

WOLSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 13TH April 2025
7.00 PM
Town Hall, Wolsingham

PRESENT: I Rodgers, A Bonar, Y Bell, S Bittlestone, H Yeulet, P Gardner,
J Bell, Sarah-Ann Baxter(Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 5 Members of the public attended

- 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** A Savory
- 2) TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Teresa Stewart read out a letter from Crepe Expectations thanking the Parish Council for their continued support in their trading activities on the Market Place. It was agreed if further parking issues are causing a concern, then the Parish Council should be informed and could lead to the Police being involved.
- 3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Savory – Planning Matters
- 4) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th April 2025:** Minutes were agreed as a true record
- 5) MATTERS ARISING:**
 - i)** New Toilets –The toilets are now open. Cllr J Bell reported there had been incidents of the doors being wedged or tied open to avoid payment. The Clerk will look into CCTV and extra signage. A sign on the DCC toilets advising people of the location of the new toilets will also be out in place. **ACTION SAB**
 - ii)** Website – Nearly ready to go live. It was agreed a working group session was required to finalise and refine the content. **ACTION SAB, SB**
 - iii)** Christmas – Cllr Yeulet agreed to setting up a working group which will include members of the community/community groups, details to be placed on the Parish Council Facebook page. **ACTION HY**
 - iv)** Flagpole – Nothing to report
 - v)** Parish Council Elections – There are 3 applicants who will be interviewed for co-option.
 - vi)** Skatepark Signage – New signs to be designed by the local schoolchildren. **ACTION AS**
 - vii)** Police Walk Around – Cllr Bonar attended and highlighted issues with Angate Street toilets, Recreation toilets, speeding and dog mess. The Police are looking for volunteers to help with the community speedwatch initiative.
- 6) CORRESPONDENCE:** Wolsingham Angling Club have written to thank the Council for the use of the Recreation Ground to provide training for their junior members.
- 7) MAINTENANCE WORKS:**
 - a)** St Anne’s Hall– Nothing to report
 - b)** Recreation Ground – The Chair thanked Cllr J Bell and his wife for cleaning out the skatepark prior to the school holidays. It was agreed the two picnic benches currently standing in the patio area of St Anne’s could be installed in the park and the Clerk to look into obtaining two benches for the patio. **ACTION SAB**
 - c)** Town Hall – Library doors are broken, this is for DCC to sort out.
 - d)** Demesne Mill – There has been a diesel spillage in the burn, this has been reported to the Environment Agency & NWL by several people. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the EA for an update. The Chair highlighted that the white lining needs improving and could this be looked into. **ACTION SAB**
 - e)** Thornley Woods – Nothing to report

f) Allotments – Cllr Bonar to organise a repair of the damaged underground water pipe. Cllr Y Bell raised an issue with the boundary hedge, this will be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION AB**

g) Angate Street Toilets – Nothing to report

8) Finance

- i) Payments & Reports for April 2025 – Agreed. It was also agreed to transfer £10,000 from the current account into the Nationwide Savings account. It was also agreed that Cllr Rodgers, Cllr Bonar & Cllr Bittlestone be added as signatories to the bank accounts.
- ii) Audit / AGAR / Year End Finances – The Clerk presented the year end accounts, the internal audit report carried out by Allen Sykes Accountants and the unaudited AGAR. These were all agreed and the AGAR forms signed, these will now be sent to the external auditor in due course.

9) PLANNING – There were no comments with regard to planning matters

Date of next meeting – June 10th 2025 to held at the Town Hall, Wolsingham at 7pm