

## Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**in the Village Hall, Dingley at 7.00 pm.**

<b>Members of the Parish Council Present</b>	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr E Lomer-Wood
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk) One member of the public

		<b>Action</b>
1471	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> Cllr L Jones NNC Cllrs D Howes and B McElhinney J Ingham (Village Hall)	
1472	<b>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda and any changes to the Members Register of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda. There were no changes to the Register of Member's Interests.	
1473	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of these meetings and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Dudson      Seconded Cllr Lomer-Wood	
1474	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> There were no matters arising.	
1475	<b>Open Forum and Representations from members of the public – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> The member of the public was welcomed to the meeting. Nothing was raised. <b>(Meeting closed to the public)</b>	
1476	<b>Planning:</b> <b>2023/CM/0053/LCC Marigold Farm, Welham Road, Great Bowden Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Associated Infrastructure, Lagoons and Feedstock Clamps</b> The Council noted this cross-county application, which was expected to have 50 heavy vehicle movements per day and <b>agreed</b> to submit its concerns with the resulting increased heavy traffic through the village. The Council would like to see all HGV's diverted onto the A6 and A14.	<b>JM</b>
1477	<b>(i) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</b> It was noted that all assets including the defibrillator were in order. A comment was made regarding the location of the noticeboard. Cllr Dudson will look to see whether this could be relocated to more central position in the village.	<b>SD</b>
	<b>(ii) Local Government Update:</b> There was nothing to report on this item.	

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1478	<p><b>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</b></p> <p><b>Highways Update</b> – Concern was expressed that Council did not always receive notification from National Highways on A14 road closures and that traffic was diverted through Dingley as a result of these closures.</p> <p><b>Safe Cycle Path</b> – Further discussions took place on the option of a long-term loan through the Public Works Loan Board to fund the safe cycle path. The next steps are to find out what early repayment options are possible should further funding be received and to collect evidence that residents of the village are in support of raising the precept in order to fund the loan. A questionnaire will be sent to all residents with a covering letter giving details of the loan and the proposed amounts in terms of precept before Christmas. Cllrs B Jones and S Dudson will liaise to draft the covering letter.</p>	BJ/SD																		
1479	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) To consider the 2025/26 Budget and Set Precept</b> – Draft budgets for 2025/26 were presented to the Parish Council for consideration. One showed an increase of 2.32% on last year excluding any allocation for loan repayment, the second budgeted for the PWLB loan and showed an increase of 46%. The final budget will be agreed and the precept set at the next meeting in January once the village has been consulted and a decision has been made to apply for the loan.</p> <p><b>(ii) Payments</b> The following payments were presented and unanimously <b>agreed</b>:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>VAT element</th> <th>Legal Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>(iii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£2,602.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td>£13,648.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ringfenced – Cycle Path</td> <td>£9,165.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Balance of Reserves</b></td> <td><b><u>£7,085.49</u></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://dingley-pc.gov.uk">dingley-pc.gov.uk</a></p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT element	Legal Authority						Current Account	£2,602.40	Savings Account	£13,648.09	Ringfenced – Cycle Path	£9,165.00	<b>Total Balance of Reserves</b>	<b><u>£7,085.49</u></b>	
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1480	<p><b>Exchange of Information, Crime Report and Village Hall:</b></p> <p>The Council noted that there were no reported incidents of crime in the area over the past two months as advised on the police.uk website.</p> <p>A village hall report had been received advising on successful events which seem to be well received by residents. Financially the committee remains solvent but will always remain reliant on periodic grants for any large maintenance requirements. A couple of new members for the committee have been recruited which has helped to spread the load of event organising. Big events such as bonfire/fireworks, open gardens etc. will be run every two years. Next year’s provisional programme will be listed in the next edition of the Pump. These will include a Burns Supper and a quiz night. Nothing further has been heard from Maddocks (the developer seeking planning permission for the paddock on Braybrooke Road including their proposal for a new village hall). The site remains a worry for residents so an outcome on the future of the site would be welcomed. A proposal for joint invitation from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee for the new MP to attend an event in the future was suggested.</p>																			

		<b>Action</b>
1481	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> There was no further correspondence to discuss.</p>	
1482	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b> To make decision on PWLB loan To approve 2025/26 Budget</p>	
1483	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025  The Meeting Closed at 7.54 pm.</p>	

Signed ..... (Chair)

Dated .....