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WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 7th March 2023, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.

Present: Jono Wilton (JW), Kerry Oldfield (KO), Jeff Topp (JT), Rory Harold (RH), Jonathan Rodwell (JRod), John Rawlinson (JRaw), and Melanie Eversfield (Clerk).

23/15. Chair's welcome and apologies for absence - JW welcomed everyone. Cllr Alex Clark-Rudd and County & District Cllr Greg Peck gave their apologies.

23/16. Declarations of Interest.

JT – Newsletter

JRod - Church

23/17. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

23/18. Matters arising from the meeting.

JT reported that further to the January meeting the grass cutting contract for 2023 with Matthew Packman has been processed at a cost of £3,350.00 per annum.

23/19. Members of the public register a desire to speak

None.

23/20. Committee reports and recommendations:

Village Hall – The Village Hall Committee continues to seek additional members, in particular, PR and secretarial support. Currently, we have 5 members although we often only have 2 or 3 attending meetings due to other commitments. We will consider a more targeted campaign to attract new committee members.

Despite these long-term vacancies, we have a strong cohort of volunteers who support events such as the monthly Coffee Mornings and Film Nights. Both of these events are popular and attendance, particularly at coffee mornings, is good.

Future events in the pipeline are a Quiz Night (date TBC) and changing the Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th May, (the King's coronation) to Sunday 7th and making the event a commemorative occasion. This is not likely to be on the scale of the Diamond Jubilee party last year but may be a 'street party' type lunch, with contributions from village residents. The committee will discuss options for this at the next meeting on 14th March.

Unfortunately, due to general wear and tear, cost of repair and health & safety issues, some of the playground equipment has been removed. The committee are considering options for replacement and potential funding streams for this, including Grantscape - Orsted 3 Community Fund.

The Committee are seeking to set up a 'Children's Council' to help us shape what the children of the village would like to see at the village hall. This will also include a consultation on what they would like to see in the new playground facilities.

The Village Hall is available for hire as well as a range of furniture (tables and chairs) and marquees of varying sizes.

Newsletter – JT thanked the deliverers and helpers of the newsletter.

Church – The carol service took place on 19th December. There was a good congregation, and I would like to thank all those who helped to organize the service, decorate the church etc, in my and Amanda's absence. Particular thanks to Kerry Oldfield and Debbie Topp who were in charge of the organization.

Our normal pattern of services (Holy Communion at 9.00am on the third Sunday of each month) will recommence on 16th April.

There will be no service in the church at Easter, but there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.00am on Easter Sunday at St Andrews Church, Thurning, at which we are invited to attend.

There will be a concert in the Church on Saturday 10th June. The concert will be for the benefit of the Norfolk Churches Trust and our church. The music will be jazz to be provided

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by the Transatlantic Hot Club, violin, harp and double bass. Further details will be publicized once the arrangements have been finalised.

County & District Councillor – No report was received.

23/21. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting/verge cutting – It was noted that a litter pick is being organised.

23/22. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary – Nothing to report.

23/23. To update on windfarm projects, if any – It was noted that the OTN march update was interesting and informative.

23/24. Planning, if any – Nothing to report.

23/25. Finance and Payments

(i) The accounts for year ending 2022/2023 as at 31st January 2023 were received and agreed.

(iii) Payments were approved and cheques were signed for:-

- M Eversfield – Salary for February and Stamps - £164.95
- Cheverton Printers – Newsletter for January / February - £65.00
- M Eversfield – Salary for March - £160.45

23/26. Matters for further discussion – The upcoming local elections were discussed.

23/27. Correspondence – Broadland tree Warden Scheme. Noted. Chair of Broadland District Council's Reception. JT to attend.

23/28. To close the Meeting - The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May 2023, 7:30pm, in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Approved as a correct record

Date