

St Albans Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2023 at Church Hall, Emmanuel Church, Church View Close, Nottingham, NG5 9QP

Present: Cllrs F Lari (In the Chair) D Gibbons, R Ellis, B O'Neill

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie (Locum Clerk) and 6 members of the public

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Lari (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.21 pm.

399. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs J King, M Thorpe, C Bryant and P Clark

340. Declarations of Interest – to receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 from Councillors on matters to be considered at this meeting.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

341. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2022

Cllr O'Neill proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Gibbons, and all in favour. The Minutes were therefore signed.

342. To receive oral reports from Councillors

Cllr Ellis commented that she was very pleased at the way the Christmas events had gone.

She also said that Emmanuel Church had its community kitchen today and served a record number of meals. The Church will be running a coffee morning on every second Thursday. Both events are important

socially as well as providing a hot meal and refreshments to those who need them.

Cllr O'Neill thanked everyone for their support and help with the Christmas event.

Cllr Lari said that it was the sixth anniversary of the local parkrun and there were opportunities for volunteering at the park for those interested.

343. Planning Application 2022/0766, 8 Bestwood Lodge Stables, Bestwood. Install an electric vehicle charging point situated inside the garage.

Members had no objections to this application.

344. Clerk Update – Outstanding Matters

a) Planters

These can now be ordered but there needs to be a delivery address. A number of options were suggested and these will be followed up. A contractor who can install the planters will also need to be sourced.

b) Clearing of alleyways in the parish

Locum Clerk had contacted the organisation who quoted for this work in February, but received the reply that they are no longer able to offer this service. Members agreed that this matter should be placed on the next Agenda for discussion whether to take it forward, and if so to locate suitable contractors.

345. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for action.

346. Finance

a) To approve payments

There were no payments for approval

b) To Agree budget for the year 2023-34

Members discussed the budget options, which had been circulated. Cllr Lari proposed a 2% increase over last year's budget, seconded by Cllr Ellis, and all members in favour. This anticipates expenditure at £28,834.44 for the year 2023-24.

c) To approve precept for the year 2023-24

Having approved a 2% increase in budget for the coming year. Cllr Lari proposed a 2% increase in precept, seconded by Cllr Gibbons, all in favour. Therefore St Albans PC precept requirement for the year 2023-24 will be £28,834.44.

Members signed Form C requesting the above sum, and this will be sent to Gedling Borough Council.

d) Any Other Matters appertaining to finance

Cllr O'Neill proposed, seconded by Cllr Ellis that a £50 donation should be made to the owner of the sleigh which had been used for the Christmas event. All members were in favour.

347. Date of the next meeting:

This was confirmed as **Tuesday 28 February 2023.**

Members also approved the proposed dates of meetings for the rest of the year and these will be placed on the website.

There being no further business, Cllr Lari thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm