WOODLAND PARISH COUNCIL WOODLAND HOUSE

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<u>Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday 11th November 2021.</u> <u>7.30pm.</u> <u>7.30pm. Woodland Village Hall</u>

Present.

Cllr Mr C Harding. Cllr Mr R Teasdale. Cllr Mr A Rutter. Cllr Mr N L Peckett. Cllr Mr S Land. Cllr Mrs B Land Cllr Mr P Brydon

Apologies.

None.

Declaration of Interest. None

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held 12/08/2021 were read and agreed.

Matters Arising.

- 1. In the absence of a clerk the chairman Mr C Harding agreed to act as temporary clerk (unpaid). Agreed by members.
- 2. Boundary change and survey: See minute below.
- 3. Traffic issues: see minute below.

Finance.

- 1. The Current account assets at last bank statement (#269) is £8,414.
- 2. Invoices since last meeting: DALC booklets & RBL Poppy wreath.
- 3. The budget for 2022/23 was presented by Cllr Harding, as acting clerk. It was agreed to set the precept at £2200.00. An increase of £70 over last year. The tax base has decreased (79 77.7) however the LCTRS grant has increased (£63 £114). There will be an increase for band D taxpayers of 5%, in real terms this equates to £1.35 per annum.

Cemetery.

- 1. Poppy wreath purchased and reminder of Armistices service 11.30am 14 Nov.
- 2. Re-installed temporary steel 'Tommy' artwork.
- 3. Water has been turned off for winter.

Playground.

1. Stone wall in toddlers' area requires attention.

Planning (New)

None

Planning (Ongoing)

None

Boundary Change

1. Still on hold due to covid restrictions. The process cannot proceed until we have the petition signatures. Situation remains as previously discussed. Signatures from the prescribed number of electors would be 75 from Woodland and 187 from Lynesack & Softley. Hopefully to restart spring 2022.

Correspondence & I.T.

- **1.** Various correspondences were read out by the clerk (acting) and made available to the members
- 2. Website. The council's 'googlesites' website is no longer supported, and the replacement is not now fit for purpose. Council agreed to commission a new bespoke website. Costs estimated at £120pm + set up fees. Clerk to progress this.

Any Other Business

- 1. Traffic Calming. Local police/PCSO will invite to next meeting or arrange separate meeting if required.
- 2. Litter bins. 3 new bins have been purchased as agreed at January meeting and are still awaiting installation. Cllr Teasdale volunteered to do this.
- 3. Village Hall. Correspondence received from village hall committee re problems with recruitment of committee members and hosting of functions/events. Mooted by VH committee that hall may close or be sold. All members agreed that there was no way the hall would be sold. Any closure would only be temporary. Parish Council would maintain VH if necessary, with use 'as is' or on a care & maintenance basis. Clerk to invite committee members to next meeting to discuss future. Also, to establish current financial position.

Next Meeting

Thursday 10th February 2022. 7.30 pm Woodland Village Hall.

This is a true and accurate minute of the meeting as agreed by the council.

DATE

SIGNED