

23/009 Pocket Park

Tree planting is scheduled for 18th January 2023. It was suggested that a plaque is acquired recognising the planting for the Jubilee Queen's Canopy initiative.

It was suggested that some planting could take place by the bench overlooking the cricket field to commemorate the Coronation. The Clerk is to check with the Trustees via Nick Bowman. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk said that the two party's solicitors were now liaising over the renewal of the lease. Clarification had not yet been received over the classification of "Forest School".

23/010 Climate and Biodiversity Working Party

Cllr. Dutton presented his report of the last meeting which was held on 24th November 2022. Bulb planting on the highway is being considered and the Clerk will look into requirements.

Action: Clerk

23/011 Village Sign

The Clerk had established that there were no underground public utilities that would affect the relocation of the Village Sign to the green in front of the Church now that the Wicksteed Trust had given its permission for the move. Councillors need to decide the precise location so that this can be agreed with The Trustees. **Action: All**

The Clerk is to check with Nick Bowman over permission for bulb planting around the base of the sign. **Action: Clerk**

23/012 Marking the Coronation

Councillors are to consider ideas for this event. The manufacturers of the World War I bench are to be contacted to see if they are proposing something similar for the Coronation. **Action: Clerk**

23/013 Planning Report

KET/2020/0228 Hanwood Park, approval of reserved matters. No objections but some concerns to be raised with NNC.

NK/2022/0805 38 Cranford Road. No objections but concerns to be raised with NNC

NK/2022/0777 10a Gotch Road. No objections

23/014 Councillors' Reports

None at this time.

23/015 Correspondence

As per circulated list.

It was suggested that the acknowledgement received from Buckingham Palace following the letter of condolence sent after the death of her Majesty The Queen be scanned and posted on the website. **Action: Clerk**

23/016 Barton Seagrave Residents Time

No issues were brought to the council's attention.

23/017 Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts correct to the latest available bank statement. Since the last meeting receipts comprised £4467.58 VH income and £130.87 Salvation Army clothes bank.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Currall

Retrospective

29.12.22 Mowerman £164.39 OLT
05.01.23 Staff costs £2,465.66 OLT
05.01.23 HMRC £1362.79 OLT

Currys Debit card receipt £49.99
Asda Debit card receipt £43.70
Initial £26.52 OLT
Spectrum fire UK Ltd £514.44 OLT
Clean4Shaw Ltd. £674.16 OLT
NNC £110.50 OLT
Currys Debit card receipt £319.00
Elect Cert Ltd £1,187.42 OLT
A Baillie (Hygiene) & Co. £46.46 OLT
Booker Ltd card receipt £227.63

Gallagher £256.03 OLT

- (iv) To approve the 2023-24 Budget: It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Miles and seconded by Cllr. R Carter that the 2023/24 budget be approved following the inclusion of an allocation of £5000 for playground equipment, £5000 for replacement notice boards, £6000 for 2023 Christmas decorations, £400 for defibrillator maintenance, £5500 for café expenses and £16,000 for Café income. (These last two items are changes to the way these allocations have been recorded previously).

Cllr. Edwards arrived at 8:15pm

- (v) To set and approve the 2023/24 precept: Cllr. Currall considered that the precept should remain at £50,000. In view of the External Auditor's comments over the last year or two, Cllr. Mrs Miles was of the view that it should be reduced. A vote was taken on £50,000 against £45,000. With 6 to 1 votes in favour of the latter the precept was agreed as £45,000. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles and seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

Action: Clerk

- (v) Following the arrival of Cllr Edwards, it was agreed to proceed with the panic alarm and PIR, proposed by Cllr. Mrs Miles and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.
Call-out alarm – the alarm company is to be consulted.

23/018 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, for Information or for the Next Agenda

Agenda item: Community speed watch initiative.

Mr Adshead to look at the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet for the second unit. Action: RA

23/019 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2023 commencing at 7:00pm. In the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8:55 pm