

HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 17th January 2023, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's Dr A Nolan (Chairman), J Baker, S Bartlett, T Greenshields, R Fox and J Dodson

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and four members of the public.

564	Apologies Cllr I Hall and Cllr P Hayward. Noted.
565	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
566	Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on the 15 th November 2022 were adopted as a true record.
567	Matters Arising The chairman informed the meeting that she had received a resignation letter from Mrs R Churchill. Agree that the clerk would send a letter of thanks for her contribution to the council over many years. .
567	Democratic Period No questions or points raised
568	County Council Report A report had been received prior to the meeting and was noted.
569	District Council Report No report received. . The clerk was asked to request a written report from Cllr Hayward if unable to attend. Cllr Hayward was clerking the All Saints meeting, so unable to be with us.

570	Accounts for Ratification The following accounts were ratified: Total Energies £170.00, All Saints PC £40.00, Hawkchurch Village Hall £64.50, Ian Churchill £875.00, Axminster Printing £22.25, Papergam £565.55, HMRC £269.20 and Society of Local Clerks £100. There were concerns relating to the electric bill. The clerk stated that the unit price was very low but that the standing charge was higher. Sadly this had been negotiated before the football club had ceased using the facilities.
571	Financial Update: Members had been circulated with an update of the expenditure which was agreed. It was agreed to look into the frequency of grass cutting for 2023. At present the grass is cut 20 times a year.
572	Budget and Precept 2023/24 Members agreed a budget of £13,656 with a precept demand of £10,300. The D rate for the parish council element of council tax will therefore be £37.87 per year.
573	Defibrillator Training Cllr Hayward to be approached to provide suitable dates for this training.
574	Highways Some drainage work had been undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parish. Cllr Searle was concerned about drains blocked near to his farm. There are numerous potholes in the parish. It is important that these are reported on the Highway portal. The speed camera is back in the village again.
575	Rights of Way Cllr Fox stated that it was difficult to undertake the annual surveys at present due to the fact that we have had such large amounts of rain and that the paths are very muddy
576	Section 106 This project remains ongoing.
577	Planning Applications It was understood that the sole planning application in Parricks Lane had been withdrawn
578	Determinations The following applications had been approved: Springfield –hip to gable roof and porches Bridewell Farm- Variation of conditions Cobblers – Replacement of window Sedgicroft – Certificate of Lawfulness
579	EDDC Local Plan and Hawkchurch Neighbourhood Plan The chairman thanked everyone who had assisted with the questionnaire and open sessions in the village hall. There had been 133 responses so far, but there is still time for residents to submit their questionnaires. Feedback on the Local Plan had been submitted to EDDC based on the responses received.

	60% of those who had taken part wished for an expansion of 20 houses or less within the village. Concerns were expressed by a number of people relating to solar farms and battery storage units. Concerns also raised that trying to respond to EDDC on line using their software system had been difficult. The chairman requested feedback form anyone who had experienced difficulties getting their information to EDDC. It was hoped to run another consultancy session in the autumn
580	Correspondence Correspondence had been circulated via email by the clerk when received
581	Items of Urgency Nil
582	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8pm
583	Next Meeting : 21st March 2023 at 7pm

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