

ST ALBANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of St Albans Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 November 2024, Emmanuel Church, Church View Close, Nottingham. NG5 9PE

Present: Cllr Dave White, Cllr John Todd, Cllr Francesco Lari, Cllr Dylan Jones, Cllr Robert Gardiner, Cllr Jason King

In Attendance: 3 members of public

Welcome to the meeting. 7pm

No.	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Info	By whom	By when
587	Apologies for absence	Cllr Bryant, Cllr Reed	Info		
588	Declaration of interests	Cllr Jones – Item 599			
589	Approve minutes	To Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 th October 2024 Councillor White noted he was not present for that meeting so would abstain It was agreed by all Councillors as an accurate record of the meeting Proposed by: Cllr. Gardner Seconded by: Cllr. Jones	Info		
590	Receive updates on actions from previous meetings of the parish	1.Chairman noted item 589 on September's agenda should read 569, Proposed by: Cllr. White seconded by: Cllr. Lari all in favour 2) Watering contract Cllr. Jones updated Councillors but confirmed no quotes have been received. Cllr. King	January 2025		

		<p>suggested he worked with Cllr. Jones to obtain three quotes, proposed by: Cllr. White seconded by: Cllr. Todd all in favour 3)Planter maintenance – Cllr Jones outlined the work he had done on this but confirmed that there was no formal plan in place at the moment.</p>			
603	Exclusion of public and press	Chairman exercised the right to re-order business.	Action		
604	Contract of Employment	<p>Councillors discussed the contract of Employment and agreed one specific variation removing the need for the Clerk to have a specific line manager. Proposed by: Cllr. White seconded by: Cllr. Gardner 2 councillors abstained and 4 voted to approve</p>			
605	Chairman approved the addition of this item before item 591	<p>An update on the new domain name and e-mail change Councillor Lari updated Councillors on the work done so far on the domain name change to . Gov. The two options to discuss were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Using the existing web hosting company and a new company to provide the new domain name and registration, this would provide no support to the Council. b) To have a new web hosting company who would also provide a new domain name and registration and would keep the existing web site design 	Clerk		To report back in January 2025

		<p>Councillors discussed what domain name would be and confirmed the inclusion of Gedling into the name to ensure it was distinct to this area.</p> <p>Councillors agreed the decision to choose option B And would pass the project on to the new Clerk to take forward</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Jones Seconded by: Cllr. King All in favour</p>			
		Chairman welcomed the public back to the meeting			
591	Questions from residents	<p>A resident questioned the distribution of poppies for Remembrance Day and suggested these were not equitable across the area. Cllr White gave his assurance this would be looked at for next year to ensure they were across the Parish as a whole.</p> <p>A Resident outlined her support for the Planning application 2024/0708 stating what a benefit it would be to the area</p>	Info	Clerk	
592	To receive reports from Councillors	<p>No reports received from Gedling Borough Councillors But invites will go out to attend future meetings in person</p> <p>Cllr. King updated Cllrs. On his work on rough sleepers in the area and his liaising with GBC to try and provide support to the rough sleepers in the area.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones outlined the work done on the hedges, verges and the litter picking</p> <p>Cllr. Gardiner commended Councillors on the work done on Moss Close to get the disabled access re-instated</p> <p>Cllr. White confirmed how important disability access was and how all Cllrs were providing support around the area</p>			
593	Clerks report	There was no Clerk to provide a report for the November meeting			

594	Staffing committee vacancy	Councillor King offered to go on to the staffing committee Proposed by: Cllr. Gardner seconded by: Cllr. Jones			
595	Correspondance received	Cllr. White confirmed he had ordered 15 grit bags from Via following reports of empty bins and the weather forecast Via delivered these and the empty bins were replenished.			
596	Finance	. All invoices were discussed and agreed proposed by: Cllr. King seconded by: Cllr. Todd a) 4 in favour 2 abstained b) All approved c) Cllr Lari abstained all approved d) Proposed by: Cllr White seconded by: Cllr. King approved e) Proposed by: Cllr. Gardner seconded by: Cllr. Lari all approved f) Proposed by: Cllr. King seconded by: Cllr. Gardner all approved g) Bank account reviewed and amended. h) Proposed by: Cllr. Gardner Seconded by: Cllr. Jones all approved			
597	Financial regulations	To review the current Financial regulations Cllr. White has been working on updating the Financial regulations and asked for comments and agreement on the changes made Cllr. Lari raised a query on 2.6 checking the Bank accounts Cllr. White stipulated it needed to be a non-signatory of the Bank account Proposed by: Cllr. King Seconded by: Cllr. Jones all approved			
598	Planning applications	2024/0708 Nottingham Fire and Rescue planning application.	Action	Clerk to respond to	ASAP

		<p>Councillors discussed this planning application, Cllr. White confirmed residents support and the work the developers had done to consult with residents.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. White seconded by: Cllr. Jones</p> <p>All approved</p>		Planning at GBC	
599	Planter maintenance	<p>Cllr. Jones updated the Council on the reason for this agenda item and the request for funds for planting for winter.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones put forward the proposal as written</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Jones Seconded by: Cllr. Lari</p> <p>Two in favour 3 against 1 abstained rejected</p> <p>This was discussed at length; the decision was made that this item would be approved only after the watering contract had been put in place</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Gardner Seconded by: Cllr. Todd</p> <p>approved</p>			
600	Update on benches	<p>Cllr. White updated all on the project for bench fittings on Woodchurch and Pavilion Road open space.</p> <p>This project was agreed back in November, Insurance is needed and needed to be sent across to GBC, this was not provided so the project has been delayed.</p> <p>Cllr. White will get further quotes and will bring this item back to the Council in January</p>			
601	Forecast of meetings for 2025	<p>The dates were agreed to be changed as set out in the agenda and would be set as the last Tuesday of each month</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. White Seconded by: Cllr. Lari</p>	Information	All	
602	Provisions for coming budgets and precept	<p>Cllr. White asked all Councillors to consider projects going forward and to let the Chairman know</p>			
606	Date of the next meeting	February 25 th 2025			

Approved as a correct record and signed

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