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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM AT THE WOLFORDS VILLAGE HALL

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Lines (Chair), Hankinson, Mathias, Lewis-Beeching and Crossland. DC Whalley Hoggins and CC Barker</p> <p>Public: Seven</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. Councillors are reminded that unless they have been granted a dispensation, if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or is in an interest of somebody with whom they are living as a husband or wife or as if they were civil partners, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on the matter and must also leave the room for the duration of the matter. They must also disclose the interest if it has not yet been entered in the Authority's register (unless it is of a sensitive interest)</p>
3.	<p>To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 28th November 2023</p> <p>Motion to approve Minutes was proposed by Cllr Crossland and seconded by Cllr Hankinson</p>
4.	<p>Public Forum Members of the public are invited to address the Council. Each person may speak for three minutes to a maximum of 15 minutes</p> <p>Owners were present to explain the current situation re their Four Shires Farm planning application for which Little Compton Parish Council is the formal consultee. Due to the sites closer proximity to The Wolfords support was sought from the Parish Council once the formal application has been submitted.</p>
5.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>Chair had attended a WALC Chairs Zoom meeting which finds both interesting and supportive. The new WALC website is live and Clerk confirmed that all Councillors are registered and have access to the information once set up their own logins. Noted that there is a recommendation that all Councils have .gov email addresses but as the Wolfords Joint Parish Councillors now have designated Parish Council email addresses it is felt not relevant especially as additional cost involved</p> <p>Chair and Clerk had researched laptop as agreed at last meeting and a quote received from Cotswold Computers in Shipston on Stour for a refurbished laptop was felt to be good value and would be purchased as per November 2024 meeting motion</p>

	<p>Parish Spring Clean – 16th March 2024 Cllr Lewis-Beeching to be Team Leader for Little Wolford and Cllr Crossland for Great Wolford. Stratford District Council can supply equipment. Clerk commented that Insurers should be notified so volunteers covered</p> <p>Chair had had a report of some Jewellery found locally, believed to be from a theft and was endeavouring to deposit with Police but finder wished to publicise locally.</p>																											
6.	<p>Reports from District and County Councillors.</p> <p>DC reported on Budget Setting at SDC and how funds being allocated. DC was strongly supporting allocation for housing for domestic abuse victims.</p> <p>Concern re standard of Social Housing in District and Council are reminding third party providers to meet their responsibilities.</p> <p>Pressure continues re preventing Public House closures</p> <p>On 23rd February there will be a meeting at Cherington Village Hall with Severn Trent and MP re local sewage issues for those residents directly affected. Chair to represent Council.</p> <p>SDC increasing green bin charges by £2 this year and next</p> <p>CC Barker was welcomed back after her long convalescence and reported on various issues.</p> <p>Particularly appreciated that Highways appear to being more proactive and some evidence of more work to potholes, etc. being undertaken.</p>																											
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider all applications received and published on Stratford District Website to date of meeting. Consideration being given to Dark Skies policy</p> <p>Previous</p> <table><tr><td>23/02088/FUL</td><td>Four Shires Farm (Little Compton PC)</td><td>Withdrawn</td></tr><tr><td>23/01922/FUL</td><td>The Fox and Hounds</td><td>Pending</td></tr></table> <p>It is noted that the Conservation Officer is now a statutory consultee. Parish Council will need to nominate their spokesperson for Planning Committee Meeting when date known</p> <table><tr><td>23/02783/DP</td><td>1 Carters Leaze</td><td>Pending</td></tr><tr><td>23/02782/FUL</td><td>1 Carters Leaze</td><td>Pending</td></tr><tr><td>23/09999/TREE</td><td>Parsonage Farm</td><td>Tree works approved</td></tr><tr><td>22/02640/FUL</td><td>The Hide</td><td>Appeal</td></tr></table> <p>Current</p> <table><tr><td>23/03174/LBC</td><td>Little Wolford Manor</td><td>No Comment</td></tr><tr><td>23/03144/LDP</td><td>6 Carters Leaze</td><td>No Comment - Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use</td></tr><tr><td>23/03440/AAPA</td><td>Paddock Barn</td><td>No Comment - Prior Approval Granted</td></tr></table>	23/02088/FUL	Four Shires Farm (Little Compton PC)	Withdrawn	23/01922/FUL	The Fox and Hounds	Pending	23/02783/DP	1 Carters Leaze	Pending	23/02782/FUL	1 Carters Leaze	Pending	23/09999/TREE	Parsonage Farm	Tree works approved	22/02640/FUL	The Hide	Appeal	23/03174/LBC	Little Wolford Manor	No Comment	23/03144/LDP	6 Carters Leaze	No Comment - Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use	23/03440/AAPA	Paddock Barn	No Comment - Prior Approval Granted
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8.	<p>Village Communications</p> <p>Agree future strategy</p> <p>Cllr Crossland was suggesting alternative means of communication and particularly a WhatsApp group. CC Barker suggested a village Facebook group as knows works well for other villages. Cllr Hankinson offered to investigate and bring recommendation to next meeting re process.</p> <p>A draft policy re Website Management had been circulated and Cllr Crossland volunteered to be involved/proof reader.</p>																														
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10	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>To approve Grants Policy circulated and note legal advice re grants to community organisations. Further work to be undertaken so policy can be approved at next meeting for 2024-25 application process</p> <p>To consider Grant Applications received from The Wolfords PCC and The Wolfords Village Hall</p> <p>It was noted that due to a Change in Policy that it is now permissible to make grants to Churches under certain conditions.</p> <p>It was proposed that £600 be allocated to Wolford PCC and £800 to The Wolfords Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr Hankinson and seconded by Cllr Mathias</p>																														
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	Speed signage	WCC have finally responded to notifications that the signs have been incorrectly applied. Cllr Mathias and CC Barker will pursue
	Superfast broadband	Pending
	Emergency Plan	Work in progress
12.	<p>Resourcing to Risk' To consider consultation proposals 're Fire Service and consider response</p> <p>The consultation on fire service provision was highlighted and noted that the service from Shipston is limited and often Stratford better placed to respond to emergencies.</p> <p>Further information to be obtained at Shipston Meeting on 5th March – 6.30 – 8pm at The Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour</p>	
13.	<p>Urgent Information for Councillors and Items for next Agenda</p> <p>Little Wolford bench – investigations</p> <p>VETS Invoice due mid Feb but not yet received.</p> <p>Retaining access to Great Wolford Parish Council email account for archive purposes</p>	
14.	Date of Next Meeting – 26 th March 2024 – The Wolfords Village Hall	