

**Minutes of the Meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm via Walcote Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllr Liz Marsh (Chairman), Cllr Paul Hobbs, Cllr Seph Green, Cllr James Robertson, Clerk Cathy Walsh and 1 member(s) of the public.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Astle.

2. To receive member's declarations of interests

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11.11.2021

Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record of proceedings.

4. To review any actions from the minutes of the meeting held on 11.11.2021

Tree on Chapel Lane/Overhanging branches

The work is scheduled to be undertaken by 13.01.22.

The Triangle

The Council hope to undertake the work in January 2022.

Severn Trent Water (STW) – Main sewer issues

The Clerk will contact STW for an update on whether CCTV surveys to identify any areas of concern have been carried out and if any follow-on work is required.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The general consensus among residents is in favour of celebrating the Jubilee in a similar way to VE Day. A provisional date to hold the event is set for Sunday 05th June. The Council will work in conjunction with Misterton with Walcote Community Trust to organise the event.

Action: Agenda item for the next meeting.

Land at Gilmorton Road/Washbrook Lane

Leicestershire County Council has recently completed work to repair the carriageway. The Council agreed that the work has been carried out to a good standard.

Memorial bench request

A resident requested permission to install a bench in memory of a family member. Cllr Marsh offered to contact the person concerned for further details.

Hedge Cutting

Cllr Green will carry out the work to cut back the hedge at the Lutterworth Road end of the Franks Road playing field as soon as time and conditions permit.

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Dog and waste litter bin emptying

Despite receiving conflicting information from Harborough District Council (HDC) about whether it has the capacity to empty additional waste bins, recent comms suggest that it may be able to facilitate requests from parishes. The Parish Council submitted a request to HDC to include the litter bin by the skate ramps to its current bin emptying contract in November. It did not receive a response and will chase up the request.

Wheelie Bin Speed Limit Stickers

The Council has purchased wheelie bin 30mph speed limit stickers for residents on Lutterworth Road. A number of residents have received a sticker for their bins. These are free of charge to residents and the Council will publish details of how these can be obtained in the village WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

5. To note any comments or questions from residents

5.1. Lutterworth Area Community Projects Limited (LACPL)

The Lutterworth Area Community Projects community fund is an initiative set up by GLP (formerly Gazeley) as the developer and the owner of Magna Park. GLP launched the Community Fund to support community and voluntary organisations to help deliver projects in and around Magna Park. So far £344,00 has been donated to great causes and charities. However, a massive, £724,00 or 67% of funding, is still available and individuals or groups are being encouraged to apply. Information can be found at:

<https://lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk/community/community-fund/>

5.2. Zebra Crossing – Lutterworth Road

The Parish Council has heard rumours from a number of sources that the village might be getting a zebra crossing installed. The clerk will make enquiries with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to see if this is correct.

6. Financial Matters

6.1. To approve the accounts for payment

Resolved to approve the following payments:

Ref	Payment Method	Payee	Description	Amount
e22-63	Chq	Citizens Advice Leicestershire	Donation	£50.00
e22-64	Chq	Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership 01.01.22 to 31.12.22	£171.00
e22-65	SO	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd	November's payroll	£30.00
e22-66	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - November	X
e22-67	DD	Tesco Mobile	Mobile phone contract	£10.00
e22-68	Chq	Misterton with Walcote Community Trust	Village Hall hire 11.11.21	£10.00
e22-69	SO	Cathy Walsh	Salary - December	X
e22-70	SO	DCK Payroll Solutions Ltd	December's payroll	£30.00
e22-71	DD	Tesco Mobile	Mobile phone contract	£10.00
e22-72	Chq	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Q3 120PT002928742208	£10.80
e22-73	Chq	Cathy Walsh	Clerk's allowances and expenses	£31.00

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6.2. To approve the Bank Reconciliation to 05.01.22**Resolved** to approve the Bank Reconciliation.

Opening Balance	1-Apr-21	£25,878.74
Receipts to	5-Jan-22	£55,012.69
Payments to	5-Jan-22	-£54,761.59
Closing Balance	5-Jan-22	£26,129.84

The balance carried forward is represented by these funds

Current Account	£5,419.62
Business Reserve account	£5.66
Capital Reserve Account	£21,142.21
Imprest Account	£201.15
Add income received but not yet cleared	£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented	-£638.80
Bank Reconciliation to	£26,129.84

6.3. To approve the Receipts & Payments Summary to 05.01.22**Resolved** to approve the Receipts & Payments Summary.**6.4. To approve the Precept and Budget Requirement for 2022-2023**

Resolved to approve a Budget and Precept Requirement of £22,755 for the financial year 01.04.22 to 31.03.23. This is an 4.3% or £4.68 increase in Council Tax per Band D equivalent properties.

7. Play and Recreation Areas**7.1. To note the Routine Inspection of Children's Play Areas and to schedule dates of future inspections**

The inspection reports were noted.

Inspections will be undertaken fortnightly basis, if possible.

7.2. To receive and update on the issues raised in the RoSPA Annual Safety Inspection Reports

The Council agreed to obtain a quote to address the issues it considered a priority. These include raising the junior swing seat chains, to make the necessary repairs to the Bridge and replacing the tape on the zip wire chain cover.

The Council agreed to make an application to the Lutterworth Area Community Projects

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Fund for new goal posts. Cllr Robertson will take the lead on this.

8. To consider any planning applications

None.

9. To receive the Eight Parishes CIC Annual Report

The report was received. A link to all the Eight Parishes CIC annual reports can be found on the Parish Council's website.

10. To receive the Misterton Charities Annual Reports for 2020 and 2021

The reports were received. The Council thought it could be beneficial to include details of the reports and information about the Misterton Charities in the Walcote Word newsletter.

11. To provide an update on, and to consider, the future use of land at South Kilworth Road Field

Cllr Astle and Cllr Marsh met District Cllr Jonathan Bateman on site in December 2021. Planners from HDC are not prepared to undertake a site visit. Instead they made observations based on images from Google Maps. The Parish Council feels it would be beneficial for planners to visit the site in person as it provides a far better idea of the topography of the field and its relationship to the village than what can be gleaned from Google.

Realistically it looks as though the Parish Council will have to do a pre-app if it wants to develop the field as a rural exception. It agreed to pursue this further.

12. To note the Order made on 16.11.21 to extinguish a section of Footpath X31

This was noted. A copy of the order is available at County Hall or HDC Council Offices.

13. Any other business – for notification only

Restrictions on remote or hybrid Parish Council meetings

Currently, local councils in England cannot hold their meetings remotely. This was temporarily relaxed during the Covid lockdown in 2020/21 but that ended in April 2021 when the temporary statutory regulations expired. The Parish Council is extremely disappointed that this is the case, and such rules meant that Cllr Astle, a highly valued member of the Council, could not attend tonight's meeting in person, she would have been quite happy and capable to attend remotely if legislation allowed this. Cllr Roberston agreed to draft a letter of complaint which will be sent to MP Alberto Costa and relevant parties.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting(s)

The next meeting is on Thursday 03rd March at 8pm at Walcote Memorial Hall.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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