financial performance of the new Leisure Centre it would be unwise to make any further financial commitments until the new building is fully operational and its actual financial performance becomes clearer. He recommended that the Council should keep in reserve sufficient funding to pay for the borrowing costs plus an allowance for any other costs which materialise relating to the new building.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Smith

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

96.4 Allotment Fence Update

Discussed under item 13

97. Planning

The Clerk reported that a drop in session was being held on 1st February at the Events Centre for District officers to answer questions about the Creswell Growth Plan.

All to Note

98 Heritage and Wellbeing Centre update

Cllr McGregor reported that the project was progressing well with BDC dealing with issues as they arise. Plans are being made for an open day towards the end of March to enable members of the public to look around the new building. There will also be an official opening event.

All to Note

99. Correspondence

99.1 Youth Club

Cllr McGregor reported on an online survey to establish the potential need for a Youth Club in Creswell and our BDC councillors were providing funding support for the initiative. Grant funding was also being sought. Cllr McGregor asked if the Parish Council would consider contributing financially if the grant application was unsuccessful. Moved by Cllr McGregor, Seconded by Cllr Smith

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

99.2 Funding Requests

Cllr McGregor reported on several projects which were under consideration.

1. Paved pathway to information boards at Miners Memorial.
2. Multisports loft conversion – fire escape
3. Reset the paved seating area in cemetery.
4. New fence at allotments

It was agreed that having regard to the Clerks comments under 96.3 above that these be considered individually as more information on timings and cost becomes available.

100. Exempt

100.1 Pay rates 2023/24

The Clerk reported that the Living Wage Foundation rate had increased from £9.90 per hour to £10.90. The Clerk asked that the Council approved the new rate with effect from 1st April 2023 and that pay differentials for other hourly paid staff be maintained.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Bend

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

100.2 Staff Update

The Clerk reported that following an unsuccessful recruitment process interviews were now arranged for 1st February for both The Assistant to the Clerk and the Events Centre Supervisor positions.

All to Note

There being no other business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.15 pm

Signed

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