

WOLSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 11TH March 2025
7.00 PM
Town Hall, Wolsingham

PRESENT: I Rodgers, A Bonar, A Savory, Y Bell, J Bartram, J Bell, S Bittlestone,
Helen Yeulet, David Sugden, Sarah-Ann Baxter(Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4 Members of the public attended

The Chair expressed his & the Council's thanks to Alan Vipond, who has recently resigned as a Parish Councillor after serving for two terms.

- 1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** A Hirst
- 2) **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** None
- 3) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Savory – Planning Matters
- 4) **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th February 2025:** Minutes were agreed as a true record

5) MATTERS ARISING:

- i) New Toilets –Footpath works are now complete
- ii) Website – The working group to meet again & prepare information to go to the website designer. Cllr Savory will ask the school if they can design a new logo.
Action SAB, DS, SB, AS
- iii) Christmas – It was agreed a working group would be set-up after the elections to co-ordinate events over the weekend commencing 28/11/25.
- iv) Flagpole –Moving the existing flagpole could be costly. Clerk to look into the cost of providing a new flagpole & looking at locations. **Action SAB**
- v) Dog Incident – Cllr Savory has spoken to the Police & the Neighbourhood Wardens, who have visited Wolsingham and put up additional signage.
- vi) Wear Bridge Repairs – Works are likely to commence in early May with some road closures which will be kept to a minimum. Cllr Savory has requested the bridge be painted blue.

6) CORRESPONDENCE: None

7) MAINTENANCE WORKS:

- a) St Anne's Hall– Cllr Savory suggested the Trades4care group for any painting requirements.
- b) Recreation Ground – Following tree works a tree inspection has highlighted a crown lift is required, this was agreed. Parking meter have been upgraded to 4G.
- c) Town Hall – Nothing to report
- d) Demesne Mill – Parking meter has been upgraded to 4G
- e) Thornley Woods – Estimate for fencing works was agreed.
- f) Allotments – All plots are taken, Mill Isle allotments are to be included in the National Garden Scheme Open Gardens to be held on the 28/06/25.
- g) Angate Street Toilets – Nothing to report.

8) Finance

- i) Payments & Reports for February 2025 – Agreed.

9) Policy Reviews – Annual review of policies would take place at the April meeting, all Councillors to look at the Policies on the website prior to the meeting. **Action ALL**

10) Parish Council Elections - submission of candidate nomination papers will take place from 21/03/25 at 10.00am to 02/04/25 at 4.00pm. The deadline for candidate withdrawals is also the 02/04/25 at 4.00pm. The publication of the Statement of Persons nominated will be on 3rd April at 4.00pm. If an election is required this will take place on 01/05/25.

11) PLANNING – The Chair confirmed that the council had submitted a comment to DCC Planning regarding the application DM/24/03451/FPA – Proposed 2 no. semi-detached dwellings at Chapel Walls, Uppertown

No further comments were made regarding planning matters

Date of next meeting – April 8th 2025 to held at the Town Hall, Wolsingham at 7pm