**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting**

**held at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May 2024 in Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Littlefair, Tom Britcliffe, Keith Park, Stuart Brookes, Joanne Quarmby

**In Attendance:** Fiona Ford - Clerk, Ward Councillor Rob Darby, 1 member of the public, Nick Mason (Item 1 only)

1. **Wind Turbine on Nelson Farm**

Nick Mason, Constable Wind Energy was welcomed to the meeting and explained the proposal of repowering the existing wind turbine with a more modern and slightly larger wind turbine. A discussion took place, including the potential for funding towards the Heart of Hart Project. Clerk to forward details of the project to Nick Mason.

1. **Public Forum**

The member of the public raised concerns with the proposed EV charging station on the A179. A discussion then took place regarding this proposal along with the proposals for Welly Hill Farm. It was noted the member of the public objected to both proposals.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were submitted and accepted from Councillors Keith Brown and John Wilson.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Littlefair declared an Item 15

1. **Police Report**

The figures for April were as follows:

Crime – Burglary 2, Theft 5, Criminal Damage 5; Anti Social Behaviour – ASB Personal 0, ASB Nuisance 14, ASB Environmental 0. It was noted more speed watch events are to be organised.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2024**

The Minutes of the Meeting were agreed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising**
2. **Chare Wall** - a general discussion took place regarding the project and the potential funding coming from the developments.
3. **South View Car Parking** – Clerk to obtain update from Peter Frost
4. **CCTV on Worset Lane** – It was noted locations for the cameras have now been agreed
5. **Forsa Energy Site Visit** – Clerk to chase up and arrange the site visit, if necessary a weekend or evening.
6. **Car Park Gate – Submission of Planning application and installation of the gate**

To be deferred to the next meeting.

1. **Worset Lane Battery Energy Storage – BESS Community Fund**

Cllr Littlefair declared an interest. A discussion took place regarding the £60,000 contribution, signing the agreement but obtaining legal advice before signing. Councillor Darby to approach the Legal Department at Hartlepool Borough Council.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Councillor Littlefair thanked Councillor Park for chairing the previous meeting. He then advised the that water running down the village, was a burst pipe which had now been reported to Northumbria Water.

1. **Ward Councillor’s Report**

It was noted Tom Cassidy was no longer a Ward Councillor. Clerk to invite Councillor Aaron Roy to the next meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners. A discussion took place regarding the CCTV cameras, it was noted they should be installed this week.

1. **Maintenance Committee Report**

A general discussion took place and it was agreed to ask HBC to cut the sight lines on the corners of the junctions onto the A179. It was also agreed to put a note on the Hart Hub asking if anyone would like to adopt a window box.

1. **Financial Report**

The 2023/2024 accounts were signed off at the annual meeting. The following cheques were then signed:

100905 Clerk wages (April 2024) £231.20

100906 HMRC (PAYE April 2024) £57.20

100907 Affordable Landscapes (grass cutting) £952.80

**Total £1,241.20**

1. **Correspondence**

* The Clerk advised she had now received the Kings Portrait – Councillor Littlefair to check with the Village Hall Management Committee if it can be displayed in the Village Hall.
* Residents in Oakwood Close – Concerns re trees have grown to such a height they are impeding daylight. Clerk to advise the land is in private ownership.

1. **Planning Applications**

* H/2024/0140 - St Mary Magdalene Church - Works to T20 of TPO248 - Retrenchment pruning of 1 no. mature Ash for long term retention following fungal infection and crown decline – no objections
* H/2023/0181 – Land to the East of Electricity Substation, Worset Lane - Construction and operation of a gas powered standby – Changes to Site levels and photomontage – previous objections still stand.

1. **Matters of Concern to Councillors**

* Ivy on Vicarage land is encroaching onto the road
* Improving the look of the website

1. **Date of next Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next meetings will be held as follows:

Monthly Meeting – Monday 10th June, 6.45 pm

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners – Monday 17th June, 7.00 pm

*Meeting closed at 8.15 pm Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*