



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 15 MAY 2023 AT 7.50PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
David House
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: Stuart Bonnet
Marissa Zoppellini

County / District Councillors: None

Police: None

Apologies: DC Geoffrey Williamson and PC L De Bruyn

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

- 49.1 Declaration of Acceptance of Office** : Councillors Marchant, Bagnall, House, Oxley, Parker and Pledger signed Declarations of Office for the ensuing year 2023-24.
- 49.2 The Chairman for the ensuing year 2023-24 was appointed** : AM Prop SB, DH seconded. No other proposals. Andrew Marchant was appointed the Chairman for the ensuing year 2023-24.
- 49.3 The Vice Chair for the ensuing year 2023-24 was appointed** : JP Prop DO, SB seconded. No other proposals. David Oxley was duly elected.
- 49.4 Apologies** : received CC Geoffrey Williamson and PC De Bruyn.
- 49.5 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations** : None received.
- 49.6 Public Comments** : None received.
Change of land use of the travellers site at that point (49.10.6).
We have written to Police re: not happy with Rave.
Rave situ told to stand down and not take action.
If they arrested, it would be time costly and there were a large number in attendance.
Clerk to respond to Police response to include Rave.
- Hunt is reported but doesn't feature in the police crime reporting.
- 49.7 County / District Councillor Comments** : none received.
- 49.8 Police Report** :
- 49.9 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2023**
The chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 Mar-23 as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 49.10 Planning**
- 49.10.1 Anstey Hall SG9 OBY** : 3/23/0659/HH – (3/23/0236/HH withdrawn) : changes for the menage raises no issues with residents at St Georges End. Check Two Acre – JP to check. Responses due by:
- 49.10.2 The Grange SG9 ODG** : Ref. 3/23/0821/FUL S/S side and F/F side extn, installation of north facing glass balustrade – no objections were raised by Parish Council – APPROVED : 05 Apr-23.
- 49.10.3 Dove Cottage SG9 ODH** : 3/23/0558/HH and 3/23/0559/LBC –
- 49.10.4 Windy Ridge SG9 ODN** : 3/23/0601/HH –
- 49.10.5 Granary Cottage SG9 OBY** : 3/23/0069/HH and 3/23/0486/LBC – APPROVED 28 Apr-23.
- 49.10.6 Plot 64** : Ref. No: 3/20/2139/FUL – Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller residential – Parish council objected – APPEAL LODGED 14/01/22.



Four years. Sites set out in locks and sold as potential investment sites 40 years ago.

30-40 sites in total. Travellers bought one site and cleared it 3 years ago and made various planning applications, some turned down, some withdrawn. Now awaiting appeal. Don't appear to be living there any longer. Awaiting decision. Wanted 2 statics and 2 mobile homes. Only have proved ownership on one site. Parish Council main concerns were sewage arrangements, lack of site ownership and the access to the site.

49.10.7 To discuss any new applications or decision notices not listed above – diversion of footpath is the only notification.

49.11 Finance

49.11.1 a) Form 2PM Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Sections 1/2 were accepted as correct and duly signed.

b) Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23 Form 2PM – was accepted as correct and duly signed.

c) Form 2PM Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/23 – was accepted as correct and duly signed.

49.11.2 The May-23 finance report was accepted by the Parish Council.

49.11.3 The latest bank reconciliation was accepted for 15 May 23 was accepted and duly signed. It was noted that this was prepared on 01 May 2023. The VAT is awaiting payment, £3,342.

49.11.4 Payments for May/Jun-23 were approved, including an additional £1.40 paid to the clerk to cover the salary underpayment 2022-23.

49.12 Phone Box Kiosk : Communication has restarted to deal with the Parish Council's complaint that the kiosk repairs were not to the required standard following remedial works in 2021.

There is no response from Highways with regards to the culverts and drainage to ascertain why a pool of water collects in front of the kiosk. Historically there was a ditch along the road but has since been filled in. Clerk to chase again.

49.13 Highways / Vegetation :

Hedges and overgrowth encroaching onto highways was reviewed, together with potholes in the village.

49.14 Flooding :

It was noted that **Cave Gate** flooded during recent heavy rainfall and is being monitored. The highway B1368 south of **Silkmead** Ind Estate is also being monitored which also continues to flood during heavy rainfall. Clerk to write to highways and thank the winter gully clearing at Silkmead, and request it is repeated.

SILKMEAD NEEDS HIGHWAYS TO DIG OUT VERGE AGAIN.

49.15 Playing Field :

Bagnall provided photographs and information for a new playing field bench; can he buy it from Flint Hall. Yes. The 130cm table top from seasoned treated pine.

Table Top Diameter: 130cm

- Made from seasoned treated pine
- Constructed from 38mm thick timber
- Table : £443.33
- Shipping:£94.80
- Includes £94.80 VAT

It was noted that waste flows into the ditch from the jointly used village hall, school and cottages **septic tank** and pools adjacent to the skateboard ramp when there is no flow of water. This is being monitored. The septic tank is emptied quarterly. This will be raised with the school who also use the playing field.

UK Power Networks undertook **tree surgery** at the playing field and left branches after the works completed – clerk to write and request these are removed. These have been removed.

Ukrainian use the playing field on 20 May-23 – keen to see them use it. They will bag up and remove rubbish.



Grass will be cut before the date. International Scout Day. Want to use the forest which has been agreed with the school and Village Hall toilets.

- 49.16 Ditch works undertaken** : surveying appalling, works undertaken bad, results were negligible and pointless. Lincoln Hill has never flooded. Rubbish left on Flint Hall/ Lincoln Hill.
Snow drops dug up.
Pointless, now mini puddles along.
Outside Anstey Hall wasn't done.
Who suggested work, instigated, surveyed, monitored and okayed it had been done correctly.
- 49.17 Church** : Font completed. Fundraising to be arranged in the summer for general maintenance.
- 49.18 School / Parking** : Not bad. Pre School before school pickup but not there for long. Parking close for the small children. The lower carpark isn't currently being used. DO to discuss with school.
- 49.19 Speeding** : commissioner will only act upon an incident in the village. PC De Bruyn doesn't feel that vehicles speed in the centre of the village. It was agreed that they could on Lincoln Hill. No assistance from local police.
- 49.20 Village Hall** : Had at AGM.
- 49.21 Newsletter** – putting Jun/July together. Got 10 paid advertisers £300/annum or £50/issue. £180 to print 12-page copy, takes it to £130. Meesden paid.
- 49.22 Anstey Quarry** : no news coming forward.
- 49.23 Defibrillator** : Cllr Oxley reported it was fully functional and ready for service if needed.
The use and location of the defibrillator was explained to the members of public attending.
- 49.24 Correspondence Received** : To receive details of correspondence for information.
- 49.25 Any other business** None.
- 49.26 Dates of Meeting** : Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 17th July In the village hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.