

BARHAM AND WOOLLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday 18th February 2020 DRAFT

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Councillors Present: Mr P Harrison-chair
Mrs Grove-Price-vice chair
Mr T Massey-RFO
Mr N Grundy

3 members of the public were present

1. Chairman: The meeting commenced at 19.50 with Mr Harrison opening the meeting.

2. Apologies: Mr J Williams

3. Minutes of the last meeting- Minutes have been circulated, no amendments were required. The Council moved to accept them as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Mr N Grundy, seconded by Mr T Massey. The minutes were signed by the Chairman MR P Harrison.

4 Matters arising.

No matters arising apart from Councillors Grundy & Williams will attend the HDC Planning Forum on 12th March 2020 at Pathfinder House on behalf of the Parish Council.

5 Pecuniary interest: None were disclosed concerning any of the Agenda items.

6 Correspondence None

7. Treasurers Report: Mr Massey reported that we have a very similar bank balance as reported at the last meeting in October but that he had not been able to access the online banking as he had been locked out of the system and new pass codes are currently in the process of being set up for him. HDC have confirmed that the precept monies of £800 have been paid into the account in the past month and Mr Massey confirmed that he had seen this money in the account.

The Clerk handed Mr Massey her invoice for £100 for her duties and Mr Massey handed the Clerk a cheque for £100 in return.

8. Grant Funding: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, who administer the Woolley Hill Windfarm Funds, confirmed in December by email that the Parish Council had been successful in being awarded £1450 for the cost of a defibrillator with installation being provided by Mr Grundy. They also confirmed that the Parish Council, on behalf of Barham PCC, had been granted £912 for a new church gate, and £1052 for a new noticeboard, installation of both to be provided by a Church Member. This money will be paid into the Parish Councils bank account by hopefully the end of February 2020 and at that time the appropriate funds of £1964.00 will be transferred to the PCC for their projects.

Mr Grundy stated that he is certain the defibrillator can go in the disused phone box and that electricity can be provided from a local residence near to the phone box. The Clerk will contact the First Responder who lives in Buckworth, and who has agreed to look after the defibrillator, to discuss what type of equipment and storage box is preferred within the budget.

9.Roads: Mr Massey had received a complaint from a neighbour as to the state of the roads in Woolley. The Clerk told the Meeting that she had personally had a meeting with Councillor Ian Gardiner who was duly elected in November to represent this area on the District & County Councils. He has personally taken an interest in all the local roads around Barham, Woolley, Grafham, Ellington, Spaldwick, Alconbury etc and has meetings with HDC and Highways England, especially regarding Globe Lane out of Alconbury, The County Council Highways are trying to get funding from Highways England to repair all the local roads that have been damaged during the new A14/A1 upgrade and the matter is ongoing.

The Globe Lane issue has been exasperated by the amount of traffic now using this road to access Covance as a workplace. This is also due to the A1 access being permanently closed, and the not yet opening of the new roundabout near Brampton Hut for the Woolley Road traffic. The Clerk has been in touch with both Alconbury and Alconbury Weston Parish Council Clerks, and asked for the Parish Councils permission to jointly draft a letter to the Management at Covance requesting that the employees now use the new Woolley Road adjacent to the A1 that was specifically built mainly for their use, and to avoid using Globe Lane. Councillor Gardiner is also aware of this joint Parish Council attempt to try and lessen the traffic in the villages,

10. Any other business: Mr Grundy raised the issue of the water on the road outside the Church that has been there since December 2019. The matter has been reported to both HDC & Highways to no avail apart from a standard response. Mr Grundy has now contacted Environmental Health due to the fact that it is a mixture of rainwater and septic tank overflow and is a health hazard. A photo has been sent showing the extent of the water problem.

Mr Grundy also asked about getting disabled access to the Church from the road over the grass verge, The PCC would like to make an access but need to have the necessary permission etc from either Highways or HDC. The Clerk will make enquiries as to how this can be achieved and whether there is any funding available to do so. If not, the Woolley Hill Windfarm fund was mentioned as a possibility.

Mrs Grove-Price had not had a positive response to a tree that is hitting phone lines etc so will get a quote personally to have the tree made safe,

The Chairman then closed the meeting and asked if any member of the public wished to raise any questions. When the meeting reopened at 20.15, it was agreed that the old church noticeboard could be moved to the Woolley end of the village to enable residents living in that area, and those in Woolley, to have the same facility as the new Church noticeboard. Site would be agreed when the new noticeboard for the church was available, but Mr Grundy would also get a price for a new noticeboard for the village use.

Mr Grundy wished to note a vote of thanks to Mrs Grove-Price for securing the funding from the Windfarm Foundation as it had not been an easy process, having already been rejected twice before. Mr Massey seconded.

The readoption of the Parish Councils Standing Orders was proposed by Mr Grundy, seconded by Mrs Grove-Price.

11. Date, time and place of next meeting: Tuesday May 12th 2020 at 7.45pm at St Giles Church, Barham for AGM followed by Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 20.25

Signed by the Clerk..... Date.....

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Barham and Woolley Parish Council

