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**DRAFT Minutes of the General Assembly**

**14 October 2021, Wolfords Village Hall**

**Present:** Helen Bostock (HB), Chairman; Simon Lewis-Beeching (SL), RFO; Adam Bewsey (AB); David Farman (DF); Jane Revere (JR); Gillian Ablewhite (GA); Colin Ablewhite (CA); Gunter Doering (GD); Henry Warriner (HW); Roz Warriner (RW)

**Apologies for absence** received from District Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins, County Cllr Jo Barker, Michael Revere, Charles & Jane Hobbs

1. **The Minutes** of the Annual Parish Assembly on 29 April 2021 were accepted by the meeting and signed by HB.

2. **Chairman's and RFO's Report**

**Chairman's report:**

- a. Resurfacing of the roadside footpath between the Wolfords has been completed.
- b. Drainage works around Rosary Lane have now taken place. Rains have not been sufficiently heavy yet to put them to the test.
- c. Planning applications since the last meeting:
  - i. 21/01959/LDP - Certificate Lawful Development Permitted for the removal of existing garage door and replace with new glazed screen and doors to facilitate use of garage as home office at Tommys House
  - ii. 21/02005/FUL - Full application Refused for new vehicular access at Bedlam House
  - iii. 21/02232/FUL - Full application Pending for Proposed First Floor extension with Juliette Balcony and oak supporting posts at Keepers Cottage. Also amendment on 05.10.21 as follows: Gable amended to a single gable and reduced further back

**RFO's report:**

***Current financial year (01/04/21 to date)***

- a. The second tranche (£500) of the Parish Precept was received from Stratford on Avon District Council on 20/09/21.
- b. The following items of budgeted expenditure have been settled since the last meeting: additional single payment to Wolford PCC re cemetery maintenance (£100); and the WALC Annual Conference (£12.00). Anticipated spending for the remainder of the financial year is as follows: £20 to The Wolfords Village Hall; and £300 to Wolford PCC re Cemetery maintenance (due in Feb/Mar 2022).
- c. The bank balance as at 14/10/21 is £2,286.42.

### 3. **Budget requirement for 2022/23**

HB put forward the following items for the budget; £120 for LWPM website support cost; £35 for Professional Email Service (Easyspace); £30 for Domain Name (Easyspace); £60 for Hall Hire; £13.20 for WALC subscription; £30 for WALC training; £300 for Cemetery maintenance; £162 for Defibrillator annual support costs; £170 for Platinum Jubilee engraved plaque and tree watering bag; £40 for Christmas decs, batteries, etc; £40 for other incidentals (supplies/stationery). HB therefore proposed a budget of £1000.12, this was seconded by GA and approved unanimously.

### 4. **Precept requirement for 2022/23**

HB suggested that as we did not need to increase reserves and with many other costs of living increasing, the precept should be the same as the previous year. HW proposed the parish precept for 2022/23 be set at £1,000, this was seconded by SL and approved unanimously.

### 5. **Matters of particular local importance**

a. **South Warwickshire Council consultation.** DF reported to the meeting on the two Zoom briefings he had attended. The case was put forward to merge the two district councils (Warwickshire and Stratford-upon-Avon), citing cost savings and efficiencies of scale as the main reasons for the proposed merger. At present the two councils together need to find a shortfall of £10million pa, which could come from reserves but is not a sustainable plan. Many areas of joint working are already in place between the two councils so this is more a political merger and completion of that process. The meeting discussed the item and voted unanimously in favour of the merger. HB to submit an online response on behalf of the parish meeting to this effect. **[Action HB]**

b. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree planting.** RW explained the nationwide plans for tree planting to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. She had met with HB to discuss a suitable tree and location (at the manor end of the green) within the village. HB had received permission from SDC to plant a tree in that position. A hybrid cockspur thorn (*Crataegus x lavalleyi 'Carrierei'*) was deemed of suitable size and with wildlife and seasonal attractiveness. DF asked if the canopy might encroach into the adjacent footpath, HB suggesting some formative pruning could be carried out to avoid this. RW to arrange a tree planting date and drinks in the village hall. **[Action RW]** HB to order official Queen's Green Canopy plaque and watering bag. **[Action HB]**

### 6. **Any other business.**

a. HB informed the meeting that she and SL intended to step down from their roles as Chairman and RFO respectively at the spring annual parish meeting. HB to reopen discussions with Great Wolford PC in the event of no-one coming forward as successor. **[Action HB]**

### 7. **Date of next meeting:** 26 Apr 2022

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.