

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 9th JANUARY 2023

Present: Councillors S William (Chair) E Mason, C Ryan, S Kelly, T Smith, J Bradley, P Mason

County Councillor Higgins

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Daly.

2023/01/09/01

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no representatives of the public present.

2023/01/09/02

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12th December 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

2023/01/09/03

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The Clerk presented a report from the Police covering the period from 1 December 2022 to 31 December 2022. Crime related activity during the period was noted as including:

Criminal damage- 3 incidents
 Criminal damage to a vehicle- 0 incidents
 Anti-social behaviour, nuisance- 1 incident
 Anti-social behaviour- personal- 0 incidents
 Anti-social behaviour- environmental- 1 incident
 Burglary- 0 incidents

It was noted there still appeared to be a reduction in off road bike/quad bike related incidents. In relation to youth throwing stones etc at passing vehicles there was an intention for the Police to visit local schools to discuss the matter.

Further speed monitoring activity was noted as to take place and the Police were seeking volunteers to participate.

The next PACT meeting in the community centre was noted as being on Wednesday 25 January at 6pm.

Following further general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

2023/01/09/04

PROGRESS REPORT

(1) Park Coordinator

The Clerk advised that no applications had been received for the position of Park Coordinator despite it being advertised widely on social media and it being shared with local youth workers. The Clerk stated he was liaising with youth works and the National Lottery Fund regarding what to do next in order to retain the funding and to seek applicants.

The Clerk also stated that following discussions at a previous meeting he had attended a meeting with the Chairman, County Councillor Higgins and Wheatley Hill and Trimdon Parish Councils to discuss the potential of engaging a youth worker to work across the three parish areas. Consultation was to be undertaken at minimal cost to gauge interest in youth worker activities

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

2023/01/09/05

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to consider.

2023/01/09/06

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

2023/01/09/07

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

EON Next- Xmas Lighting

Cheque No. 406105 £39.16

Npower- Pit Wheel

Cheque No. 406106 £32.64

Clerk – Postage Refund

Cheque No. 406107 £40.80

Webster Landscaping –Missing Vat for Tractor Hire

Cheque No.406108 £260.00

Aztec Colour Print- Carol Service Printing

Cheque No.406109	£88.00
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No.406110	£6.01
John Dougherty- 20 December Social Event	
Cheque No.406111	£100.00
Durham CC- Tractor Repairs	
Cheque No.406112	£1460.74
Wingate Community Association – Bingo Event	
Cheque No.406113	£124.00
Anglian Water- Park	
Cheque No.406114	£823.30
BT- Broadband at the Park	
Cheque No. 406115	£81.92
Wingate Community Association – Carol Service	
Cheque No. 406116	£43.00
Wingate Community Association- Christmas Social Event	
Cheque No. 406117	£197.95
Harbro Electrical Ltd- Xmas Lighting	
Cheque No. 406118	£5.34
Clerk- January Office Allowance	
Cheque No. 406119	£50.00
LITE- Xmas Lighting Decorations	
Cheque No. 406120	£4023.36

2023/01/09/08

REPORTS

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Defibrillator Pads**

Following a query raised by a Member it was noted that the Clerk had arranged payment for two replacement pads for the defibrillator at Moore Lane. The funding of pads on an ongoing basis was something which was noted as needing further consideration.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(2) **Zebra Crossing**

A Members stated that they had received a report of a vehicle not stopping as it should at the zebra crossing on the front street and suggested that additional signage reminding drivers to stop should be installed. It was noted the zebra crossing was installed by the highway authority to an agreed specification. It was also noted that a previous highways survey had highlighted the front street area did not justify having such a crossing.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

(3) **Public Footpath Moore Lane/Wellfield School**

Members discussed the condition of the public footpath in the vicinity of Moore Lane and Wellfield Community School. While the condition of it was noted as being poor and the adjacent hedge had been damaged it was reconised that building works nearby were still ongoing and the path and hedge would not be reinstated until completed. It was suggested that the reinstatement works needed to be monitored.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and ongoing reinstatement works be monitored.

(4) **Pit Wheel Lights**

RESOLVED it be noted that issues relating to the pit wheel lights were still ongoing and further progress be awaited.

(5) **Durham Road- Speeding**

Following a report of speeding at Durham Road it was **RESOLVED** it be noted that a further speed watch exercise was to be undertaken.

(6) **Quad Bikes Etc**

RESOLVED the Clerk used social media to promote Crimestoppers and the fact incidents can be reported confidentially.

(c) **County Councillor**

County Councillor Higgins gave an update on County Council activities. It was noted that previous speed monitoring the front street area had not triggered further measures. However, cables were to be used on the front street to provide for more ongoing monitoring.

It was noted the Crossing PH had applied for an extension of hours to cater for breakfasts although alcohol would not be served during the extended hours.

County Councillor Higgins was thanked for his report following which it was **RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

2022/01/09/09

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE