

LITTLE WOLFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the General Assembly of 11 December 2018 at The Wolfords Village Hall

Present: Ralph Döring (Chairman, RD); Colin Ablewhite (CA); Gill Ablewhite (GA); Adam Bewsey (AB); Helen Bostock (HB); Gunter Döring (GD); David Farman (DF); Charles Hobbs (CH); Jane Hobbs (JH); Jane Revere (JR); Michael Revere (MR); Diz Shirley (DS); Henry Warriner (HW).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies:** Simon Lewis-Beeching; Chris Cond; Gillian & Roger Cotter; Bob & Shirley Large; Roz Warriner.
2. **The Draft Minutes** of the Annual Assembly of 24 October 2018 were read, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - a) There has been little progress regarding the new noticeboard. RD confirmed that it will accommodate 16 x A4 notices on two sides, and will be installed on the village green at right angles to the footpath; CA confirmed that the cost will be limited to that of materials.
 - b) The matter of the AED (defibrillator) was deferred until Agenda Item 4.
 - c) The provision of fibre (FTTC) broadband to the village is ongoing: "Long Compton Cabinet 3" is expected to become operational soon.
 - d) The faded speed limit road markings have been renewed.
 - e) The Christmas Tree has been installed on the village green; the Merricks have offered to decorate it.
 - f) RD has written to Orbit Housing regarding the number of vehicles in various states of disrepair parked outside No. 2 The Green and adjacent to the entrance to the Village Hall car park.
 - g) RD has contacted the County Council regarding the replacement of pathway markers.
4. **Chairman's Report:** All items have been covered under "Matters Arising".
 - a) RD will contact County Highways Department regarding further potholes, one outside Charlecote Barn and another adjacent to a manhole cover on the bend near the junction with Pepperwell Lane.
 - b) The Community Heartbeat Trust could provide a defibrillator, cabinet, installation and initial training at a cost of £1,400 (£200 less if we could obtain the services of an electrician); they would own and insure the equipment. There would be an ongoing annual cost of around £45 for pads, £100 for battery replacement and a small sum for electricity. Since there is no electricity supply at the site of the former telephone kiosk, the preferred location would be on the outside wall of the Village Hall (subject to the approval of the Trustees); DS observed that this location would also be preferable in view of the number of older people attending events at the Hall. It would be important to confirm adequate mobile phone coverage, in order for a user to obtain the access code from the Ambulance Service. There was unanimous agreement that we should proceed on the basis of this proposal.
5. **RFO's Report:**
 - a) No expenditure has been incurred since the last meeting. Three items of budgeted expenditure will arise before the end of the current financial year: a £200.00 contribution towards the cost of cemetery maintenance, around £28 to renew our Internet domain and an as yet unknown sum in respect of the new noticeboard (£400 budgeted).

- b) The estimated year-end balance will be around £1,420 *less* the cost of the noticeboard.
- c) Simon Lewis-Beeching has replaced HW and CH as signatory to the Parish Meeting's bank account (the others being RD and DF).

6. **Budget and Precept Requirement for 2019/20:**

Standing items for next year's budget would include a £200.00 contribution towards the cost of cemetery maintenance and £100 for administration (to include WALC membership renewal, office consumables and website hosting and maintenance). DF suggested that Section 137 powers be used to grant £500 towards the cost of the defibrillator, and £150 for Christmas Tree lights and batteries, and that provision be made under Section 133 powers for a grant of up to £300 towards replacing chairs in the Village Hall (subject to a matching grant from Great Wolford Parish Council). It was noted that this proposed Section 137 expenditure would need to be reduced if expenditure on the new noticeboard were to slip into the new financial year.

The follow budget was unanimously approved:

• Cemetery maintenance	£200
• Admin	£100
• Grant towards defibrillator (s137)	£500
• Christmas tree lights and batteries (s137)	£150
• Potential grant to Village Hall (s133)	<u>£300</u>
Total:	<u>£1,250</u>

DF recommended maintaining reserves at their current level and therefore proposed a precept requirement of £1,250; this was also unanimously agreed.

7. **Matters of Local Importance:** None.

8. **Matters raised by Electors:**

- a) GA again emphasised the parking problems caused to other residents by the number of vehicles and the caravan parked outside No.2 The Green; it was suggested that the Village Hall Trustees be asked to complain to Orbit Housing regarding the unserviceable van apparently dumped alongside the entrance to the Village Hall car park.
- b) It was noted that Arnold Wilby had sadly died in August; Orbit appear to be in no hurry to re-let his bungalow.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

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Ralph Döring, Chairman

22 May 2019