

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 26th January 2022

1. Attendance register, Apologies, Public Attendees

- 1.1. This meeting was held in Warslow Village Hall with Social distancing advice obeyed.
Present: Chair Councillor Nik Searston (NS), Councillor Amy Wardman (AW), Councillor Stuart Gould (SG), Councillor Laura Gordon (LG), Councillor Carl Booth (CB)
- Apologies: Councillor Phil Moakes (PM)
Clerk: No Clerk present
Public attendees: None present

2. Variation of Order of Business

- 2.1. No variation of agenda

3. Declaration of Member's Interests and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

- 3.1. None.

4. Determination of Confidential Items

- 4.1. None.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 5.1. The minutes of the previous meeting held 24th November 2021 were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings. Proposed, AW and seconded, LG. Unanimously approved by the meeting.

6. Matters Arising from these Minutes

- 6.1. Minutes to be sent as PDF to Councillors

7. Public Speaking and Matters Raised by the Residents Prior to the Meeting

- 7.1. No residents were present, but matters reported to Councillors prior to the meeting were discussed:

8. Managed Works

- 8.1. Lockdown rules – Government rules changing from the 27th January these to be monitored and item to be kept on the agenda
- 8.2. Lengthsman – Invoice from SB for 5 months paid, NS to invite SB to the next meeting to discuss work planning going forward and meet the Parish Council. Feedback from Elkstones resident to CB at the good quality of work in the village.
- 8.3. An overview of the proposed burial ground within the village was given by LG, Councillors to catch up with PM on progress with draft report.

9. Highways

9.1. Previously reported highways defects: -

Subsidence B5053 near Elkstones turning – Enquiry 4255591 -A Highways Officer has attended the location that you reported and completed a risk assessment. A works order has been raised and you should have now received an email explaining the priority of the works.

Give Way sign at end Stoneyfold Lane – Enquiry 4255592 –A highways inspector has now assessed the site you reported and arranged a non-urgent works instruction.

Poor standard of repairs School Lane – Enquiry 4255593 Waiting for inspector to visit site

Water running across B5053 adjacent to Shayside - Enquiry 4226798 – A highways officer has attended the location and completed a risk assessment. A works order has been raised and prioritised accordingly.

9.2. **Cattle grid on Leek Road from Warslow Enquiry 4256183**

9.3. NS to raise the following defects with SMDC Highways:

9.4. Blocked grids in Elkstones - 4268360

9.5. Blocked grids causing water running down the dale towards Ecton - 4268366

9.6. Damaged grid outside Village Hall -4268364

9.7. Fence rails damaged on outskirts of Elkstones - 4268359

9.8. Cattle Grid on Stoneyfold Lane damaged - 4268362

10. Policies & Procedures

10.1. None for review at present.

11. Planning

11.1. Parish Councillors were aware prior to the meeting of applications currently registered on the Peak Park Planning Portal and had the opportunity to review the details online

11.2. There were no objections to any of the planning applications put forward

12. Chairperson's Announcements

12.1. Welcome Councillor Carl Booth

12.2. Position of Vice Chairman remains unfilled and will be revisited at the next meeting

12.3. Parish Clerk vacancy – Advert to be placed in the Village and Community Magazine again and also to be shared on Parish Council website. Councillors asked for any suggestions of where to advertise or any potential candidates

12.4. Parish Councillor vacancy – NS had been approached by Nick Gilman in response to the vacancy. Appointment discussed and unanimously agreed to offer the position, NS to speak to Nick

12.5. Warslow and Elkstones Website – Councillors to catch up with PM on current position

12.6. Payroll and Accounting – NS has spoken with DM Payroll Services Ltd regarding finalising Stephen Mansfield's salary and issue P45.

12.7. Correspondence addresses – Price for setting up PO Box for correspondence was discussed and decided it was not best use of Parish Council funds. NS confirmed he would take delivery of post.

13. Updates from the Clerk

13.1. Clerk was not present at the meeting.

14. Finance

14.1. Bank balance noted from November statement to be £7685.99 (no December statement)

14.2. The Parish Councillors reviewed the liabilities and cheque payments: -

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Item	Amount
03/12/21	000689	Steve Billings	Lengthsman	£640.00

14.3. No new invoices received

14.4. NS to contact NatWest to update signatories, correspondence address and look at opportunity to have an online facility

15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

15.1. Parish Council meetings will be held in future on the fourth Wednesday of each alternate month. We have the date for the next meetings as Wednesday 26th January 2022.

15.2. Meetings for 2022 to continued basis of the 4th Wednesday of alternate months.
March 23rd May 25th Jul 27th Sept 28th Nov 23rd

15.3. Councillors discussed the setting of the Precept for 2022/23 based on the Tax base of 155, Precept request from SMDC to be £8163 a 2.5% increase. Additional income to the Parish Council will be used towards the potential Burial ground.

16. Confidential Information

16.1. Details of these items can be discussed by contacting the Chair of this meeting.

17. Any Other Business

17.1. Letter received from Karen Bradley regarding potential environmental grants available, LG to investigate if there is any potential grant funding for greening of the potential burial ground

18. Meeting closed at 20.36pm as no further business