

Present: B Waters – Chairman (BW)

S Jenkins – Vice-Chairman (SJ) B Howard – Councillor (BH) A Mitchell – Councillor (AM) G Ellingham – Councillor (GE)

J Hall - Councillor (JH)

W Hamlett-Evans – Councillor (WHE)

L Bladen – Councillor (LB)
G Hinchliffe – Councillor (GH)
G Tamulonis – Councillor (GT)
S Williams – Councillor (SW)
L Lester – Councillor (LL)

In attendance: Kate Flack – (Clerk's Assistant)

1 Member of the Public

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum The member of the public stated he was present for the item on the Skate Park and

he would be making an audio recording.

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm. LL was welcomed and asked to join the Councillors at the table

FC021.24 To receive and accept apologies for absence

K Zargar – Councillor – (KZ) E Murphy – County Councillor

FC022.24 To receive any declarations of interest

None

FC023.24 To note any new dispensations granted

None

FC024.24 To receive reports from County and District Councillors (for information only)

Reports were circulated previously to councillors.

FC025.23 Minutes of Monthly Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 18 January 2024 be approved and signed as a true record and to confirm the agenda of the same date.

Proposed GH Seconded JH and approved.

FC026.24 Clerks Report (For Information Only)

The clerk's report was circulated previously to Councillors.

FC027.24 Finance

FC027.24.1 Resolved to approve Receipts and Payments, and reconciliations to 18 January

2024

Proposed GE Seconded LB and approved.



- FC027.24.2 **Resolved** to approve accounts (balance analysis etc) to 18 January 2024 Proposed GH Seconded WHE and approved.
- FC027.24.3 **Resolved** to approve payments to 15 February 2024 Proposed GE Seconded SW and approved.
- FC027.24.4 Councillors were informed that the contractor has withdrawn. A new contractor will need to be found to do the work later in the year.
- FC027.24.5 **Resolved** to pay SLCC membership

Proposed SJ seconded LB and approved.

FC027.24.6 **Resolved** to approve RFO's overtime hours (6 hours)

Proposed SJ Seconded JH and approved.

Councillors agreed to bring FC030.24 forward

FC030.24 Farmhouse

Councillors were informed that the Farmhouse needed to be brought up to current standards before it can be occupied by the new tenants. The type of work was discussed.

Resolved to spend up to £25000 to get the building up to standard Proposed BW Seconded GT and agreed

FC028.24 Planning

To receive and consider the following:

24/00294/PRIOR Installation of a solar PV system comprising 646 No. modules, installed via a railed system on the rooftops. Domino House Trafalgar Way Bar Hill **Resolved** to make no comment

Proposed GT Seconded BW and agreed.

FC029.24 Viking Way

Councillors decided to move this item to the exclusion of press and public section

FC031.24 Skate Park Working Party

A discussion was held about the Terms of Reference.

Resolved to make minor amendments to the Terms of Reference

Proposed AM Seconded GT and agreed

GT, AM, BH and BW volunteered to be members of the working party

1 member of the public left at 7.39pm

FC032.24 Food Truck Application

This item was fully discussed

Resolved to decline the application for the food truck to be located near the Post Office but invite them to join the rota of food trucks on Viking Way Proposed GE Seconded SW and agreed

FC033.24 Defibrillator at the Library

A discussion was held about putting a defibrillator on the County Council owned building

Resolved to confirm the match funding of £750 and agree the library will use their own contractors for installation



Proposed AM Seconded GE and agreed

FC034.24 Minutes of Environment and Amenities Committee

The draft minutes of the committee meeting held on 7 February 2024 were noted by members

FC035.24 Minutes of Finance and Policy Committee

The draft minutes of the committee meeting held on 31 January 2024 were noted by members. AM made some further comments.

FC036.24 Tree Survey

The scope of the trees survey was discussed. It was thought that advice should be sought.

Resolved to ask Edward Richardson for advice on what should be in a tree survey focussed on tree management and then get 3 quotes on his advice. Proposed LB Seconded GE and agreed

FC037.24 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Items FC029.24, FC038.24 and FC039.24, namely Viking Way, Legal Matters and Grasscutting Contract, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

Proposed AM Seconded JH and **resolved** to close the meeting at 8.04 pm.

FC029.24 Viking Way

A variety of options to fund the maintenance of Viking Way including its sale was discussed

FC038.24 Legal Matters

A discussion was held

Resolved to go ahead with phone call with solicitor and pay for an hour of their time. Proposed GE Seconded SJ and agreed

FC039.24 Grasscutting Contract

The recommendation from the Environment and Amenities Committee was discussed

Resolved to accept the tender from RH Landscapes at £23870 plus VAT per annum commencing 1 March 2024 to 30 November 2026 for village grasscutting on receipt of their terms and conditions.

Proposed SJ seconded GE and agreed

Chairman reopened the meeting to public at 8.41pm

FC040.24 Agenda items for next meeting

Brick wall at entrance to Watermead Substitute Councillors for committee meetings Invitation to join committees Quotes for power points for food trucks at the end of Viking Way

FC041.24 Date of next meeting: 21 March 2024

Meeting closed at 8.45pm



Signed:	
Chairman of the Parish Council	Dated