

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024, 7.30 P.M. AT  
RANGEMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**Present:** Cllrs B Huckerby (Chairman), E Coleman, H Golding, D Milner

**In attendance:** Mrs K Lear (Clerk)

**Public participation** – no members of the public were present

**085/23-24 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Borough Cllrs J Jones, and B Ashcroft

**086/23-24 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests from members.**

Cllr H Golding wished to declare an interest when planning application P/2023/01322 was discussed.

**087/23-24 Minutes of the meeting for approval – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Members were happy that the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**88/23-24 Future of parish council**

Members had a detailed discussion in relation to productive working practices.

**089/23-24 Correspondence**

**a) Planning applications and matters**

Cllr H Golding left the room

P/2023/01322 – Stable view cottage, Tatenhill Common, Rangemore, Retention of 2m brick front boundary wall with 2.2m high brick pillars, 1.2m high post and rail fence and retention of pergola in the rear garden.

Cllr H Golding returned to the meeting.

P/2024/00033 – Highlands Park, House Highland Park Lane, Tatenhill – Prior notification for the erection of building for agricultural storage of inputs and produced.

**Planning permission granted**

P/2024/00076 – 1 Coronation Cottages Main Street, Tatenhill – Reduce the height of 1 Ash tree to approximately 3 meters

**090/23-24 Third party reports**

Staffordshire police had confirmed that some of the lanes had had the weight limit suspended during road works on Branston Road.

With regards this particular issue, I can see online that some of the lanes have had the weight limit suspended during road works on Branston Road. From 1/2/24 they will temporarily suspend the 7.5 weight restriction along Branston Road and Dunstall Road, Moores Hill, Tattenhall Common and Rangemore. The order will come into operation on 10/2/24 and said works will commence on or as near that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 3/3/24 but the order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the highway improvement works have been completed.

Members asked the clerk to set up a meeting with County Cllr Julia Jessel for the parish council and residents to attend. John Taylor Free School was suggested as a possible location.

**091/23-24**

## **Finance and Policy Matters**

### **a) Payments**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount gross</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>EP/GPC</b>
Payroll	1027.31	Payroll 28.2.24, includes 1 week unpaid leave and partial back pay following increase 1.4.2023 which the staffing committee had approved.	EP/GPC
Support staffordshire	25.00	Association membership	EP/GPC
Bank transfer	25000.00	Bank transfer from current account to 30 day account	EP/GPC

It was suggested that the clerk transfers the £25K to the 30 day account. The clerk was also asked to investigate CCLA Investment.

The following payments were processed under delegated powers.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount gross</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>EP/GPC</b>
Tesco	16.70	Stationery	EP/GPC
Post Office	3.90	Postage, recorded delivery	EP/GPC

Payments were approved. Cllrs H Golding and E Coleman would release the payments.

It was noted that a VAT return had been processed. The grant application from the National Forest will be processed and be paid into the parish council account February, 2024

Bank balance 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, £63057.26

Bank mandate – Members requested that the bank mandate was not updated at this moment in time.

### **b) Contractors for ground works 2024**

**Grounds maintenance** - Members requested that the item be deferred until additional tenders had been received.

**Princes Wood** – All tenders were presented. Perennial Landscape was awarded the contract for 2024.

**092/23-24**

**Chairmans Report** – The Chairman had nothing to report.

**093/23-34**

**Clerks report**

Branston Road litter picking – ESBC have confirmed that litter is collected weekly, the pattern is Tuesday week 1 and Thursday week 2, Tuesday week 3, Thursday week 4.

Princes Wood Woodland Management Sessions – The clerk advised members that the recent sessions were very well attended. Several residents have signed up to the event on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February already.

Princes Wood Management Plan – Clerk advised that the parish council still needs to find a lead for the plan.

Junction of Main Street – Clerk confirmed that the finger on the finger post had been realigned.

Fly Tipping Princes Wood – this has been reported. The gate on the access path is now locked.

Newsletter – Members agreed that 3 newsletters would be produced annually. The next newsletter will be distributed in April. Members confirmed that they would submit articles to the clerk.

Signed: .....

Date: .....