

Woolhope Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Woolhope Parish Council Held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 7.30pm at Woolhope Village Hall

Present: Cllr. M. Slocombe
Cllr. M Windham
Cllr. P Hawkins
Cllr. S Crozier
Cllr. R. Rolt
Cllr A. May
Cllr L. Mair

In attendance: Ward Councillor Barry Durkin.

1. **Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.**

Cllr Rolt proposed that Cllr Slocombe be appointed Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Crozier and all voted in favour. Cllr Slocombe took the chair. Cllr Slocombe proposed that Cllr Hawkins be appointed Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Windham and all voted in favour.

2. **Appointment of a footpaths officer and tree warden.**

Cllr Hawkins was appointed as footpaths officer. The clerk is to contact Joe Brandt to ask if he will act as the tree warden.

3. **Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation**

No apologies were received. No declarations of interest were made nor requests for dispensation received.

4. **Ward Councillors Report.**

Cllr Durkin's report had been circulated. No questions arose.

5. **Open Forum.**

No members of the public were present.

6. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2023.**

Minutes of the meeting 25th April 2023 were **AGREED** and signed by the chairman.

7. **Planning Matters.**

No new applications had been received. No new decisions had been notified. It was proposed to check on the progress of Lacey stables.

8. **Highways Matters**

- a) No new issues.
- b) Social Value Projects.

Balfour Beatty having cleared vegetation from the wall at the Church there is now concern

over it's safety and may require temporary tape to ensure the public are not put in danger. Balfour Beatty have also confirmed they can fit new base to the playground if council purchases.

9. **Financial Matters**

a) The following payments were **AUTHORISED**:

- £ 466.27 Clerk salary May 2023
- £ 116.40 Clerk tax May 2023
- £ 999.01 Clerk expenses May 2023.
- £ 4,410.00 Groundworks UK – return of NDP Grant

10. **Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

It was agreed that the Reg 14 consultation period would start on 19th June with an open meeting on 20th June at Woolhope Village Hall.

11. **Lengthsman.**

Nothing new to report.

12. **Footpaths.**

No report.

13. **Sunset Cinema.**

It was agreed to consider flicks in the sticks as an alternative.

14. **Correspondence**

No new correspondence received.

15. **Replacement noticeboards.**

It was AGREED to place an order for three smaller noticeboards and one larger (£ 410 plus vat for the smaller and £510 plus vat for the larger).

16. **Rebuilding the wall at the Church.**

See agenda item 8b.

17. **Accessible swing for the playground.**

See agenda item 8b.

18. **Date, time and venue of next meeting and items for the next agenda.**

It was agreed to hold an NDP consultation meeting on 20th June from 6-8pm at Woolhope Village Hall followed by council meeting from 8-9pm.

Clerk - Nick Richmond
Clerk 25th June 2023

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