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MINUTES of the MEETING OF WHITWICK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.00 pm in Park Hall, Whitwick Park, off North Street, Whitwick

Present: Councillor S Colledge

Cllrs Barker, Briers, Casson, Collins, Gillard [Items 3422 – 3428], Greenwood, Moul, Woodward [Items 3422 – 3428], Roach & Wyatt

In Attendance:

Jake Atkinson (CEO, LRALC)

Tracey McLean, Acting Parish Manager [Items 3422 -3426], [Items3428, 3429]

		ACTION
3422	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	None	
3423	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3424	MINUTES	
	Minutes from the meeting on 16 th November 2023 to be deferred until the meeting due to take place on 18 th January 2024.	
3425	PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
	None.	
3426	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCE	
	a) Members noted details of income received for the month of November 2023 had been provided;	

	Members RESOLVED: that the following payments be made/approved;	
	b) Payments to be made for the month of November 2023 (including salaries)	
	c) Members noted details of latest income and expenditure account for 2023/2024 and the summary of earmarked reserves at 30 th November 2023.	
	d) Members noted the latest bank balances as at 30 th November 2023 – Unity current account £179,579.31; Unity deposit account £12,502.64; CCLA public sector deposit fund £225,000.00	
3427	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS	
	Members to consider, in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, whether the public and press is excluded from parts of the meeting below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.	
3428	STAFFING	
	<p>Members were informed that the recruitment process for the vacant position of Parish Manager had been overseen by NWLDC. It appeared that NWLDC had not been aware of PC legislation and the correct procedures as prescribed by Parish Council law had not been followed.</p> <p>A motion was put forward for the council to vote on a recommendation by Councillors Gillard and Moulton to appoint.</p> <p>Several members requested further information relating to the potential employee, the contract, the position of the current Acting Parish Manager and how the handover would work.</p> <p>Advice provided by Jake Atkinson (LRALC), was to postpone the decision until further information could be made available. A meeting with a single item agenda could then be held.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: that the motion to postpone the decision until further information could be obtained was passed.</p> <p>A member asked for a recorded vote to be minuted:</p>	

	<p>FOR the motion to postpone the decision until further information could be obtained: Cllrs Briers, Colledge, Collins, Greenwood, Roach, Woodward and Wyatt.</p> <p>AGAINST the motion to postpone the decision until further information could be obtained: Cllrs Barker, Casson, Gillard and Moulton.</p>	
3429	BUDGET SETTING	
	Members took part in a discussion relating to the Draft Budget 2024/2025.	
	<p>End of meeting time reached at 9.30 pm.</p> <p><i>Standing Order 5.20 states the deadline for meetings to end at 9.30 pm and it was agreed by resolution to extend the meeting by no more than 30 minutes.</i></p>	
	Next meeting to be held on: Thursday 21 st December 2024 at 7.00 pm	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45 pm	

The Acting Parish Manager left the meeting at 7.06 pm and returned at 8.30 pm
 Cllr Gillard left the meeting at 8.26 pm
 Cllr Moulton left the meeting at 8.26 pm
 Cllr Briers left the meeting at 9.35 pm
 Cllr Wyatt left the meeting at 9.35 pm