WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr K Griffiths (Chair)

Cllr Morrison (Vice Chair), Cllrs P Nixon, S Hill, D Brindley, N Meakin, B Hughes, J Fryer

G Keiher-Knapper (Deputy Clerk)

SMDC Cllr P Hughes

Two Police Officers arrived

There were 2 members of the public present.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident issued the Parish Council with an envelope informing the PC that it is for a Freedom of Information request and that the PC has 28 days to respond. The resident also thanked the Deputy Clerk for answering previous questions.

Cllr Meakins requested a breakdown with regard to the new development for how many houses are social housing, shared ownership, rent to buy etc.

085/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr P Brown and Cllr C Brownsword apologies were accepted.

Cllr J Fryer submitted retrospective apologies for the July Parish Council meeting.

086/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

087/24 REGISTER OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded by the Chair to keep their register of interests up to date.

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088/24 The **minutes** of the following meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) Full Council Meeting Monday 8th July 2024

The Member of Public left the meeting at 1910hrs.

089/24 The **action plan** was reviewed and updated.

The Chair invited the PCSOs to update the Parish Council to allow them to return on shift.

The PCSOs informed the meeting that the only ASB reports received since June are from the Parish Council and that residents still are not reporting incidents on the correct systems. The PCSOs also passed on their thanks to the library and the residents of Werrington that donate to the foodbank.

PCSOs left the meeting at 1940hrs

090/24 The following **accounts** were approved:

a) July 24 Bank Reconciliation.
b) August 24 Bank Reconciliation.
c) July 24, August 24 and Sept 24 payments lists.

091/24 Werrington Parish Council discussed the following planning applications and had no comments: DET/2024/0032, SMD/2024/0368, DOC/2024/0061, SMD/2024/0348, NMA/20/24/0020, SMD/2024/0322, SMD/2024/0147.

WPC agreed that when there are several planning applications to be considered then a Planning Committee meeting is required before the Full Council Meeting and Cllr J Morrison will Chair the Planning Committee.

092/24 Werrington Parish Council approved the following **policies and contract**:

a) Financial Regulations.
b) CCTV Contract

Cllr P Hughes and a member of public left the meeting at 2010hrs

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093/24 Werrington Parish Council received **reports** from:

a) District Councillor B Hughes informed the meeting that SMDC had not met yet because of the summer break so there is nothing to report.
b) Cllr R Ward was not in attendance.

094/24 Staff Reports:

a) **Deputy Clerks report** was circulated – Key points were:
-All allotments plots are now full.
-Need to start thinking about next year's budget.
-The V Ditch at the sports ground is complete and an additional girls' team are now hiring. Awaiting S106 funding confirmation to complete phase 2 of drainage project.
-The PC agreed for the wardens to decorate the sports ground during the winter months.
-Look to purchase a SID at the end of the year.
-Still trying to get bus shelter re installed before winter.
-Applied for lottery grant for new play equipment.
-Werrington Parish Council approved attendance on Devolution Training.

b) **Village Warden's report:**
-Dead conifers removed from the Pump Track.
-A couple more fruit trees have been vandalised at the Millennium Rock.
-Rocker play item has been vandalised and broken.
-Reports from residents that the shops on Johnstone Ave signage is blocking junction view.

WPC agreed for Cllr Nixon to speak to the shop owners about the locations of the signs.
It was also agreed for WPC to send a letter of thanks to Pizza shop for weeding the steps.

095/24 Highways working group have not met so nothing to report.

096/24 Antisocial Behaviour working group have not met however the Chair read out residents' concerns that can be linked to Antisocial Behaviour.

097/24 Allotments update:

Cllr K Griffiths has handed the role back over to Cllr D Brindley.

Cllr D Brindley reported to the meeting that the site has really improved now extra plots being used but unfortunately there are 2 plots not being kept well. Also to look at for next year's budget is a grab waggon to remove the rocks and possibly making the back fence higher for the neighbouring residents.

098/24 Sports Ground update:

Covered in Deputy Clerks report.

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099/24 Meigh Road updated:

Covered in Deputy Clerks report.

100/24 Footpaths

Werrington Parish Council agreed to consider appointing a Councillor responsible for footpaths in the Parish. Cllr N Meakin agreed to investigate bridge ownership.

101/24 Remembrance

WPC agreed to order a wreath and rope to secure wreaths.
WPC also offered to help physically and financially towards anything that the Volunteers Group or Village Hall Committee are organising for residents to mark Remembrance. Parish Councillor Committees members were requested to pass the offer on and the next meetings.

102/24 Christmas

It was agreed that Councillors that are also Volunteer Group Committee members and Village Hall Committee members are to offer that Werrington Parish Council would like to support physically or financially with any activities they have planned is they so require.

103/24 Correspondence

Werrington Parish Council approved letters to be sent to several residents with regards garden cutbacks required around the Parish.105/24

A request for a bench was discussed and further investigation will be carried out before a decision is made.

Werrington Parish Council approved for the Chair to meet with a resident with regards their concerns.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish magazine will be continuing and that the Parish Council can have a page for £140 and more information will be provided at next month's meeting.

104/24 Councillor Updates:

a) Cllr S Hill is going to request permission at the Village Hall Committee meeting for use of the car park for the bank vans to visit the Parish now in the absence of a post office.

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Confidential Items

105/24 Clerk and Deputy Clerk Positions
The Clerk has resigned from the Clerk and RFO position of Werrington Parish Council. Werrington Parish Council agreed to appoint the current Deputy Clerk to the position of Clerk and RFO and no longer having a Deputy Clerk position.

106/24 S106 Funding

a) Over Summer Werrington Parish Council approved S106 funding application for Phase 2 of the Sports Ground drainage project for drainage over neighbouring landowners land into natural water source.
b) Cllr N Meakin agreed to work with the neighbouring landowner to agree together conditions if the S106 Funding application is successful.

107/24 Werrington Parish Council approved a **business mobile phone contact** for the Clerk.

108/24 Werrington Parish Council approved **Personal Training hiring** at the Sports Ground.

109/24 The current contractor for the Parish Council grounds maintenance has ceased trading. Werrington Parish Council approved a new tender for advertisement for a new **Grounds Maintenance** contractor. Werrington Parish Council also approved a one-off cut to take place over the next couple of weeks to be carried out by the Sports Ground contractor.

110/24 Items for the next agenda:

111/24 Date of next meeting is 14thOctober 2024

Meeting Closed at 2130hrs