

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15
FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Mr Howard (acting Chair), Mrs Ewans (who acted as Clerk in Mrs Fuller's absence), Mr Guyler, Dr Geake, Mr Hardiman and Mr Auchincloss.

In attendance: Mr Mallion, Woolpit Village Hall Committee

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Wortley.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting 16 November 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. General discussion to agree moneys earmarked for future projects.

There was some confusion about the current situation, what has been paid out and what MSDC thinks is available to us. Mrs Ewans and the Clerk will prepare a spreadsheet. The meeting worked on £276,000.00 on spreadsheet from the last meeting.

Mr Guyler proposed that the possibility of a footpath to link the end of the cycle path/footpath at Turner's corner to the top of Warren Lane be investigated.

It is noted that Warren Lane Field (old allotments) is still being discussed with advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust therefore there is no estimate of cost yet.

4. To consider CIL grant requests from

a) Woolpit ARC

The application has been difficult to understand as ARC added to it since submission of the original application which was agreed in sum of up to £21,129.00. Cllrs agreed it was best to defer until the next CIL meeting and in the meantime Mrs Ewans and the Clerk would have a meeting with the Chair and Treasurer of ARC and draw up a final list of works and costs with supporting documents. *Action Mrs Ewans/the Clerk*

b) Woolpit Village Hall

In broad outline the Village hall has five requests which are (in priority order):-

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| 1. Solar panels on roof | £14,508 |
| 2. Electrical work | £ 3,477 |
| 3. Women's toilets | £14,800 |
| 4. New sound system | £ 8,780 |
| 5. Stage lighting system | £ 2,360 |

Mr Mallion was able to assist with information. He is likely to be the next Village Hall Chair with Nick Foster as Vice-Chair.

Mrs Ewans requested more information on the accounts as the Statements of Financial Activity are not formal accounts. It was questioned if as a small charity the Village Hall was required to produce full accounts.

Mr Howard advised that WPC has to be able to justify any payments it makes and must be rigorous in making enquiries. It must ensure that the valuable asset, the Village Hall is well managed and has a secure financial future.

Mr Mallion was asked if the Village Hall Committee will be considering how to raise revenue to maintain and replace village hall infrastructure in the future. Perhaps consideration of increased fees for use by those not village organisation or residents; increasing fees for using sound and stage lights.

Items 1 & 2 (possibly with EV charge points) would make a good application for funding from MSDC central CIL fund. Assisting public buildings towards net zero is a high priority.

No information has been given on what income or saving this installation would bring. Item 3 questions were asked about the need for spending so much on this item. In any case three quotes are required..

Items 4 & 5 questions were asked as to how much use these would get. Mr Howard will speak to Mr Foster about them. *Action: Mr Howard*

Across the whole application it was agreed that three quotes would be required for each item.

c) Woolpit Institute

The application is for £2,941 + VAT which was the cost of the new gas boiler that had to be installed in December. The meeting agreed to support the payment but first to see if the MSDC Locality fund could provide the WPC with that sum to enable it to grant aid the Institute. Dr Geake will advise the Clerk. *Action: Dr Geake*

5.To discuss replacing the balance of street light with LED lanterns

This item was deferred as the quote from SCC is yet to be received.

6.To discuss surfacing of the Village Hall car park

Mr Hardiman now has another quote to be circulated. There must be a third quote and WPC must agree specification to ensure that all quotes are like for like. The Village Hall Committee must be consulted on timing and to enable it to have works done to straighten a run of drain. It is noted that quotes will have to include other car park works.

7.To agree the date of the next CIL meeting.

This will be held on Wednesday 29 March at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

Signed.....approved.....

Dated.....29 March 2023.....