

WINDLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 9th February 2023 at Hutton House, Chilton

Present:	Councillor Dave Willshaw (DW) (Chair) Councillor Derek Cattell (DC) Councillor Phil Woods (PAW) Councillor Alison Morris (AM) Karen Youngusband, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (KY) 15 Members of the Public	ACTION
412/22-23	Apologies DW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made for the benefit of residents present. DW confirmed that he had written a letter to thank Geoff Makepeace for his service as a Windlestone Parish Councillor.	
413/22-23	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
414/22-23	Minutes Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Windlestone Parish Council held on 8 th December 2022.	
415/22-23	Matters Arising from the Minutes DC confirmed that the light at Windlestone Park was now working. KY confirmed that she would chase up the Contractor to ensure that works to convert the lights at Mill Cottages and the Eden Arms into LEDs take place as soon as possible. PAW/DC confirmed that they now had copies of the old and new definitive maps for the Parish, so would be able to identify any lost footpaths. PAW explained for the benefit of residents present that where footpaths had been lost overtime, there was only two years (until 2026) to raise the matter with the local authority to get them reinstated or else they would be lost forever. A Working Group of Members had been arranged to discuss the parish paths. This would take place on 16 th February 2023. KY agreed to try and contact Stephen Robertson at Windlestone Hall again, with a view to Members visiting the property to view progress.	KY DW/DC/PAW KY

416/22-23	Public Participation	<p>15 Members of the public were present at the meeting to discuss the situation at the Eden Arms. It was agreed to bring the matter, which was scheduled as an Agenda Item forward, so that residents could leave without having to sit through the remaining items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Eden Arms</u> Residents expressed their concerns regarding the security of the building. Residents reported that doors had been left open and that anyone could enter the property. Youths were also targeting the building, which presented a serious concern. One resident reported burst waterpipes in the building, and how they were able to enter the property unchallenged to identify where water was emerging from. KY confirmed that the issue regarding the bust water pipes had been reported to the owner. KY also agreed to contact the relevant authorities; Police and Local Authority to raise residents growing concerns regarding the security of the building. Residents confirmed that the migrant workers, previously occupying the property had now vacated the building.</p> <p>DW reported that himself and two other Parish Councilors' had met with Paul Howell MP to discuss the Eden Arms. The MP had confirmed that he would also be contacting the relevant authorities to ensure that everything possible could be done to address the situation.</p>	KY
417/22-23	Finance	<p>Details of recent expenditure/income was discussed and agreed.</p> <p>KY reported that the Parish Council Computer needed replacing. It was operating very slowly and was now quite old. It was agreed that KY look at the cost of purchasing a new laptop.</p> <p>KY confirmed that all eligible VAT had been claimed. Grant funding was still available to upgrade remaining street lighting in the Parish.</p>	KY
418/22-23	Planning	<p>There were no Planning Applications to discuss.</p>	
419/22-23	Correspondence	<p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
420/22-23	Casual Vacancy	<p>KY reported that the Public Notice had gone up notifying of the Casual Vacancy. KY explained that if ten people had not requested an election by 22nd February then the Council would be given permission to Co-opt someone into the role of Councillor.</p>	

421/22-23	Any Other Business	KY
<u>Traffic Calming</u> Residents reported how dangerous it was becoming trying to cross the road from Windlestone (Eden Arms side of the road) to access services in Chilton. Accessing the bus stop opposite the Eden Arms was almost impossible due to the volume and speed of traffic. KY agreed to report this to the Local Authority to determine if any speed calming measures or pedestrian crossings could be installed.		
<u>Removal of Litter Bins in the Parish</u> Residents reported that several litter bins had been removed in the Parish and never replaced. KY agreed to report the matter to the Local Authority and ascertain if, and when new bins would be installed.		KY
422/22-23	Date and Time of Next Meeting	KY
KY to arrange the next Meeting of the Parish Council to take place in May 2023.		

With no further business to discuss the Chair declared the meeting officially closed at 7.00pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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