**LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Ludham Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 in the Church Rooms, Ludham

at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr A Lupson (Chairman)

Cllr P Wall

Cllr T Gabriel

Cllr J Wright

Cllr L Grist

Clerk and RFO: J Beardshaw

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District Councillor Adam Varley

County Councillor Richard Price

1. Welcome to the public and apologies for absence.
   1. Cllr Routledge. Out of the County. Apologies accepted
   2. Cllr Lane. Out of the village. Apologies accepted
   3. Cllr Monk. Unwell. Apologies accepted
   4. Cllr Willoughby. Unwell. Apologies accepted
   5. Cllr Lumbard. Unwell. Apologies accepted
   6. Cllr Tubby. Work commitments. Apologies accepted
2. Declarations of interest: Members are invited to declare personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement of the Parish Council’s (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 S8 that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial. Noe
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm. **AGREED**
4. **Correspondence:**
   1. K Debbbage. Hedge. The Chairman noted that the hedge cutting had been undertaken but that it might perhaps not be finished.
   2. W Fredericks NNDC. Affordable Housing Crisis. **The Clerk** would contact Cllr Willoughby with regards to a future agenda subject. The Clerk would also ask some questions of NNDC and see if the Section 106 officer at NNDC might be able to attend the meeting.
   3. AJG. Confirmation that the Council is within year 2 of the 3 year LTA for insurance, which will finish in 2025. **The Clerk** had asked AJG for further information
   4. NCC Registrations and records. Registration of deposits. Church Commission. Noted. **The Clerk**  would contact Savills to ask for clarity on the permissive footpath round the field.
5. **Reports:** 
   1. Cllr Wall. Playground report. Cllr Wall noted that he had fixed the litter bin again and that there are still brambles growing out the of the hedge. **The Clerk** would ask the Peakes to remove the brambles on a regular basis when they are cutting the grass
   2. Cllr Routledge. Land Registrations. The Chairman thanked Cllr Routledge, in her absence for her work on the land registrations.
6. **Adjourn meeting.**

**The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1948**

Cllr Price noted that government funding was as follows for the Environment Agency

2019/2020 £76m

2020/2021 £94m

2022/2023 £139m

**The Chairman** **reconvened the meeting at 2032**

1. **To discuss agenda items:**
   1. To receive the SAM2 information for the month. There was no data to report
   2. To consider budget and precept for the forthcoming financial year 2024/2025. Council discussed the budget for the year and the forecast for the remainder of the year. A discussion was held regarding in future retaining the precept in line with inflation. Council **AGREED** a precept of £21,696.
   3. To consider if an allotment tenant can have chickens and a poly tunnel. Council **AGREED** that the allotment tenant could be allowed to have cockerls and a poly tunnel but that the subject would be reviewed annually and could be reversed if there were any complaints
   4. To consider and discuss an idea for a newly formed footpath. The Chairman thanked the Councillor who had offered the land for the footpath and noted the generosity of the landowner in the offer. The Chairman noted that the parish could not afford the monies involved in building the footpath. Cllr Gabriel noted that he believed that the footpath would cost between £25K and £35K. Cllr Gabriel noted that he believed that there was funding available for the footpath. Cllr Gabriel noted that the Womack Trust might be in a position to support with funding. The Chairman noted that the Womack Trust would be unlikely to have the funding available.
2. **Planning Applications:** 
   1. **To consider and agree responses to planning application as follows:**
      1. PF/23/2218. Little Maltings, Latchmoor Lane. Detached outbuilding. This application had been approved prior to the meeting
      2. PF/23/1103. Fritton Farm, Fritton Road. Application withdrawn. Noted
   2. **To receive decisions regarding applications:**
      1. None

1. **Finance**
   1. The Chairman noted that he had received the bank reconciliation for December, which he had checked.
   2. **The following payments were authorised:**

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| **VAT date** | **Format** | **Payee** | **Detail** | **Amount £** | **Inc VAT £** |
|  | DD | Peakes | Grass cutting | 509.00 |  |
|  | BACS | Clerk | Salary and expenses | 705.97 |  |
|  | BACS | NPF | Pension (partly paid by Clerk) | 231.22 |  |
|  | BACS | HMRC | Tax (paid by Clerk) | 100.43 |  |
| 30.11.23 | DD | URM | Glass recycling | 16.32 | 2.72 |
|  | DD | ICO | Subscription 02.02.24 | 35.00 |  |

* 1. **The following receipt was noted:**
     1. £150. Donation towards fireworks display

1. **At the Chairman’s discretion:** 
   1. The Chairman noted that there would be discussion regarding fireworks at a future meeting
2. **Items for the Parish News**
   1. No Parish News
3. **To confirm that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 2033 hrs