WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2023** Present: Cllr Duncan Perry, Cllr Andy Lewis, Cllr Richard Thurman,

Cllr Stephanie Hensley

Christine Mason (Clerk), District Cllr Rachel Eburne and two members of the

Public

2023/01 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests**

All signed.

2023/02 **Election of Chairman**

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Duncan Perry be re-elected as Chairman for 2023-2024 – all agreed.

2023/03 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Stacey Lascelles, District Cllr Janet Pearson

**Declarations of Interest**

2023/04None declared.

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday 27th March 2023 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2023/05 **District Councillor Rachel Eburne’s report**

Report was previously circulated, and contents noted. Key issues included the result of the recent elections held on 4th May, Green Party 24 seats, Conservative 6, Liberal Democrats 4; the Green Party are now officially the administration at MSDC; Neighbourhood Plan Light, pilot being put forward by government for smaller authorities, MSDC currently recruiting parishes to be part of the project; responses from the consultation on Part 1 stage of the Joint Local Plan are being considered, with examination hearing sessions with the Planning Inspectors commencing on 25th June, potentially until 29th June; Councillor locality grant scheme now available for 2023-24; applications for a grant to support mental health activities within the IP14 postcode area of Mid Suffolk but must be made by 7th July 2023.

2023/06 **Public Participation**

Concerns were expressed in relation to oversized/wide loads coming through the village, suggested Wetherden and Haughley Parish Councils jointly write to National Highways to request a meeting; Cllr Perry to go back to his contact at Highways to find out what action is being taken; large potholes near Bacton Transport, Warren Lane end to be reported to Highways.

2023/07 **Clerk’s report**

No further matters to report.

2023/08 **Finance**

The finance report for the month ending 31 May 2023 was agreed and payments as per the schedule were approved.

Litter picker 98.99

Hartleys Garden Services 250.00

SALC 283.24

AJG Insurance 1298.03

Vertus Group 307.01

Clerk’s salary 431.20

Park Fencing 6218.40

SCC 850.67

Kompan 40510.53

Litter picker 98.99

MSDC 310.54

Clerk’s salary 431.20

Village Hall 60.00

Litter picker 78.15

2023/09 **To consider records relating to the right of access at the rear of the play park track**

Deferred until the next meeting.

2023/10 **To receive any planning applications validated since the last meeting**

DC/23/01606 Proposal: Household application – Erection of two-storey rear extension. Maple Lane, Elmswell Road, Wetherden – Approved.

2023/11 **Rotten bridge and handrail update**

Quotation for £700 to replace the two handrails, levelling and widening the footbridge has been received and accepted. A price for digging out the ditch/strimming the area to be progressed at a later date.

2023/12 **New play equipment update**

The new play equipment is now in place and damage caused to one piece of the apparatus has been rectified by Kompan.

2023/13 **Quiet Lanes update**

Signage is ready to be collected. A working party to be set up to screw the signs onto the posts.

2023/14 **Campaign for 20mph in Suffolk**

Not to be pursued at this present time.

**Zero carbon by 2050**

2023/15As a starting point,electricity costs for the streetlights to be forwarded to councillors. Regarding EVC points, a quotation to be requested from UK Power to run a power point to the Town Lands car park, Trustee Alex Jarrett to action.

2023/16 **To consider common/playing field/projects and concerns**

Covered within items on the agenda.

2023/17 **Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the council**

None.

2023/18 **Date of next meeting**

Agreed asMonday 31st July 2023 at 7.30pm.