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Minutes of the **WALDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present

Cllrs: Johnson, Moffat, Moist, Morrison, Sexton, Taylor, Parish Co-ordinator Harris.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Received from Cllrs: Fantarrow and Kinnear.

3. Public questions

- **3.1.** Glynnis Elliott, Carol Penny
 - **3.1.1.** Issue of dog fouling in long grass on Fells. Requested the grass is kept short. RESPONSE: There may be restrictions due to SSSI status. WPC will raise with Ranger.
 - **3.1.2.** Request for dog waste bin alongside general bin in play area. RESPONSE: Will raise with DCC
 - **3.1.3.** Request to fence off play area. RESPONSE. Will raise with DCC but cost likely to be prohibitive.
- **3.2.** Pauline Owens (by email)
 - **3.2.1.** Parish Rooms gable end is in poor condition. RESPONSE: WPC will look at repairing as soon as possible
 - **3.2.2.** Dumping of waste next to grit bin outside Parish Rooms. RESPONSE: WPC already aware of this. CCTV is an option but may not be allowed. Facebook communication to go out telling residents not to leave items there. To be reviewed.
 - **3.2.3.** Request to replace seat next to bus stop on main road through village as the seat is in poor repair. RESPONSE: To be raised with DCC

4. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed by all present and signed by the Chair.

5. Disclosable pecuniary interests

None declared.

6. Agenda-motions

6.1. December spending and report against budget

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

6.2. Insurance renewal

MOTION: TO RENEW INSURANCE COVER (EXPIRING 24th JANUARY 2024)

APPROVED. Amendment to motion approved/seconded to purchase 3 year all-risks policy with Zurich. Cost of £1003 pa (within MTFP budget).

6.3. CCTV outside Parish Rooms

MOTION: TO SPEND UP TO £1000

DEFERRED. Need to check legalities. FaceBook communication to be raised to instruct residents not to deposit waste items next to grit bin.

6.4. Hammerhead survey

MOTION: TO SPEND £350 ON SURVEY OF WALL. APPROVED

6.5. Parish Room kitchen refurbishment

MOTION: TO SPEND £15000 ON KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

DEFERRED – Business case required along with detailed costing and canvas resident's views.

6.6. Events Organiser

MOTION: TO HIRE EVENTS ORGANISER AT ANNUAL COST OF £5000. REJECTED

6.7. County Councillor Reports

Cllr. Moist gave an update on progress with the new car park in the Village.

6.8. Parish Councillor Vacancies

DEFERRED

6.9. Review action log

DEFERRED

6.10. Signage

MOTION: TO AGREE WORDING FOR VAN AND GENERAL SIGNAGE. DEFERRED

6.11. Staffing

SEE PART B

6.12. Allotments

MOTION: TO INCREASE ANNUAL RENT CHARGED BY 5%. APPROVED

MOTION: TO CARRY OUT INSPECTION OF ALLOTMENTS, APPROVED

6.13. MG Signage

DISCUSSION: Need to consult with DCC. Option to partner with RSPCA refuge.

6.14. MG Bridleway hedgerow

DISCUSSION: Further investigate maintenance options.

6.15. MG Play are fencing

DISCUSSION: To investigate further and look at potential costs and siting of fence.

6.16. AOB

6.16.1. **Flowers** Supplier meeting scheduled for 30th January

7. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7pm.