



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church Hall, Church Lane,
West Row IP28 8PD

Present: Cllr R Hamill, Cllr A Fisher, Cllr June Goodenough, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr L Doyle, Cllr M Connery and Cllr S Knight

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk, D/Cllr D Waldron, Sqn Ldr A Bell and Cllr R Dicker

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

170. Apologies for acceptance and absence. Cllr M Peachey, D/Cllr C Noble, Cllr M Bradshaw and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls.

171. To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda. In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interest in any items(s) on the agenda.

172. Public Participation (10 minutes in total)

173. Approval of Minutes

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2024 were proposed and agreed as a true record of the meeting held.

174. External Reports

- (a) D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council – Non-attendance and report submitted.
(b) D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council – Reported that an enforcement notice has been served on the site on Pott Hall Road to clear the site within a month.
(c) D/Cllr Mick Bradshaw – West Suffolk Council. Non-attendance and no report submitted.
(d) Sqn Ldr Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall. Report submitted and attached.
(e) Community Policing Update – Awaiting confirmation of when PC Peter Maxfield can attend our monthly meetings.
(f) Cllr Roger Dicker – Chair of West Suffolk Council – Cllr R Dicker Introduced himself and said he looks forward to getting out into the community to see the work that goes on by the parish.



175. Planning

- (a) Householder planning application – a. single storey side extension b. first floor side extension including changes to roof line. 46 Isleham Marina, Woodpecker, Fen Bank, West Row CB7 5SL. It was voted to Support this planning application.
- (b) Hybrid planning application – Outline application for residential development of up to 1000 dwellings and up to 80 bed care units. Land west of Mildenhall, West Row Road, Mildenhall. It was voted to Support this outline planning application.

176. Matters Relating to Governance

177. Financial Matters

- (a) Approval of Accounts – Payments – 1st to 29th February 2024. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.
- (b) Approval of January 2024 Bank Reconciliation was Received.
- (c) Approval of January 2024 Deposit Account was Received.

178. Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision

- (a) Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings – Results remain consistent.
- (b) Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along river at bottom of The Gravel – Nothing to report.
- (c) SCC Development – No further update. Cllr M Peachey will keep monitoring the situation.
- (d) Update on Storage Facilities. Awaiting the key from the Village Hall for the inner container nearest the hedge and a key to the gate.
- (e) Blue Plaques – Defer.
- (f) Shop Drove Footpath – Ongoing.
- (g) Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – D/Cllr D Waldron informed us that WSC Enforcement Officer has contacted the owner to address the outstanding issues re clearance of the site.
- (h) New Cemetery – Planning application has been approved with several conditions attached, some of them are standard and the other pre-commencement conditions will require us to provide further information before commencement work. It was agreed and approved for Cllr M Peachey to engage with the relevant specialists in order to obtain the details required to apply to strike off the pre-commencement conditions.
- (i) Community Assets – Village Hall, Bowls Club & Amenities. This will be discussed further at the next Village Hall meeting in March.
- (j) Grass Cutting – Village Hall. WRPC agreed to 16 cuts per year for the recreation area and play area and will advise the Village Hall. Any additional cuts will be paid for directly by the village hall.



- (k) Additional defibrillators at the end of Eldo Road, and one by the Coffee shop. Pamment Garage and the Coffee Shop have both agreed to siting the defibrillators. Cllr A Fisher to bring along additional information regarding servicing contracts to the next meeting. Clerk to investigate funding for these units.
- (l) Bridleway to Mildenhall. Wamil Hall path wording. Ongoing.
- (m) Streetlight Electricity Supplier – Changeover. Clerk awaiting quotations from utility supplier.

179. Other Working Party Updates/Reports

- (a) Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine – Next edition going to print.
- (b) Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Draft plan will hopefully be submitted in a few weeks' time. Defer.
- (c) Warm Places Update – next fish and chip lunch arranged for Friday 23rd February 2024 which will be the last one funded by WRPC, and warm places will cease.
- (d) 100 Club Update – Emma Caplin was the winner in this month's draw.

180. Allotment Matters

AGM will take place on 22nd February 2024.

181. Events

- (a) Litter Picking Saturday 6th April 2024. Clerk to contact WSC re additional litter pickers.
- (b) Village Knitting. Poppies for Remembrance Sunday.
- (c) 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. Working group to be set up. Defer.
- (d) D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024. Working group to be set up.
- (e) RAF Mildenhall 90th Birthday – Working group to be set up.
- (f) Family Fun Afternoon 14th September 2024 – Village Hall. Village Hall will send to the Clerk a list of things that need to be done by WRPC.

182. Statutory Business

- (a) Declaration of Acceptance signed by Cllr S Knight.
- (b) Council members resolved that the Parish Council meets the conditions of eligibility set out in the Schedule to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, thereby enabling it to use the General Power of Competence. This will remain valid until the annual meeting following the next ordinary election in May 2027.

183. Chair and Councillors' Reports/Suggestions (on the night).

Cllr R Hamill and Cllr M Connery attended the premier of 'Masters of the Air' at RAF Mildenhall.

Cllr M Connery asked about advertising events on the new board by Plantation Farm.



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Cllr A Goodenough suggested that he cut the grass on the Triangle by Cricks Road, and it was also suggested that we plant daffodils in the Autumn.

184. Correspondence and Exchange of Additional Information (at the discretion of the Chair)

185. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Cllr R Hamill

Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Hamill', written over a dotted line.

20th March 2024

Meeting closed at 9:00pm