

LUTTON PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES FO MEETING 8th JANUARY, 2024

Present: Cllr C Cowdery, Cllr C Walsh, Cllr J Lane, Cllr J Eaton, Cllr M Smurthwaite

2024/01/001 – Apologies – none

2024/01/002 – Declarations of Interest – None

2024/01/003 – Minutes of Previous Meeting, 6th November, 2023 – approved and signed.

2024/11/004 – Follow up action to items discussed at last meeting – 14 Milton Terrace – Cllr Cowdery sent a letter on the 8th November confirming the support of the Parish Council for the proposed planning application to North Northamptonshire County Planning Planning. Cllr Smurthwaite sent a copy of this letter to our local MP Tom Pursglove. Jane Gould thanks the PC for supporting the application.

2024/01/005 – Public Forum – 1 member of the public in attendance.

202401/006 – Financial Report – Bank balance at 31st December £1,380. Precept of £4,400 is proposed for 2024-25 and will be claimed accordingly.

2024/01/007 – Budget for discussion – Cllr Cowdery produced a proposed budget (as attached) of £4,400.00. This was discussed and approved by all. The sharp increase compared with previous years is due mainly to extra funding required to pay a Clerk's salary.

2024/01/008 – Recruitment of Clerk – Kerry Rew was interviewed by Cllrs Cowdery, Walsh, Smurthwaite, Easton and Lane on the 8th January prior to this meeting. At this PC meeting it was proposed by Cllr Smurthwaite and seconded by Cllr Eaton that we offer the role to Kerry Rew. This was unanimously agreed, and Cllr Cowdery will put the process into action.

2024/01/009 – Pavement Weeding – Cllr Walsh contacted North Northamptonshire County Council regarding their policies on spraying weeds. The County Council will weed kill pavements etc when and where necessary and have put Lutton under review. It would appear the problem of weeds on the pavement is not the Parish Council's responsibility!

Verges and wildflower areas - Funds raised at the VH Christmas Pub Night for bulbs and plants. Terry and Josie planted daffodil bulbs on the slope at Papley End and Carrie planted some near the telephone box. Bluebells have been planted on the verge between the Village Hall and Chapel Cottage.

2024/01/010 – Highways Report- Washingley cross roads – Cllr Walsh will follow up with Folksworth PC to ascertain a timetable of approx. dates the work will be completed.

Flooding – The flooding opposite Holme Lea and surrounding area has been reported under 'Fix my Street' and photographs submitted. We have received confirmation this will be investigated in the next week or so.

40mph Speed limit – proposal received from the Highways for North Northamptonshire. Parish Council not entirely happy! Cllr Walsh will respond with the PC's comments and proposals.

2024/01/011 – Footpath Report – no report but Cllr Cowdery recently walked most of the footpaths and reports ‘they are very muddy!!’.

2024/01/012 – Items raised by the Community - Nil

2024/01/013 – Village Hall – No report – a few bookings in the new year.

2024/01/014 – Lutton Relief in Need Charity – The Charity made two donations in 2023 . The charity fields have all been rented out successfully.

2024/01/015 – Playing Field – Pruning carried out. Goal posts need some attention.

2024/01/016– Phone Box – This has been repaired and tidied up a little.

2024/01/017 – Points for discussion from NCALC weekly update – Biodiversity – Cllr Walsh will circulate a guide to consider and discuss. We have already put some points into action but there may be more that can be done.

2024/01/018 – Planning Applications- The County Council have now received the application from Mr and Mrs Gould for a static caravan at No. 14 Milton Terrace.

2024/01/019 – Items for next Parish Council Meeting and dates for next 2 meetings – 4th March, 2024; 13th May, 2024 – AGM and Parish Meeting