

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 25th January 2024 AT 5.45pm in the Cavendish Room,
Events Centre.**

Present:, Cllr D. McGregor (Chairman) Councillors J. Bend, P. Colbert, A. Davis, E. Glassey, S. Smith and J. Wells
5.50pm Cllrs R. Turner, M. Sanders & County Councillor M. Yates

Also in attendance: R. Nunn (Clerk), H. Brown (Asst to the Clerk) and Steve Nicholls (Event Centre Manager)

89. Public Participation

A member of the public enquired about the 15million given to Bolsover Council for the improvement of town centres. Cllr McGregor explained briefly the requirements surrounding the applications and the need to include land & planning.

A question was raised on the opening times of the new Skate Park and Councillor Wells informed members and public it was open when staff at the Wellbeing Centre deem it is "weather safe" to do so and lighting permits.

Updates were requested on the "New Health Centre" and were informed at the present time no updates were available, Cllr McGregor gave an explanation on circumstance and expressed how this had been on stocks for 15 years.

90. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor C. Gilfillan

91. County Council Report

County Councillor M. Yates gave a report on road issues within the village and the continued commitment to service improvement to which £33m has been allocated.

Members advised Cllr Yates of problems within the village to be reported.

Cllr McGregor thanked Cllr Yates for his attendance and report.

ALL TO NOTE

92. Declaration of Interest

None Declared.

93. Motion of Vary Order of Business

None

94. Heritage & Wellbeing Centre Update

The Clerk discussed the financial report previously circulated. The report considered

1. Funding shortfall on construction of the new building.

The Clerk reported that the latest estimate was a shortfall of approximately £147k. This will require the Parish Council to borrow this figure from the District Council at the end of the financial year.

Cllr McGregor moved seconded by Cllr Wells

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

2. The Clerk then reported on the deficit generated for 2023/24. This is currently estimated to be between £170k and £240k. Once this figure is known at the end of the financial year, another loan will be required from the District Council.

Cllr McGregor moved seconded by Cllr Wells

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

95. Precept 2024/25

The Clerk presented a report showing the anticipated recurrent budget changes for 2024/25. The most significant item being the forecast deficit for the Heritage and Wellbeing Centre. The Clerk confirmed that the figures did not include repayment of the loans referred to under minute 94, only the estimated interest. Having regard to all the known factors an increase from £172.50 to £332.95 was proposed.

Cllr McGregor moved and was seconded by Cllr Wells

**8 FOR / 1 AGAINST
Action Clerk**

96. Police Report

Members had previously been circulated the police report, members queried the accuracy of the report. Members noted the lack of police presence at Parish Council meetings and it was agreed to contact the Police commissioner for clarification of outcome of criminal activities.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

97. Events Centre Report - Update

The Events Centre Manager provided a written update on upcoming events. Marketing has started for the upcoming events in the year. A joint advert with the Heritage & Wellbeing Centre had been submitted to Bolsover magazine and these are to be delivered in the upcoming week.

The Clerk asked members to note the improvement to the Events Centre financial position this financial year.

The Events manager was thanked for attendance and report

All to note

98. Bolsover District Council

Cllr McGregor read out a report from the Intouch newspaper on the explanation on the banning of XL Bulldogs and the subsequent conditions of owning one.

Members were informed of the unsuccessful bid for £15m capital funding to boost growth in the area.

All to note

99. To Approve the Minutes of:

The Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd November 2023

Clarification was requested on the ownership of the Bowls Club

Moved by Cllr McGregor and seconded by Cllr Smith

All in favour

100. Financial Matters

100.1 Financial Statement for December 2023

The Clerk gave a financial update which included the improved performance of the Events Centre to date, however members were advised that there is still 3 months of the financial year to go.

Gratitude was given to the Events Manager for continued work and efforts.

100.2 Accounts for payment –December 2023 / January 2024

The Clerk reported on financial activities for December 2023 & January 2024 with no cause for concern. Cllr Smith highlighted the Fuel card invoice and was advised the van and all machinery were filled due to the proposed price increase.

Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr Bend

All in favour

101. Open Spaces

101.1 Allotment Rules

Allotment rules had previously been circulated

Moved Cllr McGregor seconded Cllr Wells

All n favour

101.2 Play Areas

Members highlighted problems within the East Street play area, and requested the Grounds Maintenance revisit the height of the swings.

All in favour

102. Planning Applications

No Objections

Members to note

103. Correspondence

None

All in favour

104. Exempt

Meeting Closed 7.00pm

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