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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Connolly (Chair), Harwood, Lawton, Cope, Brammer, Ford, Howard and Whitehead.
CEC Cllr L Wardlaw and Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) also in attendance.

Item No. Detail

1822. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Shaw, Griffiths, Reynolds and Frost. Also, from CEC Cllr Redstone and PCSO Watson. It was reported that, due to health reasons, Cllr R Griffiths had resigned.

1823. **Public Forum**

No issue were raised.

1824. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1825. **Minutes of the Meeting of 16th November 2022**

There had not been a December meeting as it was inquorate. Cllr Harwood proposed, Cllr Brammer seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the minutes as true and correct.

1826. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

The following matters were considered:

- a) Goal posts for Scholar Green Paying Field – it was felt that a mobile 5-a-side goal would be acceptable, which could be anchored to the ground to prevent theft.
- b) Village Halls & Energy Costs – All 3 reports had been received. After a discussion, Cllr Harwood proposed, Cllr Howard seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that each village hall would receive a one off special grant to be used for energy saving measures. The Grant committee will consider this further when considering the usual Community Engagement & Development Grant applications.
- c) Christmas trees – it was agreed to form a working group to consider future provision.
- d) Coronation of King Charles III – it was agreed to consider supporting any activities that communities want to hold, if any.

1827. **Co-option of councillors**

The meeting agreed to defer the co-options due to the nearness of the local elections.

1828. **Accounts & Expenses**

Cllr Whitehead proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

HMRC PAYE + NIC £834.45

Dec payment

Mr G Roberts £2,134.45

Dec salary

Superannuation £797.74

Dec payment

08 Direct £11.99

Freephone number 1 month (Rode Runner booking line)

Initialled by Chair

Giff Gaff £6.00

1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for Rode Runner booking line

Adobe £19.97

Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.

Glasdon £4,930.96

Three benches

Defib Shop £273.,60

Two AED batteries and pads

BT £264.14

Office phone and internet

Atos (Fuel Genie) £94.95

Fuel for minibus

Mr G Roberts (petty cash) £107.16

Tinsel, tape, ties, clothes lines, batteries and Christmas lights for the trees

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Jan payment

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Community Heartbeat Trust £4,512.00

Two AEDs and cabinets

1829. Reports & Updates

Cheshire East matters – Cllr Wardlaw reported on CEC matters including: the A50 refuge due to be installed by the end of the month; bus fares capped until mid March; and budget consultations on a 4.99% CEC Council Tax increase.

Committees & Working Groups – brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Planning (there was a retrospective application resulting from enforcement); Community Transport (March, April & May trips had been agreed);

PCSO report – there was no report.

Village Halls – brief reports were given.

1830. Budget & precept

The budget and precept working group's report was considered. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the budget and reserves in the report. Cllr Howard proposed, Cllr Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the report's recommendation on the precept and issue a precept for £99,671 for the 2023/24 year.

1831. Correspondence

None received.

1832. Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____

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