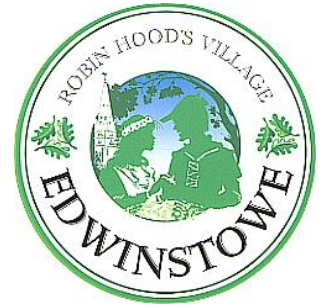


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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, Edwinstowe.

Present: - Cllrs Parkin (Chair), J Peck (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Brooks, Callieu, Freeman, K Peck, Steele, Troop, Watkinson. Parish Clerk.

Apologies: - Cllr Peacock

No members of the public

MINUTES

23/122 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Sherwood Forest Trust have a 90 trees from a local company that they would like to plant in Edwinstowe.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to get more information

23/123 Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Reasons were approved unanimously.

23/124 Disclosures of Interests by Members

NONE

23/125 Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 – previously circulated

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

23/126 Matters Arising – not on the agenda

- i. Dog Bins Thoresby Vale – previously circulated
One dog bin is being installed this week.

23/127 Public Participation. Standing Orders will be suspended for the duration of this agenda item.

NONE

23/128 To receive any questions from councillors.

Residents have raised concerns about the crossing on Church Street from the car park to the RSPB visitor centre.

Cllr Brooks has spoken to Edwinstowe House about the wetlands area. They would like to know if the Parish Council is still interested in taking over/managing this area.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact Tracey at Edwinstowe House and arrange a meeting to discuss

Residents have complained about speeding vehicles on Ollerton Road towards Thoresby Vale.

Cllr Ayre reported the hole that was dug by BT outside the bungalows on Abbey Road is sinking and needs attention.

RESOLVED: - Cllr Brooks to raise with N&S Homes

23/129 To receive draft minutes and reports from committees, sub-committees and working groups

- i. Christmas Event – Review
Thanks to the team for an excellent event.

Nothing has been received from VIA about the Christmas Lights.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange a meeting with VIA (Area Manager) after Christmas whilst the lights are still up, to discuss options for 2024. (Cllrs Parkin and John & Karen Peck to attend)

After a discussion the date for 2024 was agreed as 28th November and for the Village Hall to provide Father Christmas again next year.

23/130 Parks & Open Spaces

- i. Winding Wheel – Verbal Update
Cllr Parkin is in communication with Thoresby Estates.
- ii. Tree Vandalism at Fourth Avenue Play Area – previously circulated
This has been referred to the police who will be conducting an interview under caution about this matter.

- iii. Request for Sherwood Fields – previously circulated
Refer to Robin Hood Colts for consideration.

- iv. Forest Cemetery – Area M
After a discussion, it was unanimously agreed for all memorials to be the flat type in Area M. This had previously been agreed but the decision had not been minuted.
Proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr Ayre
Agreed unanimously

RESOLVED: - Clerk to update rules and regulations

A resident has been taking their dog into the cemetery, letting it off the lead and not picking up after it.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write a letter to the resident

- v. Trade Waste – High Street Litter Bins
Clerk to write letter to all businesses on the High Street.
Agreed

- vi. Tree Works – Forest Cemetery – previously circulated
It was agreed to request a breakdown of the quote into – dangerous, maintenance and cosmetic and to get further quotes for comparison.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact companies

- vii. Allotment improvement notice extension request – previously circulated
It was agreed to allow a further extension to 1st March 2024.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to inform allotment holder

- viii. Feedback from Cllrs Major Oak Visit
The visit was very informative – plans were explained. The works are not always obvious. There is a lot of scientific work taking place, especially around the Major Oak. The tree inspector from N&SDC regularly visits the site to inspect the trees.

- ix. Allotment Rent – Boy Lane
There has been no rent increase on the Boy Lane allotment plots. Twelve month's notice of any increase is required and the rents are due now. It was agreed to increase the rents this year.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to send notices to Boy Lane allotment holders

23/131

Buildings & Facilities

- i. Village Hall
Five builders have been approached for quotes – no quotes have been received to date. The possibility of dividing the survey into smaller jobs was discussed.

Cllr Freeman requested a copy of the survey to share with a company that is currently working for N&SDC in Southwell.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to send copy of the survey to Cllr Freeman

23/132

Finance & Governance Matters

- i. Approval of November Accounts and Reserves – previously circulated
 - ii. Bills for Payment – previously circulated
 - iii. Late Bills for Payment – to be circulated
- All items approved unanimously

The budget setting process for 2024.25 will begin in early January.

23/133

Correspondence

- i. Post Flood Letter to Parishes
100 Aquasacs have been received from N&SDC. These will be stored in one of the sheds. A key safe will have a key for emergency access.

Cllr Troop and the Clerk are working on the Emergency Plan. Clerk to enquire whether Edwinstowe needs a Flood Warden and what is required.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to enquire about Flood Wardens

- ii. Letter from Solar Company
Noted
- iii. St Mary's School Defibrillator
Clerk to contact St Mary's C of E Primary School to establish proposed location.

23/134

Planning Matters

NONE

Decisions

NONE

23/135

Report from County Councillor

- Currently chasing up the resurfacing works on Robin Hood Avenue that are planned with the Machine Lay Gangs teams. Awaiting dates of said works. Temporary repairs conducted.
- County Council along with the other three upper tier authorities have approved the final stages of the Devolution proposals to allow Government to lay the final statutory instruments which will now pave the way for the Combined Authority to be established, as well as Mayoral Election to be held next May.
- Looking to reconvene a meeting with Cllr Troop and others to look again at the Crossing Point on Church Street and speeding issues around the village.
- County Council has had feedback from Government that we are the best performing local authority for providing treatment places and support for residents with substance use issues with good outcomes.
- Reshuffle at County Hall – I now hold the new portfolio for Communities and Public Health in Cabinet.
- Yellow Lines on the junction of Paddock Close now installed.
- Response received from the Environment Agency in respect of the recent flooding after Storm Babet, the management of the River Maun and flood mitigation schemes. Will follow this up with the clerk, along with forming a Flood Warden scheme for the village.
- Police have objected to the yellow box scheme proposed on the junction of West Lane/Mansfield Road. Highways are now looking at alternative solutions including looking at improving the traffic flow through the lights.
- Cllr Carlton will let the Parish Council know when the public consultation for the future of Rufford Ford goes live.

23/136

Report from District Councillors

Cllr Freeman – the Planning Committee will be introducing a public participation section to their meetings.

Cllr Brooks – chairs a meeting looking ways residents can maintain their physical health. N&SDC is compiling a list of what is currently available – including leisure centres, sports clubs and green open spaces.

N&SDC are currently running a ‘Winter Wishes’ campaign. Anyone can write a Christmas card for someone who is alone or lonely this Christmas. Cards are available in the High Street shops and can be posted in the green letterbox at the Visitor Centre. The cards will then be distributed by N&SDC.

23/137

Confidential Minutes saved separately

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Date of next meeting –
closed 2055hrs

Wednesday 10th January 2024 NotedMeeting