**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST CHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 5th February 2024**

**In attendance: Councillors P Claridge (Chairman), J Shepherd (Vice-Chairman), A Charlton, S Dickinson & S Sutherland.**

**Clerk: Miss Sara Brown**

**Apologies were received from Councillors T Morse & A Reay.**

**95/23 Declaration of Councillor Interest in Agenda Items**

Councillor Dickinson declared an interest in item 100/23 (Planning).

**96/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 4th December 2023**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

Proposed: Councillor Shepherd

Seconded: Councillor Dickinson

**97/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

* Prices for a pantomime range from £540.00 (NTC) to £4500.00, plus VAT. A budget of £700.00 was set and further prices will be sought.
* The War Commission had no objections to the cleaning of, and repainting of the names on, the war memorial. Planning permission may be needed and the County Council have advised the Clerk to submit a pre-planning application, which will cost between £200.00-350.00.
* The County Council has advised it is not possible to provide a list of postal voters.

**98/23 Police Report**

None received.

**RESOLVED** - item to be removed from agenda going forward.

**99/23 Chairman's Announcements**

* The Chairman and Councillor Dickinson met with a representative from the County Council to discuss tree planting opportunities in the parish. Several areas were identified as possibilities, including the pond. The Parish Council will be paid for any trees which are planted on their land.
* The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the Flooding Officer at NCC re the flooding at the park. This will need to be looked at before any work takes place.
* A resident in School Row asked the Chairman when the road became private. It is believed the road is not private; however, it was agreed when Charlton Square was built that the parking bays would be for residents only.

**100/23 Planning**

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46 Ladyburn Way, Hadston, Northumberland, NE65 9RQ

Two Storey Side Extension

**RESOLVED** - that there were no objections

**101/23 Correspondence**

*(a) Resident query - litter bins at Druridge Bay*

*(b) Broomhill First School - grant application*

*(c) NCC - potential tree planting at Red Row and Hadston*

*(d) NCC - Town and Parish Council Spring Conference (invite)*

*(e) NCC - contribution acceptance for work at park*

*(f) Northumbria Primary Care stakeholder brief - Coquet Medical to become part of NHS*

*(g) Resident - overhanging trees, Station Road, North Broomhill*

*(h) Handyman - garage foundation work (quote)*

*(i) Resident - damaged bin lid on the stretch of road between the Hadston roundabout and the junction onto the A1068 and missing waste bin along the path that runs from Hadston to Red Row alongside the A1068*

*(j) NCC - confirmation trees at the crossing from Hadston to Druridge Bay have been trimmed back*

*(k) Allotment Association - copy of updated lease for tenants*

**RESOLVED -**

(i) that the bins in question belonged to Widdrington Village PC.

(ii) that a grant of £1250 was agreed.

(iii) that the Clerk will send the Chairman the asset register to identify other potential locations.

(iv) that no Councillors will be able to attend. Councillors also expressed disappointment that the conference could not be viewed virtually.

(v) that Councillor Dickinson was thanked for organising the contribution .

(vi) that the information was noted.

(vii) that the resident was given permission to trim the trees back.

(viii) that the quote was noted and the PC will look to obtain a grant now that the Windfarm fund has opened for applications.

(ix) that the bin with the damaged lid has already been replaced and the Clerk will order a new bin to replace the missing one.

(x) that the information was noted.

(xi) that the information was noted.

**102/23 Finance**

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

(a) £896.95 - NCC (salary December and admin fee)

(b) £36.00- Document Solutions (325041)

(c) £21.70 - Clerks’ expenses (mileage, allowance, stamps)

(d) £2,121.42 - NCC (additional grass cuts)

(e) £896.95 - NCC (salary January and admin fee)

(f) £1200.00 - Red Row First School (grant)

(g) £1250.00 - Broomhill First School (grant)

(h) £463.00 - handyman

(i) £60.17 - Document Solutions (326025)

**103/23 Hadston House Report**

* New sessions include Cuppa with a Coppa and drop-ins for Karbon Homes.
* The roof leak was not fixed properly, which has resulted in damage to the carpets, lights and CCTV system.

**104/23 County Council Report**

* The new grass cutter has left. Councillor Dickinson has requested there be a proper handover.
* The 20mph zones are being put in place - these will be rolled out throughout the village.

**105/23 Any Other Business**

* The MUGA income needs to be paid to the Parish Council. Hadston House can then invoice for the administration work.
* The Hadston House lease needs to be renewed.

**Date of next meeting** – Monday 4th March 2024, 5:30pm

**(SGND) Sara Brown**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**