

COTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 8 February 2023

Held in Cotton Village Hall

Councillors Present: Sarah Wenban (SW) (Chairman), Beryl Ellis (BE), Sue Cox (SC), Trudy Winder (TMW) and Trevor Woods (TW).

In Attendance : David Rayner (DR) (Cotton Parish Clerk) and Andrew Mellen (District Councilor) (AM), Andrew Stringer (County Councilor) (AS). There were no members of the public in attendance.

080223/01 **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Peter Gibb (PG) and Paul Howlett (PH) offered their apologies for absents.

080223/02 All Councillors accepted PG and PH apologies.

080223/03 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations:** TMW declared an interest in the Village Hall, and this was accepted by all councillors and there were no dispensations to consider.

080223/04 **Minutes of previous meetings:** All Cllrs confirmed receipt of the minutes of the meetings held on 11 and 25 January and accepted them as an accurate reflection of the meetings.

080223/05 AM had sent his report and stated the District Council were finalising their budget and confirmed they are not asking for an increase in the Council Tax. AM reminded everyone of the upcoming elections in May for both the District and Parish Councils.

080223/06 AM left the meeting.

Planning

080223/07 DC/23/00389 - Application for a non-material Amendment relating to DC/22/01007. PG has advised that it better than it was, and it was resolver not to comment any further on the matter.

080223/08 Councillors resolved to approve the following gross payments, confirming a full schedule supported by invoices and receipts had been received prior to the meeting.

Signed: *Sarah Wenban*

Date: *08/03/2023*

	Payee	Description	£
080223/09	Cotton Village Hall	Hall hire for meetings	13.50
080223/10	David Rayner	Clerk's wages and tax refund	207.52
080223/11	SALC	Clerk's training	156.00

- 080223/12 **Precept:** We have received an email accepting our request for the precept from BMSDC .
- 080223/13 **Noticeboard:** DR to follow up on whether the backing is replaceable and what is the guarantee.
- 080223/14 **Insurance:** The insurance cover has been amended and paid to include the defibrillator and the increased value of the VAS in the sum of £72.30 as agreed in meeting of 11 January 2023.
- 080223/15 **Defibrillator:** DR has had a quote for the electrical work needed from Bolt Electrical for £143. Cllrs approve the quote and DR to instruct the work to be done.
- 080223/16 **First Aid:** TMW to find out available of trainer for a couple of general first aid training sessions and the numbers per session.
- 020223/17 **Coronation plans:** Plans not yet finalised but will be low key.
- 080223/18 AS joined the meeting.
- 080223/19 **Volunteering Day :** Possible springtime walk from Carters Meadow on 8 May re the Pylons etc.
- 080223/20 **East Anglia Green:** AS gave an update following a recent meeting. Waiting for National Grid's next move.
- 080223/21 AS gave his County Council report. SCC Council Tax likely to rise slightly. Gave an update on the forthcoming road closures situation in Bacton.
- 080223/22 AS left the meeting.
- 080223/23 **Cotton Courier:** Next issue should be late March/early April. Details to be decided at next meeting but to include election ID, Coronation events, Pylon update and general first aid training.

- 080223/24 **Clerk's laptop:** Gordon and Helen Thompson, Cromwell House in Bacton supports IT.
- 080223/25 **CIL monies:** We have £1,300 to spend in the next financial year or we will lose it.
- 080223/26 **Training:** Clerk confirmed his training has been booked. Councillors training will be left until after the election.
- 080223/27 **Any other matters:** Nothing offered.
- 080223/28 Councillors noted the date of the next meeting is 8 March.
- 250123/07 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm.