

Minutes of the Meeting of Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00pm at Long Whatton Friendship Centre, Main Street, Long Whatton.

2449 Election of the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year

*It was proposed by Cllr A Hawtin, seconded by Cllr T Wilkins and **RESOLVED:** that Cllr D Bamford be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. All members were in favour. Cllr D Bamford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.*

2450 Appointment of a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year

*It was proposed by Cllr A Jarram, seconded by Cllr G Matravers, and **RESOLVED:** that Cllr P De Kock be appointed Vice Chair of the Council for the ensuing year. All members were in favour. Cllr P De Kock signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office as Vice Chair.*

2451 To appoint representatives on the following external committees/working groups:

RESOLVED: *It was resolved that the Councillors listed below would represent the following external committees and working groups.*

Airport Liaison. – Cllr D Bamford.

Donington Park Forum. – Cllr A Hawtin.

Flood Working Group/Parish Council Liaison Steering Group. – Cllrs P De Kock and D Bamford.

Planning, including HS2 and Neighbourhood Plan. – Cllr D Bamford.

General Maintenance of Parish Council Assets. – Cllr T Wilkins.

Christmas/events. – Cllrs A Hawtin and P De Kock.

2452 Attendance and apologies

Present: Cllrs D Bamford (Chairman), P De Kock, G Matravers, A Hawtin and A Jarrom.

Clerk: Samantha Lockwood.

Members public: 0.

Apologies received and accepted: **County and District Councillor:** N Rushton and Parish Councillor S Roberts.

2453 Code of Conduct - Councillors' Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: *None.*

2454 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

RESOLVED: *The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th April 2024, previously circulated, be taken as a true record, confirmed, and signed.*

2455 Administration & Finance

(a) Clerk's Report and monthly payments.

RESOLVED: *April payments approved at May meeting.*

| PAYEE | REASON | £ | BACS |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| A Clark | April Salary and expenses | £210.47 | BACS |
| S Lockwood | April Salary and expenses | £740.54 | BACS |
| Scribe | Annual Fee - Accountancy Package | £414.72 | BACS |
| The Goldcraft Partnership | Annual Fee – Payroll | £213.00 | BACS |
| LWCA | Room Hire | £25.00 | BACS |
| Mowerman | Allotment Mower Service | £65.00 | BACS |
| LRALC | Internal Audit Fee | £290.00 | BACS |
| LRALC and NALC | Membership | £669.81 | BACS |

Total: £2628.54

(b) To confirm the quarterly bank reconciliation with all current bank statements.

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council confirmed that the quarterly bank reconciliation balanced with all current bank statements. All members have received a copy.*

2456 Audit

- (a) **The Parish Council to ratify and approve its statement of internal control.**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved its statement of internal control. (All members have a copy).
- (b) **The Parish Council to ratify the risk assessment and management of Parish Council Procedures.**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council considered and agreed the risk assessment and management of Parish Council Procedures. (All members have a copy).
- (c) **The Parish Council to ratify and approve its policies, including;**
- **Standing Orders – Updated April 2020 and reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Financial Regulations – Updated April 2020 and reviewed May 2023. - RESOLVED: Deferred review as new model regulations have just been issued by NALC. The Parish Council now needs to amend the policy to reflect its procedures.**
 - **Model Publication Scheme – Reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Code of Conduct – Adopted May 2024.**
 - **Disciplinary Procedure - Reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Grievance Procedure - Reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Complaints Procedure - Reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Equality and Diversity Procedure - Reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Financial Reserves Policy – Adopted April 2020, reviewed May 2024.**
 - **Media Policy – Reviewed May 2024.**
- RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the above policies, except the Financial Regulations (see above), all of which can be found on the PC website. (All members have copies).*
- (d) **To receive the annual report of the internal auditor.**
RESOLVED: The annual report of the internal auditor was received at the meeting and the recommendations accepted. All members have a copy.
- (e) **The Parish Council to carry out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepare the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR Parts 2 & 3).**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council carried out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepared the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR Parts 2 & 3).
- (f) **The Parish Council to approve the Annual Governance Statement by resolution in advance of approving the Accounting Statements (Section 1 of the AGAR)**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement by resolution in advance of approving the Accounting Statements (Section 1 of the AGAR).
- (g) **The Parish Council to consider the Accounting Statements by the members meeting as a whole. (Section 2 of the AGAR)**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council considered the Accounting Statements by the members meeting as a whole. (Section 2 of the AGAR).
- (h) **The Parish Council to approve the Accounting Statements by resolution (Section 2 of the AGAR)**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the Accounting Statements by resolution (Section 2 of the AGAR).
- (i) **The Parish Council to ensure the Accounting Statements are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which that approval is given.**
RESOLVED: The Parish Council ensured that the Accounting Statements were signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which that approval is given. Cllr D Bamford signed, as Chairman.

