

# WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2019 in the village hall

- Present: Cllrs Chris Harcourt, Paul Sutton, Duncan Perry. Jen Larner – Clerk
- 2018/159 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs John Bushell, Stephanie Hensley. County and District councillors.
- 2018/160 Declarations of interest** – none
- 2018/161 Minutes of Parish Council meeting** – the Parish Council meeting minutes of 18 February 2019 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/162 District Councillor's report** – this had been circulated.
- 2018/163 County Councillor's report** – this had been circulated.
- 2018/164 Finance report** – the clerk's finance reports ending February 2019 were agreed. The following payments were authorised: Dianne Batten £96.16; Clerk February salary £312.31; Clerk February expenses £53.84; Street light maintenance £470.01; Leak repair to pavilion £50.00; Eon £47.27; hall hire £67.50, noticeboard £808.80. Money received: £124.29 from wayleaves.
- 2018/165 Insurance** – the insurance details had been circulated. It was agreed to take out a 3 year Long Term Agreement, at a cost of £925.53. The clerk will follow up the damage to the pirate ship and see if a claim can be made.
- 2018/166 Risk Assessment** – the risk assessment had been circulated with one small update and was agreed to be an accurate reflection.
- 2018/167 Common/Playing field** – a leak in the pavilion had been reported by the football club, and an emergency plumber was called out to fix it. The state of the pavilion in terms of litter and cleanliness was not favourable and a reminder will be sent to the football club of their responsibilities in this respect. Further to minute 2018/153, a second tender had been received for cutting the grass on the playing field. After consideration it was agreed to continue with the existing provider. The islands left on the common for overwintering will now be removed. It was pleasing to hear of the cowslips on Beech Lane. Community payback team – Cllr Paul Sutton will cover April and May, and has drawn up a rota for the rest of the year, ready to pass on to another councillor after the elections.
- 2018/168 Community Infrastructure Levy** - a verbal report was given regarding the village hall provision. The wifi boxes have been fitted but some of the other previous ideas have been changed. It was agreed that councillors would like to see these details and costs. A leaflet has been drawn up to explain CIL to the village and ask for priorities for spending and future plans. This will be printed by Cllr Duncan Perry and circulated with the village newsletter in April.
- 2018/169 Annual Parish Meeting** - discussion took place regarding the format for the APM to be held on 15 April. It was agreed that organisations in the village will be invited to report back on the year and their activities.
- 2018/170 Planning applications** – The Assets of community value registered 5 years ago - the village hall, pub and old school – now need re-registering. It was agreed to apply for this for the pub and village hall, and also to add in the Townlands allotments. The clerk will apply.
- 2018/171 Correspondence** – Request to put hanging baskets on the bus shelter for Open Gardens in June – this was agreed; Woolpit Neighbourhood plan pre-submission (circulated), deadline 19 April; Cllr Chris Harcourt had emailed Crest Nicholson to see how the development was progressing and had received a response re road cleaning and general matters.

Next meeting Annual Parish Meeting : Monday 15 April 2019.

