

BYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th January 2025 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: John Gillic (JG) – Chairman; Christl Davis (CD), Barbara Ridyard (BR), Pom Boddington (PB), Santon Crowshaw (SC), Michael Burdon (MB), Simon Shepherd (SS)

Others: WNC Ward Cllr Rupert Frost (RF) and the Clerk

		Action
1.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: N/A	
2.	To receive and approve apologies for absence: Nick Thompson (NT) and Lindsay Clark (LC) provided apologies for this meeting. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies for absence for this meeting.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the Meeting on 12th December 2024: It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting as an accurate record.	
4.	Matters Arising: N/A	
5.	Chairman's Announcements: JG is away for April's meeting. It was agreed to decide who would chair the April meeting in JG's place at February's meeting. It was RESOLVED to provisionally book the Parish Annual Meeting for 27 th May 2025.	
6.	To receive a report from WNC Ward Councillor: RF informed the councillors about WNC's bid to join a devolved South Midlands Authority. 2025 elections will still go ahead regardless of the outcome of this bid. Cllr. David Smith will not be standing for election in May, as Woodford and Weedon have been downsized to 2 councillors for the ward. Boddington Road continues to be an issue, with more consultation needed according to EKFB. RF continues to chase the outstanding HS2 road safety funding for items promised to the parish.	
7.	Public Participation: N/A	
8.	To consider letter from Mr K. Lee regarding the issue of parking on New Terrace: It was RESOLVED for JG to respond to Mr Lee about contacting WNC Highways to discuss the painting of white lines on the junction entrance to the A361.	
9.	Finance: a. <i>Income received from 8 December to 4 January:</i> £73.37 in VAT rebate. b. <i>Fund balances at 4 January:</i> Current account £3,249.61. Deposit account £96,763.00. No uncashed cheques, total funds available £100,012.61. c. It was RESOLVED to make the payments detailed on the updated schedule.	

10.	Budget for 2025/26 a. It was RESOLVED to set the budget for 2025/26 to £92,295.00. b. It was RESOLVED to set the precept for 2025/26 to £84,000.00.	
11.	Planning: a. NEW APPLICATIONS: 2024/5603/FULL New windows and door on the rear elevation. Replacement windows and doors, repair and replacement of rainwater goods and alterations to the external elevation at Iron Hill Farm. It was RESOLVED to support this application. b. APPROVALS: None c. REFUSALS: None d. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact WNC Planning Enforcement about the fencing installed at Flora Innes House.	
12.	Highways: It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to make a social media post to advise electors about accessing the grit bins placed around the parish.	
13.	Rights of Way: It was RESOLVED to ask Charlie Manton to clear the path between Church Street and the High Street.	
14.	Council and BRG Land/Property: a. JG provided an update to the Cllrs that Wellers Law Group continues to act on behalf of Byfield Parish Council regarding the easements for 18-22 Banbury Lane. b. It was RESOLVED to seek quotes to replace the gravel with porous hard gravel which will make walking along the path much easier. c. It was RESOLVED that SS will spread the gravel in the recreation ground car park.	
15.	Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard: N/A	
16.	Lights and Utilities: N/A	
17.	Allotments, Pocket Park, Environment: PB provided an update regarding the pocket park. Byfield Primary School's Ecology group wishes to get involved with planting. Chris Buttin is in touch with Phil Lovesey regarding the quoted work to fix the path by the cricket nets. The trees are due to be trimmed at the end of the month. PB will look at chipper rental costs for future tree trimmings.	
18.	Playground: N/A	
19	Date(s) of next meeting(s) 24 January (planning meeting if required) 13 February (full council meeting)	
16.	Close of meeting: JG closed the meeting at 9:09pm.	

Signed:

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