WOODLAND HOUSE WOODLAND BISHOP AUCKLAND Co DURHAM DL13 5RH

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held Thursday 11^h May 2023. 7.30pm. Woodland Village Hall

Present.

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

Apologies.

None

Election of Officers.

The following were proposed and agreed:

- 1. Chairman Cllr Harding
- 2. Vice Chair Cllr Land
- 3. Responsible Finance Officer Mrs D Peckett

Declaration of Interest.

None.

Co-Option of Councillor

There being one vacancy for parish councillor, and after duly posting the vacancy, the parish council, being in a position to co-opt, voted to co-opt Mrs Janet Gardner to the council. Having completed the acceptance of office, Cllr Gardner joined the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held 09/02/2023 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 separate minute below.

Finance.

The council was presented with the Annual Governance Statement and Accounts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023 and agreed all was in order and accepted the statements as follows:

- 1. Review & Approval of Accounting Statement
- 2. Review & Approval of Annual Governance Statement
- 3. Review & Approval of AGAR Exemption Certificate
- 4. Review & Approval of Asset Register
- 5. Review & Approval of Internal Audit Report
- 6. Review & Approval of Woodland P.C. Risk Assessment

- 7. Precept from DCC granted as previously applied for has been received. As agreed at the previous meeting the precept for 2023-24 of £3065, including grant.
- 8. Current account assets at last bank statement #279 of 17/04/2023 is £10797.
- 9. Income since last meeting £3065 (precept) Expenditure £1,431

Cemetery.

1. Nothing to Report.

Playground.

- 1. Site and equipment generally in good order. Reports of noise from Mobilus. Appears ok with no immediate danger, to be monitored for future deterioration. Local independent playground equipment maintenance specialist to be sought. Clerk to contact DAPTC to enquire of other councils.
- 2. The annual inspection and risk assessment has been ordered from ROSPA.

Planning (New)

1. Nothing to report.

Planning (Ongoing)

1. DM/22/00601/FPA – Gardener. Status - Unknown

Boundary Change

1. Postponed to September 2023 Soonest due to DCC commitments

Correspondence & I.T.

1. Various correspondences made available to the members.

Any Other Business.

- 1. Appointment of Clerk: Ongoing; no applicants to date. Agreed to accept unqualified applicants and training to be provided if funding can be found. An SLCC meeting is planned in July re funding.
- 2. Edge Hotel. Following the unsuccessful application by the PC to get the Edge registered as an Asset of Community Value, the clerk gave an update on the proceedings.
- 3. Grass Cutting. The previous contractor SE Landscaping has advised they will not be able to tender for this year. Clerk to seek alternatives.
- 4. Waste bins. 2 new bins have been purchased and are awaiting installation. Improved signage for dog fouling. Public to be encouraged to report dog fouling via DCC website.
- 5. Woodland Show. A community led show is to be held in the village from 5th August. The council will support this and help where possible.
- 6. Speeding. Continuing reports of speeding in the village. Although not at a high level, this gives cause for concern. Clerk to contact the police re community speed van presence in the village. Also to investigate cost and permission for 'speed gates' positioned at the entrance to the village to heighten driver awareness.
- 7. Emergency Plan. Ongoing. Cllr Land is dealing with this.
- 8. Report of 'fly tipping' off back of village green (Woodland section). This is PC land and so is PC responsibility. Cllr Harding pointed out that this was probably rubbish from collapsed sheds that were at that position. To investigate removal cost or volunteers to do this (Note; not visible from the road or top of the green)

Next Meeting

Thursday 10 th August 2023. 7.30 pm. Woodland Village Hall
This is a true and accurate minute of the meeting as agreed by the council.
DATE
SIGNED