**Minutes of the Meeting** **Held on Thursday 18th January 2024, Worminghall Village Hall**

Present: Apologies:

Cllr Skates (Chair) Cllr Bramley

Cllr Hopcroft

Cllr Wright

Cllr Tinkler

Clerk – Rebecca Martin

Various members of the public

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| Item |  |  |
| 1 | To receive apologies of absence | Cllr Bramley |
| 2 | To receive declarations of interest | None |
| 3 | Approval of minutes | Minutes from the WPC meeting 6th December 2023 were unanimously accepted by the council then signed and dated by the Chairman. |
| 4 | Previous minutes/actions | See actions at the bottom of the minutes. |
| 5 | Precept 2024/25 | Agreed to keep the precept the same as current year, £13,600.  Will increase automatically with the new houses in the Village. |
| 6 | Open forum | Proposal received from Chris Craggs for new noticeboard in Bus Shelter near Almshouses. Agreed to proceed.  Menmarsh Road – flooding. Local residents discussed the recent flooding on the Menmarsh Road and the responsibility of clearing the ditches/culvert etc. Cllr Wright to contact Bucks Council re the planned works to the road in March and recommended the residents due the same. |
| 7 | Village Gates | Discussion on having Gates as you come into the Village. 50% of costs covered by Community Board. Costs – “dragons teeth” on road £600 per set, £1.5-2k per gate. Cllr Wright to circulate details to Councillors. |
| 8 | Worminghall Village Hall | WVH project updates will be posted on the website and in the Bernwood News. Oil tank being moved next week. Main works start 5th February. Funding all in place. Works should be completed end of April.  Councillors agreed to pay the £9k previously agreed in one sum now, and in this financial year. |
| 9 | Planning applications | 23/03933/VRC – no objections  23/03967/APP – no objections |
| 10 | Approve financial payments | All of the below were approved:   * Clerk expenses December £4.49 * Clerk salary/HMRC December £91.80 * Dog waste bin £347.52 |
| 11 | AOB | When confirming the new dog bin, will also place order for new one by Airfield.  Discussion on road closures – whether WPC received notifications. We currently don’t, Clerk to enquire with Bucks Council/Highways.  Tree cutting near power lines – this is the responsibility of UK Power Networks. They should survey the area regularly, and with the landowners consent cut back.  Two emails received from residents concerning the volume of HGV’s going through the Village, Clerk to forward to Sue Lewin.  Street Light needing repair in Kings Close, quotation of £160 +VAT. Clerk to proceed.  Facebook page is now set up for WPC. |
| 13 | Next meeting | Thursday 22nd February 2024  Meeting concluded at 20.24 |

**Actions**

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| **Action** | **Owner** |
| Change direction of speed sign on Menmarsh Road | Cllr Wright and Cllr Hopcroft |
| Playground insurance and maintenance costs | Clerk – to carry forward |
| Traffic Calming | We are now registered. Cllr Skates to share details of training required. |
| Grass cutting | Clerk to obtain alternative quotes |
| Menmarsh Road flooding | Cllr Wright |
| Village Gates | Cllr Wright to send costs to Councillors |
| Road closures notification | Clerk |

Signature of Presiding Chair:

Date: