

**DRAFT**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 commencing at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

Mrs S Parsons Chairman  
Mrs S Hackett  
Mr R Holder  
Mr J Maunder-Taylor

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents in attendance.

*The Clerk had added agenda item 9a: To set and approve the 2023/24 Precept*

**2022/084 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Mrs D George, Mrs R Spencer Jones, Mr James Waldock, Mrs M Scott

**2022/085 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations on agenda items.

**2022/086 Public Time**

There were no members of the public present but Cllr. Mrs Hackett spoke of concerns from residents opposite Fineshade Abbey in respect of a change to the Call Connect bus service stopping place. The Clerk is to contact Lincolnshire CC to get more information. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Maunder Taylor asked about action by the Forestry Commission over the removal of trees effected by Ash die-back.

**2022/087 Police Matters**

The Clerk had received no report from the Police.

**2022/088 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 04.10.22**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Mr Holder It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

**2022/089 Matters arising**

Covered by agenda items.

**2022/090 Estate Matters**

There had been no report from Berrys nor any response to the concerns raised at the last meeting in respect of The Red House.

The Clerk was asked to find out what the situation was with the Red House development and also notify Berrys about concerns over the condition of the Red House and other buildings.

**Action: Clerk**

**2022/091 Highways**

Highways are not in agreement with the surfacing of the verge outside the Royal Oak as this is public highway.

Arrangements are to be made by Highways to deal with the surface of the footway in Stamford Road.

David Bates has cut back the vegetation that was restricting visibility at the A47 junction.

**2022/092 2023/24 Budget**

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft budget. The allocation for the defibrillator maintenance was discussed and Cllr. Mrs Hackett is to arrange a check of the device. It was agreed not to maintain the Zoom subscription and this would be taken out of the budget. Following clarification of other items, it was proposed by Cllr. Maunder-Taylor and seconded by Cllr.. Holder that the budget be approved.

**2023/093 To set and approve the 2023/24 precept**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Holder to set the 2023/24 precept at £10,000, a reduction of £500.00 on the current financial year.

**2022/094 Correspondence**

As per list previously circulated to councillors.

Chairman

Date

**2022/095 Planning**

- a) NE/22/01434/FUL: Erection of two storey side extension and detached garage building with office above. 4 Top Lodge, Fineshade. **No objections subject to the following comments** - an ecological survey is to be requested; the size and style of the extension should be in keeping with the area and the Forestry Commission should be consulted over the potential increased traffic using its road.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) there were no other planning matters.

**2022/096 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.
- (iii) the Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iv) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Mr Maunder-Taylor proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mr Holder.

Retrospective

13.10.22 Bourne Skip Hire £819.00 Cheque No. 101041  
13.10.22 Npower Commercial Gas £12.85 Cheque No.101042  
05.11.22 Mrs S Parsons £160.00 Cheque No. 101043  
10.11.22 RBL Poppy Appeal £80.00 Cheque No. 101044  
10.11.22 Anglian Water Business (National0 Ltd £12.16 Cheque No. 101045

Cheque No. 101046 cancelled

R Reed £9.54 Cheque No. 101047  
Northants CALC £2.00 Cheque No. 101048

- (v) It was proposed by Cllr Mr Holder and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Hackett that the Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the National Pay Award. **Action: Clerk**
- (iv) The Clerk had received a further penalty notice from HMRC for failure to file on time. This had been discussed with the accountant who processes the payroll and he would take the matter up with HMRC.

**2022/097 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda**

Nothing at this time.

**2022/098 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.