**Minutes of the Meeting** **Held on Wednesday 4th December 2024, Worminghall Village Hall**

Present: Apologies:

Cllr Skates (Chair) Cllr Bramley

Cllr Tinkler

Cllr Wright

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| Item |  |  |
| 1 | To receive apologies of absence | Cllr Bramley |
| 2 | To receive declarations of interest | None |
| 3 | Approval of minutes | Minutes from the WPC meeting 6th November 2024 were unanimously accepted by the council then signed and dated by the Chairman. |
| 4 | Open Forum | Hedges/Footpaths: Very overgrown – Clerk to post on Facebook page reminding parishioners to cut back any overhanging bushes//trees.  Letters have been sent to certain local residents where there is an urgent need for remediation. This will be followed up in the New Year.  WPC have had a response from 42a who have said that the overhanging trees are not in their garden. |
| 5 | Councillor Vacancy | Vacancy to be posted on Facebook |
| 6 | Community Board Overview | Clerk gave a brief overview from the recent Community Board Meeting |
| 7 | 2025/26 Budget | Draft Budget agreed for 2025/6 with income of £15,684 and expenditure of £24,530. Shortfall covered by underspend in previous years.  Subject to the budget, the precept is likely to be kept at same level as prior year  Cllr Wright to provide costings for new ditches and for traffic calming |
| 8 | Flooding | Cllr Wright to look into digging new ditches and clearing existing ditches to avoid repeat flooding.  Clerk to post on Facebook page reminding parishioners to ensure their ditches are kept maintained and free from obstructions to allow the draining in the village to work correctly.   Cllr Wright is meeting with Buckinghamshire Council to review specific flooding locations in the village.  An information leaflet is to be prepared and distributed around the village.  Parish Council recognises parishioners keeping ditches maintained and clear of obstruction and the impact this has on reducing flooding |
| 9 | Planning | 24/03358/AGN | Erection of steel frame single span portal general Purpose building for the storage of straw for bedding and forage for feeding | Kirtland Farm Oakley Road Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9UN – No objections |
| 10 | Approve Financial Payments | Rosie Evans/HMRC Clerk salary £146.70  Thomley Advent Calendar £275.00 |
| 11 | AOB | Book 2025 meetings  Donations were discussed and £275 is to be paid to Thomley for the advent trail. Other donations to be agreed before end of Financial Year.  The Almshouses no longer has a representative from the Parish Council on the list of Trustees.    Clerk to contact them to find out what is required  Foothpath on The Avenue – contact fixmystreet  The Worminghall Volunteers to be contacted to see if they would help to get rid of the broken tarmac to avoid it adding to the flooding risk |
| 12 | Next meeting | Next meeting – Wednesday 23rd January 2024  Meeting concluded at 9pm |

**Actions**

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| **Action** | **Owner** |
| Letters to homeowners by the Clifden Road re overhanging bushes | Clerk |
| Letters to homeowners by Court Farm re blocked ditches | Clerk |
| Update Facebook with links for minutes | Clerk |
| Post vacancy on Facebook | Clerk |
| Book 2025 Meetings | Clerk |
| Email Almhouses query | Clerk |
| Look into costs and timelines for 2 new ditches | Cllr Wright |
| Speak to 32a & Buckinghamshire Council regarding ditches and recent flooding | Cllr Wright |
| Look into remembrance silhouettes for next year | Cllr Skates |
| Look into buying plaque | Cllr Skates |
| Write to Village Hall Committee re community events | Clerk |
| Prepare for Dec meeting re Traffic calming – Timescale, cost etc | Cllr Wright |

Signature of Presiding Chair:

Date: