



WISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Wiston Parish Council Meeting
7.00pm, Wednesday, 18th September 2024, at the Meeting Place.
Water Lane, Wiston.

Draft Minutes

Present: Cllr. Garner, Cllr. Goring, Cllr. Leppard, Cllr. Nash, Cllr. Page
In attendance: -
Clerk: Matthew Thomas
Members of the public: -

- 24.33 **To consider accepting apologies for absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Circus and Cllr. Marshall.
- 24.34 **To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed:** None were made.
- 24.35 **To Approve the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 10th July 2024:** The minutes were approved without alteration and duly signed by the Chair.
- 24.36 **To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation:** There were no members of the public present.
- 24.37 **To receive reports from County and District Councillors:** No Members of the County or District Councils were able to attend on this occasion.
- 24.38 **Highways and Footpaths:**

- 24.38.1 **Water Lane footway: Overhanging Vegetation:** It was noted that a local resident had proactively cleared the footpath vegetation along Water Lane earlier in the year. After discussion it was agreed to invite the individual concerned to cut the length of Water Lane path three times a year, at a cost of £250 per cut to the Parish Council. Cllr Nash raised the issue of insurance, in view of the fact that the Parish Council would be entering into a management contract.
- Action: Cllr Goring to ask Seth of 6 Stocks Hill if he would be prepared to take on the task of cutting the Water Lane footpath in 2025 and to ask him for a copy of his Public Liability Insurance.
- 24.38.2 **Hole Street Speed Indicator Device:** It was noted that the SID was not operating. After discussion it was agreed to purchase two new batteries for it. Further that Mr Eels, tenant of the adjacent land, should be approached with a view to fitting the SID's solar panels on a second pole, erected on the south side of the tree line, where there are much better levels of natural light.
- Action: Clerk to order two batteries from Elancity UK Technical Support.
- Action: Cllr Goring to approach Mr Eels about erecting a new pole for the solar panels
- 24.39 **Planning matters.**
- DC/24/1345: Hole Street Farmhouse:** Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to form two dwellinghouses. The Parish Council had been notified of the application after the Full Council Agenda had been circulated. It was noted that although elevations had been provided, there was no detail on the materials to be used or on access arrangements. After discussion it was agreed that insufficient information had been provided for the Parish Council to take a view.
- Action: Cllr Garner to ask the Estate about the wider context of the proposal, particularly with regards to access, and to report to Councillors via email.
- * Please note: Unfortunately the deadline for comments on this application passed on 3rd October.
- 24.40 **Finance**
- 24.40.1 **Approved payments:** The expenditure detailed below was approved:

Balance bfwd	£11,809
Total receipts	£0
Total payments	£667
Balance per bank statement 30/04/24	£11,142
Of which reserves	£7,714
Prepared by	M Thomas
Approved by	

Date	Payee	Amount
15/07/24	Moore - late submission of AGAR	£48.00
30/07/24	HMRC PAYE/NIC	£49.60
30/07/24	Litter warden	£54.66
30/07/24	Clerk	£199.08
30/07/24	Litter warden - bin bags	£2.70
02/08/24	HSBC - bank charges	£5.00
31/08/24	HMRC PAYE/NIC	£49.80
31/08/24	Clerk	£198.88
31/08/24	Litter Warden	£54.66
02/09/24	HSBC - bank charges	£5.00
	TOTAL	£667.38

24.40.2 **Latest Bank Statement for approval:** The July/August bank statement was approved and duly signed by the Chair at the meeting.

24.41 **Community matters**

24.41.1 **Broadband Speeds:** Following previous correspondence on this matter, it was agreed that Andrew Giffiths MP should be contacted to ask if any progress had been made on improving broadband speed in the parish.

Action: Clerk to write to Andrew Giffiths MP ref. above.

24.41.2 **Sewage Discharge into Honeybridge Stream:** It was noted that the letter from Andrew Giffiths MP of 2nd August was inaccurate in that the Ashington Wastewater Treatment Works are not Victorian. Councillors also noted that Mr Moody’s email to Andrew Giffiths MP of 9th August stated that the Works “have the capability to discharge into the Honeybridge Stream if it became overloaded during storm conditions.” but in fact the data shows that the discharge happened for one third of the year, far in excess of the number of days with storm events. Councillors also noted that in August the Ashington Works were due to be inspected ‘in the next few weeks’.

Action: Clerk to write to Andrew Giffiths MP asking for clarification and an update on the information provided by Mr Moody.

24.42 Correspondence

24.42.1 **Adur Adaptation Project:** The email from Tara Dawson was noted.

24.42.2 **Proposed reforms to national planning policy:** The correspondence from the CPRE and Horsham District Council was noted.

24.42.3 **Ash Dieback Clearance:** The letter from West Sussex County Council was noted

24.42.4 **Speed Limits:** In response to the local resident asking whether the speed limit could be reduced on Water Lane, Cllr Garner explained that the Parish Council had attempted on at least four previous occasions to have the speed limit reduced, without success and that when a 40mph speed limit was imposed, it was done so by the County Council without consultation. It was agreed that no further action could be taken.

24.43 Information items: Cllr Goring noted that the footpath which crosses the field behind behind Buncton Chapel had been ploughed and the post in the middle of the field had been removed.

Action: Clerk to write to Wiston Estate drawing the ploughed footpath to their attention.

Action: Cllr Goring to speak with the farmer concerned.

The meeting closed at: 19.58

Signed:..... **Date:**
Chairman.