

## ST ALBANS PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of St Albans Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 30 January 2024, Emmanuel Church, Church View Close, Nottingham. NG5 9PE

**Present:** Cllr Dave Skidmore, Cllr Francesco Lari, Cllr Prairie Bryant, Claire Baker (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** 7 members of public, Rachel Ellis (GBC)

Welcome to the meeting. 7pm public 15 minutes for questions

No.	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Info	By whom	By when
470	Apologies for absence	Cllr Dave White.	Info		
471	Declaration of interests	None.			
472	Approve minutes	28 November. Proposed by Cllr Bryant seconded by Cllr Skidmore and signed by Cllr Lari	Info		
473	Matters Arising	Unity log in – Clerk has applied to be added to Unity Bank and awaiting all the appropriate paperwork from the bank to complete the process.	Info		
474	Electors to address the Council	Any information on closed walkway – closed because of unauthorised walk because of roadworks. Right out of church – alleyway to new housing estate. - Enquiries will be made through GBC. Update to be provided on the St Albans PC FB page and website.  Alleyway at side of Tithe / Iona Gardens – litter picking round that way. Overgrown with brambles. and lots of litter. Bin bags full of garden waste. Reported as a fly	Action  Action	Rachel Ellis  Rachel Ellis	

		<p>tip. Feedback to GBC to tidy up that stretch of the alleyway. Rachel Ellis to contact GBC.</p> <p>Concerned with numbers of items that have been agreed in the past by the Council e.g. poppies, Christmas lights and have never been progressed (some in over 2 years). Agreed that this was not ideal and that the February agenda would be focusing on priorities for the Parish Council area and would then plan activities to help achieve priorities.</p>	Action	Clerk	27/02/24
475	Oral reports from Councillors	<p>Cllr Skidmore – community safety watch in the area. Speaking to Trevor Parkinson from Police to arrange in the meeting. Initial meeting postponed and readvertised for 6 February. Needs more people to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Lari – park run still continuing.</p>	Info		
476	Oral report from GBC	<p>Full Council meeting last Wednesday. Lively meeting. Demonstrations in the Council Chamber from Palestine Solidarity campaign.</p> <p>Storms recently. No flooding within St Albans although some flooding on Moor Road which cut off Bestwood Village and flooding in “The dip” on the city side of Moor Rd may need some future work. Other areas were badly hit and homes flooded. May have noticed that bins that may have not been collected on times as teams were diverted for flooding relief to support residents. Please let GBC if your bin hasn’t been collected that have been missed.</p>	Info		

		Case work – naturally confidential. May be aware of an area between the recreation ground off Woodchurch Rd down to Bestwood Park drive going through a fence and people have moved sections of the fence to create a pathway – not a public thoroughfare. Has been identified as a crime spot so working with the City (fence belongs to City, land belongs to GBC). Flytipping will be cleared as getting dangerous. Will arrange a small litterpicking team when weather reasonable to clear the rest of it.	Info		
477	Clerk update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hedgehog highway – no update from last meeting but will move forward with actions</li> <li>b. Induction training – no update from last meeting as need to book a date to attend</li> </ul>	Info	Clerk	
478	Correspondence not reported under separate agenda items	None			
479	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approve payments as per payment list – payment schedule tabled – proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Skidmore</li> <li>b. Precept 2024 – proposed by Cllr Skidmore and seconded by Cllr Bryant. All in favour. Form C signed by attending Councillors (Cllr Lari as presiding Chair) and will be sent to GBC</li> <li>c. Budget proposal – Cllr Lari highlighted concerns at the political nature and sway of the proposal. Cllrs Bryant and Skidmore disagreed that the proposal was political in any way and agreed that it purely offered a way forward to agreeing</li> </ul>	<p>Info</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Info</p>	Clerk	ASAP

		<p>funding allocations and budget splits across the Parish Council and would sit as a guide behind the budget – not be directly linked to the budget.</p> <p>Cllr Lari highlighted concerns at the tone of the first couple of paragraphs of introduction and proposed that these two paragraphs should be rewritten, still offering a context to the proposal,</p> <p>Agreement was made in principal to the recommendations of the proposal with the amendment to recommendation 2 that this would be postponed to the February meeting.</p> <p>Proposed agreement in principal to the 6 objectives and the four recommendations, reword the Introduction and amend recommendation 2 (agree priorities) to the February meeting. Seconded by Cllr Skidmore and all Cllrs voted in favour.</p> <p>Facebook page for Parish Council to what they feel the priorities should be.</p> <p>d. Budget 2024/25 – changes to Grants and Donations to £7,000 and to Community Activities to £13000. Cllr Bryant proposed, Cllr Skidmore seconded. All in favour.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>27/02/24</p> <p>27/02/24</p>
480	Key priorities 2024/25	Postponed as per previous discussion to next meeting	Action	All	27/02/24
481	Grant applications	Easter event – Jolly Gardener - £2500 donated monies back in to the community. Revenue of £10000 at	Action	All	27/02/24

		<p>previous community event. All monies raised go back into community. Applying to become a community interest company. Advised that the Parish Council were technically not able to support as a grant. Cllr Bryant proposed that as this was not a valid Grant application to bring it forward to the February meeting and revisit as an Easter activity to discuss if this was something that could be discussed as a Council.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Skidmore all in favour.</p>			
482	Sporting / community facilities in the Parish	<p>a. Update on application for land – no update b. Open space Woodchurch and Pavilion Rd – no update</p>			
483	Noticeboard and benches installation	<p>a. Quotes and installation – chase up quotes b. Additional notice boards across St Albans – noticeboard near Warren Primary school. Looking at other possible sights. Sights near postbox at end Muirfield and Bewcastle, something near bus stop (heaviest footfall as access to two schools and countrypark), gardens also badly served.</p> <p>Potential to have one opposite Benedict Court / electric building opposite Top Shop.</p> <p>Support additional noticeboards and make an agreement with community to update. Agree in principal to purchase a noticeboard with buying and installation. County Council BOGOF. Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Skidmore. All in favour</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	<p>27/02/24</p>

		Re benches – residents were against benches on that side. NG United football don't want one sited where Cllr White was suggesting by the top of the field as back at the goal post area. Did suggest that two benches could be sited along the raised part of the club house.	Info	Cllr Skidmore	
484	Public leave	Proposed Cllr Bryant, seconded Cllr Skidmore. All in favour.			
485	Staffing	a. HMRC correspondence – contact WV to move forward on sorting out. Proposed Cllr Bryant seconded Cllr Skidmore.	Action	Clerk	ASAP
486	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 27 February 2024, 7pm Meeting closed at 21:00	Information	All	27/2/24

Approved as a correct record and signed

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