

St Albans Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 25th January 2022

Present: Cllr Bryant, Cllr Clark, Cllr Lari, Cllr O'Neil, Cllr Thorpe and Cllr White.

In Attendance: Anne Daly, Clerk, County Councillor Pauline Allen and two members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00.

Public Session

A member of the Public asked when the Notice Board on Newcastle Road was to be replaced. He was informed that a decision had been made when it was removed not to replace at its current site and to look for alternative sites.

The meeting opened at 7.02.

221. To receive apologies for absence.

It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Gibbons.

Cllr King joined the meeting at 7.03.

222. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.

Declarations of interest were received from both Cllr Bryant and King and related to item 232.

223. To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.

There were none.

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- 224. To receive minutes of previous St. Albans Parish Council meetings held on 26th October and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting. (Appendix 1).**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and signed as a true record.

- 225. To receive minutes of previous St. Albans Parish Council meetings held on 30th November and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting. (Appendix 2)**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and signed as a true record.

- 226. To identify matters arising from the minutes not on this agenda.**

There were no matters arising.

- 227. To receive an update from the Clerk.**

The Clerk provided an update on the bench, the defib and the CiLCA course.

- 228. To receive oral reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Thorpe – grits bins ok although being used for general waste. Dwellings on Muirfoeld Park had been refused.

Cllr Clarke – PC noticeboard on Muirfield Park had been vandalised again.

Cllr Lari – café reopening. Update on Parkrun

Cllr O’Neil – Issue of no building for events an issue with parisioners. PC to receive refund of £921.11 from STARS due to issues with marque at Halowwen event that PC paid for by grant.

Cllr King – fence at Japanesse Garden still not repaired. Cllr Ellis – Cllr John Clarke awarded MBE in recent honours list, Community Kitchen continues to be very busy. Bestwood Country Park development group had been revived after several years and Cllr Ellis attended.

- 235. Discuss and agree to sending out a specification to local contractors to obtain costs for regular maintenance on the alleyways and other areas of the Parish.**

This item was moved by the Chairman to precede ITEM 229.

It was RESOLVED to send out a specification to local contractors to obtain costs for regular maintenance.

Finance

- 229. To note the budget monitoring statement for the period ended 31st December 2021. Appendix 1**

It was RESOLVED to note the budget monitoring for the period ended 31st December 2021.

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230. To discuss and agree the setting of the 2022/23 Budget. (Appendix 3)

It was RESOLVED to set the 2022/23 budget at £28 520.

231. To discuss and agree the setting of the 2022/23 Precept.

It was RESOLVED to set the 2022/23 precept at £28 269.

232. To agree accounts for Payments. (Appendix 4)

Both Cllr Bryant and King left the meeting at 8.15. Cllr White the Vice Chair took control of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to agree the following accounts for Payment.

22/12/2021 Beth Deigan £663.81	25/01/2022 Jason King £84.00
31/12/2021 Service Charge £18.00	25/01/2022 Cal Bryant £84.71
01/01/2022 Anne Daly £357.60	25/01/2022 Lincs Alc £240.00
25/01/2022 Bestwood Welfare Band £180.00	25/01/2022 SLCC £410.00
25/01/2022 Jason King £82.68	25/01/2022 Anne Daly £86.40
25/01/2022 Jason King £34.08	25/01/2022 HMRC £847.80

Both Cllr Bryant and King returned to the meeting at 8.20. Cllr Bryant resumed as Chair of the meeting.

Planning

233. APPLICATION : 2021/1225

PROPOSAL: Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of the existing Head Quarters site for residential development.

LOCATION: Nottinghamshire Fire And Rescue Headquarters Bestwood Lodge Drive

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs write to the clerk by 31st January with their views and these would be submitted to GBC.

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General

234. To receive feedback and review of the Christmas event.

It was felt from feedback received this event had been very successful. Cllr King, STARS and all involved in organising the event were thanked.

236. To discuss and agree any further actions regarding the lack of lighting on the alleyways behind Emmanuel Church.

It was RESOLVED to contact NCC about the lack of lighting on the alleyway.

237. To discuss the use of Facebook and social media by the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED the Chair could ask up to two Councillors to assist with social media.

At this point the meeting had been running for 2 hours and so it was RESOLVED to extend for another 15 minutes.

238. To discuss expending the proposed community questionnaire into a full community consultation.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bryant would compile a questionnaire which would be brought to the next meeting. All Cllrs to write to Cllr Bryant with ideas for topics to be included.

239. To discuss and agree an Annual Prize of £50 for the photographic competition to be voted on by the Public.

It was RESOLVED to provide 2*£25 prizes, one for each category. Voting to be made live at the end of February.

240. To review membership of Staffing Committee.

It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

241. To receive Items for Notification to be included on next meeting's agenda. (For information only).

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- Bestwood Park Development Group
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
- Land at Muirfield Park

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.19.