**CUTSDEAN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**West Barn Farm, Cutsdean, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 5RX – 16th January 2024 at 6.30pm**

1. Present at this meeting – Cllr Butler (Vice Chairman), Cllr Beetson, Cllr Smith (Chairman). Apologies – Cllr Clarke, Cllr Wright, Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington
2. Declaration of Interests - no changes to report.
3. The minutes from November 2023 were reviewed and agreed by all. Signed Cllr. Butler (Vice Chairman)
4. Receive report from Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington. The report was circulated to all prior to the meeting.
   1. The main points to take from this report are the new park and ride at Arle Court, Cheltenham. This is part of significant investment in junction 10 of the M5.
   2. £4.4 million has been put aside to expand the Robin bus service – this will allow them to reintroduce some of the services that have been cancelled.
   3. Due to the cancellation of HS2 there is £2.8m this year and next year immediately available to go towards potholes.
   4. There will be £19.8m invested in our local schools.
5. Report from Clerk:
   1. Precept – Currently stands at £1,480. Based on the expenditure for last year (£1,160) we have a little left over. The audit cost has gone up to £140 (from £90.00). We want to make sure that we have enough to cover the ongoing costs of the defibrillator. As we have not yet signed up for the annual payment plan so this has not been included in the budget for this year. Agreed to leave the precept the same at £1,480.00.
   2. Review Asset and Risk Register – we reviewed the asset and risk register and it was agreed to be correct and current by all present.
   3. Inspection of the Notice Board – The noticeboard is in good working order, and it is checked on a regular basis.
6. Matters arising:
   1. Defibrillator – Now available for use but hopefully no need to use. We need to book in the training course, and it was suggested that we try for an evening in March date to be decided.
   2. Resurfacing of Buckle Street – this has finally been done and is already making a difference.
   3. Grips – Cllr Smith and Cllr Beetson had a meeting with Rhodri Grey from the council to discuss the issues we have with the current grips – he agreed that the grips are too shallow and at the wrong angle. He suggested that we could do them ourselves but also said he may be able to get something organised, but this has not been confirmed.
   4. Winter resilience – it was commented to Rhodri that we are not informed about the delivery of salt now or any other arrangements. He suggested we go to the depot and obtain salt ourselves. He said he will find out who we should contact in regard to this.
   5. Flooding issues – Rhodri suggested that we go to a website called fixmystreet.com – we can log known issues on there and the council will be made aware of it.
   6. Quarry Noise – the noise has not let up and it is at the same time every day. We will raise this again with Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington.

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* 1. Tree at the top on Buckle Street Junction – Cllr Smith proposed that we have a mirror on the opposite side – this will have to be agreed by the highways and the owner of the land opposite. Question to be put to Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington.

1. Financial Report:
   1. Financial statement agreed by all present and signed by Cllr Smith (Chairman).
2. Public Adjournment – none present.
3. Planning – There is a planning request in for “Crail” for new PVC window on the rear of the property. We have no objections.
4. Correspondence – none to review.
5. AOB
6. Date of next meeting – Next official meeting to be held on the 12th March 2024 at 6.30pm at West Barn Farm, Cutsdean.

Meeting closed at 19.37pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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