

**WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Parish Council Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**at 7.30pm**  
**Burditch Hall – All Welcome**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr P. Loftus (Chairman)  
Cllr J. Thomas  
Cllr J. Hoare  
Cllr J. Salter

Members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

**Apologies:** Cllr M. Eccles-Williams

- 1) **Disclosure of Interests:** None
- 2) **Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021:** Approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **Matters arising from the minutes which are not covered elsewhere.** None.
- 4) **The search for new Councillors and a Clerk:** Ongoing.
- 5) **County Council and District Council:** None.
- 6) **Planning:** there was nothing to discuss.
- 7) **Financial matters and bills to pay:** The Chairman reported that the bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October was £15,509.15, but that cheques, including the second instalments of precepts, reduced this to £11,703.15. The cheques were authorised and signed. The Chairman described the continuing battle with NatWest to fully operate the bank accounts.
- 8) **Precepts for 2022/2023.** These were approved in full, bar the school whose precept request was reduced by 33%. This money will not be released until it is known that will be received from WODC. The Chairman is to write to the Head asking for fuller details of what the money is to be spent on.
- 9) **Any other business.**

- (1) Cllr. Thomas: raised the point that the pads for the defibrillator need replacing at a cost of £27 each. Also that the grit boxes needed checking and that the village walkabout with a representative from OCC still had a few points to complete.
- (2) Phil Parker and John Wynne raised the question of the Villages Travel Network, with representatives of Woodstock and the villages surrounding Blenheim (Bladon, Combe, Hanborough, Glympton, Stonesfield, Wootton) and Blenheim. It was agreed to follow this up.
- (3) The Burditch Hall: Mr. & Mrs. Day are prepared to stay on until Christmas 2021 by which time a solution as to who is to run the hall will change. It was brought up that that the Sports Club, Playing Field and the Burditch Hall have combined into 1 committee. The Council agreed that it would hold an extraordinary meeting once a viable business plan had been presented by the combined committee. The Chairman pointed out that he had no idea what the running costs of the Burditch Hall were. In the interest of openness, he suggested that the combined committee furnish everybody any information they had. He further mentioned that the keyholders to the gate keys need to be identified.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 20:10

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Dates of next meetings, all to be held at the Burditch Hall at 19:30

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022