



RAMSGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL – ORDINARY MEETING

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Ramsgreave Parish Council meeting, 7.00pm, 23.11.23 at Wilpshire Methodist Church

Present: Mike Hill (Responsible Financial Officer), Kathryn Berzins, Nabila Parekh, Lindsay Wright, Susie Duerden (Councillors)

MINUTES

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| 1 | Standing items | Apologies for absence – Liz Woodruff |
| 2 | | Approve minutes of last meeting – minutes approved |
| 3 | | Declarations of interest – none |
| 4 | | Public participation – none |
| 5 | | Finance Report – One expression of interest for support with Christmas lunch for residents . Application will go to RVBC for £100 for Wilpshire Methodist Coffee morning's annual lunch. KB will do the application and, funds can be claimed back directly from PC. |
| 6 | | Draft budget – MH presented the accounts. Members considered the budget and approved a precept of 3780 and requested RFO submit the precept form to RVBC. |
| 7 | Items | Planning – no applications to be discussed. |
| 8 | | Highways – LWr submitted the application via road safety working group – 3 signs and a narrowing of the road requested. Several incidents recently. KB requested deer warning sign. |
| 9 | | Public rights of way – repair needed to footpath 4 due to continuing rain damage. AP asked for quote to put gulleys in to divert the water. |
| 10 | | Outstanding repairs – bollards have been reduced to three at the station as requested. Flood issue on Moorfield still unresolved, LCC involved. |
| 11 | | Lengthsman duties – mowing cycle finished and invoice paid. |
| 12 | | Public engagement: newsletter (content to be finalised at Feb meeting) Notice boards & social media – up to date. |
| 13 | | Commemorations – planter has arrived and is stored in the allotment over winter for planting up in the spring. Christmas – PC will organise 'Advent windows' around the parish in 2024. SD will organise via facebook. |
| 14 | | Allotment report – attached. |
| 15 | | Volunteers: litter picking and gardening group. Litter pick now organised by volunteer. |
| 16 | | Feedback from other agencies – none. |
| 17 | | Governance – no issues. |
| 18 | | Defibrillator update – application put in but not successful. Agreed to establish best site first – requires mains power (station, Coop, Rising Sun, Perry's all possibilities) then seek external; grant funding elsewhere, around |

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| | | £750 for the cabinet. PC can budget for ongoing costs after that. SD to continue to investigate. |
| 19 | | Next meeting date - Thursday 22 nd Feb 7pm Meeting closed: 20.45 |

Ramsgreave Parish Council – Community garden and allotment report

20/11/23

| 1. Administration finance and governance. | | |
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| Task | Update | Action |
| 1.1 | Volunteers and Session Dates Sunday session continues with ~5 volunteers, fewer visitors now weather is bad. RV climate change network – no response. | Sunday sessions will continue over the winter as weather permits. |
| 1.2 | Grant Money and Donations RHS report due in December. Need feedback from participants. RHS funds remaining can be used for toilet project. Toilet bid - was submitted to RVBC. Invited to put in full bid. Difficulty with length of lease and capital expenditure. | KB to collect feedback, write and submit final report. KB to put application in anyway. |
| 1.3 | RHS Awards Judging took place, results – up a grade to Level 4 ‘Thriving’ | None. |
| 2. Update on allotment site tasks completed | | |
| | Planting of borders at front with donated plants. Lawn mowed regularly and settling down. | |
| 3. Allotment site work planned | | |
| Task | Description | Action |
| 3.1 | Complete log cabin | Continuing construction, foundation completed, structure built and roof installed. Walls remain partially finished, will not have enough logs to follow original plan so revised to leave it more open. |
| 3.2 | Create bridge over back ditch | Will build from remaining flagstones. |
| 3.3 | Install composting toilet | Dependent on funding bid outcome from RVBC. |
| 3.4 | Pond at rear | Will use external contractor to do landscaping via biodiversity funds. Have arranged quote from AP when he has capacity. |
| 3.5 | Install polytunnel side vents | Contact manufacturer before next summer |
| 3.6 | Create mini ponds with sinks | When have capacity |
| 3.7 | Line main pond | When have capacity |
| 3.8 | Build brick stand for sink | When have capacity |