

HEATHER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Heather Parish Council Held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7pm at The David Taylor Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillor Phil Harris, Councillor Alison Wright, Councillor John Petty

In Attendance: Donna Purday (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Virge Richichi,

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Steve Pettitt, Councillor John Clarke,
District Councillor Guy Rogers

Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of interests.

74. Minutes.

- The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 13th August 2024 had been circulated before the meeting they were confirmed as a true and accurate record by Councillor Petty and seconded by Councillor Wright.

75. Matters Arising.

- There were no matters arising.

76. Public Question and Answer Session.

- There were no questions asked.

77. Community Policing.

- The Clerk reported that she had received three incidents of note from PCSO Fowkes for August
 - 8th August an abandoned car at Heather Court
 - 11th August Pisca Lane, suitcase in the brook
 - 24th August intox male refusing to leave The Queens Head Pub

78. District and County Councillor Comments.

- There were no district or County Councillors Present

79. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

- Virge Richichi was co-opted on as a Parish Councillor and signed the Declaration of Interest and Acceptance Forms **-To be forwarded to the District Council and added to the Website by the Clerk**

80. Village Issues.

- **Allotment Inspection Dates – None done this month.**
- It was remarked that certain allotment plots are not looking very well-tended despite all except a quarter plot appearing to be let. The Clerk reported that certain holders have not yet paid. There were IT problems while the matter was under review regarding the confusion over plot 4b, the problem was not resolved to one of the customers satisfaction, the clerk has confirmed she has apologised to the party concerned. **The clerk is to action contacting the holders that have not paid to check if they still require their allotment and will also forward the information held to the chair.**
- **Play Area Inspection Dates 20/08, 27/08, 02/09, 09/09.**

81. Logo Design for Parish Council.

- Four designs were presented to the Councillors before the meeting it was decided to go with the Church design – **all Councillors were in agreement.**

82. Email Migration.

- It was discussed that the Parish Councillors should move over to a separate email address for GDPR purposes. **The Clerk is to make enquiries if it is a requirement that the Councillors have a.gov.uk email or if they have a .org.uk domain and to determine the cost implications.**

83. Parish Council Computer.

- It was discussed that the Clerks Parish Council Computer has recently crashed due to the age and the old technology being unable to cope with the amount of memory required for the apps. It was decided that a new computer should be sourced as soon as possible a rough figure of £300 to £400 was given but it was advised that we should try to get the best deal possible with the fastest speeds etc. **The Clerk and Chair are to research further.**

84. Further Qualifications for the Clerk.

- It was decided to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

85. Clerks Hourly Rate.

- The Clerk left the room while a discussion was held re this matter. When she returned, she was advised that the hourly rate should be increased to £16.02 per hour with immediate effect and that **all Councillors were in agreement.**

86. Cemetery.

- The clerk reported that there is still one further quote to source for the cemetery she has one potential contact. Councillor Richichi mentioned that he has some further contacts and has kindly offered to obtain another quote.

87. Finance.

- **The Reserve Bank Account.**
Councillor Richichi is to enquire with NWLDC finance about the investment accounts that NWLDC use and enquire if they are suitable for the Parish Council
- The Bank Reconciliation and statement of payments and receipts for the month of August were approved:

£528.20 Parish Wages

£ 26.27 Clerks Expenses

£453.60 CJ Springthorpe

£331.20 Scribe Accounting Package

£ 19.00 Invoice to advertise on Parish UK website (not approved - Clerk to Query)

88. Planning Applications.

Decisions this month and Decisions awaited.

- **23/01510/OUT - Land off Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2R**
Erection of No1 Self Build Dwelling (outline all matters reserved).
- **23/01512/OUT - 111 Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2RF**
2 Self Build Dwellings (Outline all matters reserved)
- **24/00261/ADC - 20 Newton Road Heather**
Display of one internally illuminated sign and one externally illuminated sign.
- **24/00538/FUL – Hollybush Lodge 115 Swebstone Road Heather**
Roof Alterations, replacement extension and associated landscaping works.
to The Lodge at Heather Hall
- **24/00539/LBC – Hollybush Lodge 115 Swebstone Road Heather.**
Roof Alterations and Replacement extension (listed Building consent).

There were no issues raised.

Chairpersons Comments

- The Chair had nothing to add.
- Councillor Petty raised that the grass verges need cutting back and the roads need sweeping.
- Councillor Richichi had nothing to add.

- Councillor Wright raised the matter of the Table Tennis Table -it was decided to discuss further at the next meeting.

To confirm the next meeting will be Tuesday the 8th October 2024 at the David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm see Website for details.

73. Future Meetings

12th November 10th December 2024, 14th January 11th February, 11th March, 8th April 2025. All meetings to be held David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm.

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