

# WESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of westhorpeparishclerk@gmail.com

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs David Barker (Chairman), Steve Christian, Ian Cotgrove, Diane Gladders, Robin Lambert

IN ATTENDANCE: District and County Cllr Andy Mellen, three members of the public and Mark Eggleton (clerk),

1. APOLOGIES and approval of absences – Cllrs Steve Caley and Richard Brown
2. DECLARATIONS of Interest and Dispensation – None received.
3. MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2022 previously circulated and taken as read – unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS Arising from Council Meeting 1 November 2022
  - 4.1 Whilst the contractors have cut back trees close to the cables next to Cllr Brown's property, they still have not carried out work in the other areas of the village. The Chairman will follow this up with a further email.
5. SPEED Indicator Device (SID) update – Cllr Brown sent his apologies but emailed the data to the council with a summary of his findings which the Chairman presented.
6. COUNTY Councillor report – Cllr Mellen presented his report. Key points include:-
  - 6.1 The County element of the Council Tax is likely to increase by just under 4% but this is yet to be ratified.
  - 6.2 There is a new County Council website
  - 6.3 More hosts are required for Ukrainian families. The £350 per month thank you payment is still available.
- 7 DISTRICT Councillor report - Cllr Mellen presented his report. Key points include:-
  - 7.1 The District element of the Council Tax is likely to remain unchanged but this is yet to be ratified.
  - 7.2 There are 22 new waste collection vehicles in service.
  - 7.3 Solar carports have been installed at Stowmarket Leisure Centre and are producing almost a quarter of the Leisure Centre's annual electricity demand.
- 8 PLANNING:-
  - 8.1 DC/22/00594 Land South of Church Road, Westhorpe, IP14 4SU.

An appeal has been made against Mid Suffolk District Council's decision to refuse planning permission for new houses on this site. The Council have reiterated their objections to the proposal and their comments were logged with the Planning Inspectorate on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The inspectorate's decision remains outstanding, once it has been communicated it will be displayed on the village website.
- 9 PARISH Precept 2023/2024. A precept of £3600 was proposed and unanimously approved. This represents a 2.13% increase on last year.

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10 KINGS CORONATION. It was agreed that the council would not arrange any public celebrations, however, the council would fully support any members of the public that wished to organise any celebrations.

11 FINANCE Summary of Receipts and Payments since the 1 November 2022 meeting.

11.1 Cheque number 100446 - £22.00 to Westhorpe Village Hall for hire of the hall.

11.2 Cheque number 100447 - £79.99 Reimbursing Mark Eggleton for the cost of the Microsoft Office renewal.

12 CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence received.

13 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

A member of the public asked what conclusions could be drawn from the SID data and also asked if it would be possible to erect another device. The Chairman explained that the data indicated that speeding drivers consistently slowed down before they reached the SID. The Chairman also advised that a further device could only be installed if there was unanimous support from the village, and when it had been discussed previously objections had been raised.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10 April 2023 at 7.30pm

Mark Eggleton  
Clerk to Westhorpe Parish Council