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Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Infrastructure Committee held on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.00pm.

Cllrs Present: J Gibbins (Chair), R Gibbins, N Bess, C Wilkinson

Also present: Cllr D Starmer, L Carter (Acting Clerk)

262/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr F Starmer.

263/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations of interest.

264/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

265/22 MINUTES

Members APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2022.

266/22 STREET LIGHTING

Zeta work on South View is "in Hand". The committee felt that we have been waiting far too long for the new light at the corner of Larkhall Lane; a few other lights around the village are not operating correctly (Numbers 11, 19, 25, 73 and 96 on constantly 47 in Hall Lane not working. Acting Clerk to be asked to pursue Zeta and pressure them to resolve these issues as soon as possible.

267/22 FLOODING ISSUES

Acting Clerk was asked to enquire as to timing of gulley cleaning on South View which have been affected by run off from building works.

268/22 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Residents from Garners Way had raised the issue of parking and the parish Council was looking at possibilities as the green in front of some of the bungalows was owned by the Parish Council. The Acting Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Highways Liaison Officer to discuss possible solutions.

There was an issue on Upper High Street with shrubs overgrown and the wall in poor condition. Needs to be reported on Fix my Street.

269/22 ALLOTMENTS

- **Rents Collected –** all but 5 tenants had paid their rents for 2023
- **Community Plots –** The previous 'managers' of the community plots had indicated that they were no longer able to manage them and the HAA had said that they were prepared to take them on if the Committee were in agreement. Councillors **AGREED** that HAA could rent the two community plots.
- **2024 Rent increase –** Councillors were advised that the Finance Committee had agreed a 10% increase for 2024 (£0.30 per pole)
- **New Water System –** Councillors considered the unauthorised action by a tenant in having a tap installed at the end of his plot and **AGREED** that the Acting Clerk should

write to the tenant asking for the tap to be removed the connection made good. The two taps that had failed needed to be replaced.

- **Bowls Club Lease –** The Chair asked for this to be a standard item on the agenda for reports on progress.

270/22 TREE SURVEY

Cllr Bess offered to provide the details of two further local companies (as well as the originators of the report) to enable the Acting Clerk to obtain three quotes for the necessary works.

271/22 SOUTHVIEW

Cllr Bess reported that residents were still concerned about the levels on the Vistry development and the associated drainage. The Acting Clerk advised that she had asked for details of the boundary treatment for the new houses to the rear of South View properties.

272/22 LITTER PICKING WITHIN THE PARISH

Councillors **AGREED** to organise a village litter pick on Saturday 1st April at 10.00am.

273/22 FLAGPOLE GREEN FENCING

The Acting Clerk had been advised that a section of the fencing at Flagpole Green was broken and asked if councillors would like a quotation for a simple repair or to replace the whole fence. Cllr J Gibbins offered to check out the fence to see what work was necessary.

274/22 KINGS CORONATION – May 6th

Councillors were asked if they wished to organise a village event or to allocate funding to those groups wishing to provide activities. It was felt to be more appropriate to respond to funding requests and the Committee asked if the Finance Committee could consider this at its next meeting

275/22 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No specific requests.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th April at 7.00pm

Chair date