MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DITTON PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Thursday 11TH January 2024 at 7.30pm in small hall of the village hall Ditton Priors.

1. **Public Session.**

No members of the public were present.

1. **Acceptance of apologies.**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors C Barker and Owen. Present Councillors Jones, M Barker, Davis, Barton Smith, Howells and Collingridge. Apologies also received from Shropshire Councillor Tindall.

1. **Dispensations:**

None.

1. **Shropshire Council Report.**

Shropshire Councillor Tindall circulated a written report informing the Parish Council he has arranged a meeting connected to the flooding issues for the 31st January and has asked the chair and vice chair to attend.

1. **Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2023.**

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023.

**6. Roads:**

a. Any recent problems. Tarmac has crumbled away on the road between the Water tower and The Gables. Sandy Lane is in poor condition and a pothole near Derrington Cottage. Clerk to report.

b. Information from Shropshire Council. None.

c. Traffic data. Update from meeting and consider next steps. No meeting has been arranged clerk to chase.

d. Road closures

1. Brown Clee Road Middleton Priors 1st April 2024 Noted.

e. Conditions of the D grass area on Station Road. It was RESOLVED to obtain a license to plant wildflowers on the D. clerk to apply.

**7. Highway Maintenance:** no report

**8. Defibrillators:** no update.

**9. Planning:**

a. New applications:

* 23/05244/FUL Bank Top Farm Station Road Ditton Priors. Erection of detached annex. (No objection.) Noted.

b. Decisions: None.

c. Enforcement matters. No updates.

d. Any urgent planning matters. It was RESOLVED to confirm an applicant who has provided the relevant evidence fulfils the strong local connection element of the single plot affordable home policy.

**10. Finance:**

* 1. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

**1.** Mrs. J Madeley £563.51 fpo.

2. Ditton Services £300.00. fpo.

1. Daisy £20.59 dd.
2. Pension Shropshire Council £219.35 fpo.
3. Water plus £9.41 dd
   1. Bank Reconciliation.

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| **Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2024** | |  |
|  |  | **£** |
|  | Balance b/f 31.03.23 | 6,047.76 |
|  | Plus income | 34,790.78 |
|  | Total | 40,838.54 |
|  | Less: expenditure | 16297.10 |
|  | **Total** | **24,541.44** |
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|  | Balances at 31.3.24 | Dec-23 |
|  | Current account | 3338.79 |
|  | savings account | 21,202.65 |
|  | long term investment |  |
|  |  | 24,541.44 |
|  | Less: unpresented expenses | |
|  | Add unpresented income |  |
|  | **Total** | **24,541.44** |

* 1. Draft budget for consideration and approval and approve precept. It was RESOLVED to adopt the draft budget presented and raise a precept of £17000.00.
  2. Consider more signatories. Councillor Howells should receive an email to set up his ability to sign.

**11. Allotments.**

a. update. One plot has become vacant. There is no waiting list but one resident has expressed an interest to the chair. Clerk to contact him.

**12. Consider Biodiversity policy and consider an action plan.**

It was RESOLVED to adopt the presented Biodiversity Policy and action plan.

**13. Flooding and setting up of a flood forum group.**

Chair and interested residents are forming a flood group with the help of the National Flood Forum to help residents with flooding incidents.

**14. Correspondence.**

**a.** Shropshire Council winter support service. Noted.

**b. I**nsurance company name change. BHIB to Clear. Noted.

**c.** opportunity to pay for a carbon zero training course. £120.00. Noted.

**d.** Marches Energy Agency Community Climate connectors project. Noted.

**e.** Clear Insurance winter risk advice. Noted.

**15. Item at Chair’s discretion.**

**16. Date of next scheduled meeting Thursday 8th February 2024.** The meeting was declared closed at 20.35pm.