2457 Community

- **Freeport.**
RESOLVED: Cllr Bamford provided the following update: He attended a meeting with the Airport, along with Protect Diseworth. The airport put forward their land for Freeport to the Government and want to retain the sovereignty over the land they own, which is the land between the A453 and Hyams Lane. The issue is SEGRO want the entire site, including that owned by EMA. Talks seem to have stalled as SEGRO and EMA can't agree. EMA have raised a strong objection to the Freeport board (of which they're apart of), but it appears the Freeport Board support SEGRO, rather than EMA. SEGRO have permission, as of 7th May, to go down the DCO route if they choose (this means they bypass NWLDC planning and go directly to the inspectorate). If they do this, they could compulsorily purchase EMA land if they want to. The minutes of the Freeport Board are yet to release the minutes from these meetings. EMA are

due to submit plans to NWLDC Planning Dept by the end of May. There is a meeting with PD, PC and EMA on Monday 13th, where their proposed development plans will be shown.

- **Neighbourhood Plan.**
RESOLVED: Comments in from the consultation, awaiting update from NHP consultant.
- **Isley Woohouse Development Proposals.**
RESOLVED: There is a meeting with Parish Councils on Tuesday 21st May with the developers of this site.
- **Flood project updates.**
RESOLVED: Nothing to report at the moment.

2458 Planning

(a) Planning Applications: consider and respond to the following:

24/00510/TCA: Removal of 1no Silver Birch (Unprotected tree in a conservation area) at 4 Page Lane, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QP. - **NO OBJECTION.** Based on the professional advice received - **No Objection.**

24/00507/TCA: Works to remove 1no Spruce tree and 1no Cypress tree (Unprotected tree in a conservation area) at 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QE. - **NO OBJECTION.** Despite there not being the required reason or description of the works - **No Objection.**

24/00467/LBC: Replace common bricks with 2inch reclaimed bricks on side (west) elevation at Ivy House Farm, 22 Main Street, Long Whatton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5DG. - **NO OBJECTION.** The suggested works should improve the appearance of the property - **No Objection.**

(b) Planning Decisions notified since the previous meeting:

24/00325/DIS: The approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Boundary Treatments) relating to planning permission reference 23/01495/FUL at Mulberry Cottage, 24A Hall Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QJ. - **DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS APPROVED.**

24/00305/FUL: Erection of single storey front and side extension and single storey side extension, the installation of solar panels to the roof, external cladding, altered access and front boundary treatment at 14 Smithy Lane, Long Whatton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5BE. - **PLANNING PERMISSION.**

24/00265/PNM: Prior notification application for the installation of 271 roof mounted solar panels and associated equipment at Moto Donington Park, M1 Junction 23A, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2TN. - **PRIOR APPROVAL NOTIFICATION.**

24/00132/FUL: Erection of timber framed summerhouse to rear and removal of 1 no. conifer tree at 31 Hall Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QJ. - **PLANNING PERMISSION.**

23/01577/VCI: Erection of a stable block, the formation of a manege and the change of use of land for the purposes of keeping horses for recreational purposes without complying with condition 9 of planning permission 11/00383/FUL to allow for private use by individuals other than the applicants at Land Off Grimes Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QD. - **PLANNING PERMISSION.**

23/01057/DIS: The approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Design Details) and 4 (Sample Panel) relating to planning permission reference 20/01678/FUL at 28 Hall Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QJ. - **DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS APPROVED.**

2459 Representatives' Reports.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bamford attends the Protect Diseworth (PD) meetings on behalf of the Parish Council; PD are still of the opinion that they are going to make a legal challenge and will be seeking funds from parishioners.

Cllr Bamford and the Clerk attended a meeting with the Clerk and Cllr Rogers of Castle Donington Parish Council (CDPC). We spoke their previous fights with large developments and the outcomes. We then asked about financial support towards costs of a professional planning consultants for when the applications come through for the Freeport and Isley Woodhouse. Cllr Rogers did suggest that CDPC would unlikely provide financial support due to their previous experience of spending money and not benefiting from any gain, especially with the RFI at Lockington and Hemington and more recently the St Modwens development.

2460 Miscellaneous Correspondence (to note and made available for Councillors' inspection)

- (a) Download 24 - Parish Council Meeting - May 13th. (fwd Cllrs).
- (b) Monday round robin email – 29th April 2024. (fwd Cllrs).
- (c) Parish Newsletter – 29th April 2024. (fwd Cllrs).

RESOLVED: To receive the information.

2461 Next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th June 2024.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

2462 Other matters/items for future Agendas at the Chairman's discretion

RESOLVED: *None.*

Meeting ended 20:00.