

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6PM

### Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr J Lang, Cllr C Bradford, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr S Swann and Cllr Wheelton

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. **Apologies** Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Leech, Cllr Kinson, Cllr Ackroyd
2. **Declaration of Interest** - Cllr K Bradford CVS South Derbyshire
3. **Members of the public** - None
4. **District and County Councillors** -  
Cllr Swann sent in his report, see below.  
PC members requested support for locating areas of attention that are needed for village accessibility. Cllr Swann is happy to do a 'walk around' the village and PC encouraged to invite wheelchair users, to gain their opinions. PC to send their availability to DC and CC.

Cllr Wheelton informed members of a fund being made available and will forward details of 'The Rural Economic Prosperity Fund' when details are released. Cllr Wheelton also wished everyone a happy Christmas.

- a. **Minutes** of the previous meeting on October 12th 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting taken as read and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared on the website and notice boards.  
Matters arising. The Clerk reported that applications for free banking at several banks had been unsuccessful and this matter will be deferred to the next meeting for a decision on new actions to be taken.
6. **Finance**  
**All documentation shared before and during the meeting**  
Balance of the accounts on bank statement @ 12.10.22 was £22,985.47  
**Approval of payments for:**
  - a. £24.70 Clerks expense for Nov 2022
  - b. Clerks overtime in October for 11 hours
  - c. As per NALC - Clerk pay increase agreed by NJC to £1ph, backdated to Apr 2022
  - d. £34.20 Cllr M Leech – Travel expense for Town and Parish meeting in Matlock
  - e. £55 donation for poppy wreaths to RBL
  - f. £250 donation to South Derbyshire CVS for the foodbank, Swadlincote
  - g. Budget for 2023/24 – deferred to next meeting and Cllrs asked to consider the spend for next year and to email Clerk if necessary. Spread sheet will be shared.
  - h. £540 to Aspen Tree Surgery for removal of Cherry Tree in the village – being the cheapest quote received.
7. **Christmas Activities – report from VIB**  
The Christmas tree is being donated by Oliver Neilson, Catton Park.  
Lights are battery operated, on a timer and batteries are available from last year's supply.  
Battery operated nets for the willow trunks on the other side of lower brook and donations will be shared between VIB and SDCVS.  
The Pageant will be on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022.  
No lights in the seedling area of the brook this year but residents will be encouraged to light Up their gardens.

8. **Adoption of policies agreed for:**

- a. Financial regulations
- b. Code of conduct
- c. Risk register

9. **Clerk**

Approval of Clerks hours to be increased from 26 hour per month to 32 hours from Jan 2023

10. **AOB**

Meetings dates were approved for 2023. Start time being 6pm on **2<sup>nd</sup>** Wednesday of the every month except April, which will be the **3<sup>rd</sup>** Wednesday. **No** meetings in August and December.

Meeting concluded @ 18.57pm

**Next meeting Wednesday 11th January 2023**



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