**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th December 2022 at 19:00 at Millington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Cawood, Tait, Burley, Willoughby, Swanborough and Smith.

**OPEN FORUM**

Robert Willoughby (RW) joined the meeting to report on the village bonfire night. The event had for the first time sold out with 150 tickets being sold. Councillors felt that 150 was the maximum figure to ensure that the event ran well, the catering was delivered, and that parking was manageable.

Feedback received by all councillors had been very positive. It was also noted that the event had been well supported by residents of the parish, which was hugely encouraging.

The changes to the catering, which included different sausages and jacket potatoes had also been very well received.

The following figures were recorded:

* £375 made on the raffle
* £408 profit on the evening
* £869.52 surplus remaining in the account

Average charge of £5.33 per person on the gate. This figure considers the different prices charged for adults and children.

RW asked if the Parish Council could let him know in advance of next year’s event if the Parish council intended to do a raffle again.

Thanks were expressed to Robert and his team for all the hard work in making the bonfire and fireworks a huge success.

Robert also reported that he was in the process of trying to secure grants towards the replacement of the ash trees at Swinridge. He was waiting for a reply from The Humber Forest Commission.

Meeting started at 19:20 hrs.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

2529: WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The clerk had sent her apologies. The minutes were recorded by Cllr Burley.

2530: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Ward Cllr Rudd declared am interest on all planning applications discussed as he sits on the ERYC planning committee.

2531: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER

All agreed that these were a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Cawood.

2532: WARD CLLR REPORT

Councillor Rudd reported on the following items

• Congratulations to all involved with the fireworks event, a great example of a parish event

• He updated Cllrs on the progress made within ERYC towards setting budgets for the next financial year

• Free Parking would again be in operation in ERYC car parks during the weekends in December and on Christmas Eve

• Waste Recycling- It was reported that ERYC had again won an award for this

2533: MATTERS ARISING (INCLUDING OUTSTANDING ACTIONS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA)

**Overgrown trees**

The clerk has reported the tree boughs on Swineridge Hill near the substation that require cutting back (I.D# 2478505). The PC confirmed that this had not been actioned yet. ACTION: Clerk to chase the progress of this.

**‘Tommy’ Figure**

It was reported that the Tommy Figure had been returned and receipt of the figure acknowledged. The refund for the figure was still outstanding.

2534: ACCOUNTS

The clerk had sent the accounts reconciliation, bank statements, invoices, and schedule of payments prior to the meeting. The following payments were requested for approval:

Samantha O’Connor – £5.63 (clerk travel expenses November)

ERNLLCA - £48 (Councillor training)

Village Hall - £80 (Meeting room hire)

Samantha O’Connor – Clerk salary (November)

Cllr Tait proposed to approve these, Cllr Smith seconded this, and all agreed.

Cllrs Tait and Willoughby reviewed and signed the bank statements.

2535: BUDGETS FOR 2023/24

The clerk had sent the NALC salary award for 2023/24 to consider for when setting budgets. This item was deferred until January to consider when setting the precept. ACTION: Clerk to agenda precept and setting of budgets for the January meeting.

2536: ALLOTMENT VACANCY

The clerk had spoken to ERNNLCA who confirmed that the Parish Council were correct in allocating the recent vacancy.

It was suggested that in future, if anyone expressed an interest in an allotment, that a register should be kept and then those on the register could be informed when an allotment became vacant.

2537: APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Deferred until January’s meeting. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this.

2538: BONFIRE NIGHT REPORT

This had been covered under the Open Forum section.

2539: PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENT

The event had been held on the 2nd of December and it was agreed by all to have been a huge success.

Thanks were expressed to the pub and everyone who had worked hard on the event.

The following was discussed about any possible repeat of the event next year

• Should tickets perhaps go on sale earlier?

• Should the raffle be free?

A receipt for £18.99 that had been received for expenses and was agreed for payment.

It was agreed to close the outstanding grant application for a village event in the New Year.

2540: CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

A letter of resignation from the Parish Council had been received from Mike Francis which had already been acknowledged. ACTION: Ask the clerk on how to proceed with the resulting vacancy.

Councillor Swanborough agreed to take down the village Tommy figure and store it. ACTION: A letter of thanks is to be sent to resident who had made the figure.

A discussion took place about the possible purchase and siting of a village Christmas tree. ACTION: Cllr Cawood to make enquiries and update members.

A carol service will be held on 18th December at 6pm. Councillors Willoughby and Burley will be carrying out readings on behalf of the Parish Council.

Planning application 21/03091/PLF at Glen Lodge has been approved by ERYC.

2541: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 10th January 2023, 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:16 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_