Wheldrake Parish Council

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Minutes of Wheldrake Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm at White Rose House on Wednesday 4th January 2023

1	Welcome: The Chair welcomed councillors and visitors to the meeting.
2	Apologies and Attendance: Apologies were received by Cllrs Nelson, Cranfield, Buckle
	Cllr Wilkinson did not attend.
	Attendees were noted by the clerk.
3	Interests: The Chair reminded members to make any declarations in any agenda item(s). N/A
4	Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were signed off and tonight's meeting is to confirm actions and decisions taken.
	It was decided that draft minutes will be made available to all Cllrs withing 5 working days of the meeting date, and posted on the website.

5 Council:

The Council received comments from resident(s) present.

Comments received were;

Rather than simply ratify the decisions in the minutes of the unconstitutional meeting of 14th December, it was commented that it would be beneficial for this meeting of Cllrs to provide more detail on the following:-

- What are the PCs objections to 21/02883/FULM?
- The budget for projects states playpark investment of £2500. What is this project?
- Could the PC explain why they feel it is good use of Wheldrake residents money to grant in total £6500 for the repair of a building in Elvington Parish which is used by a few young people from Wheldrake to attend Scouts and Brownies. Have the PC considered value for money of this grant which is an obligation of all local councils spending PC money?
- Is the PC legally allowed to make a grant to the school? It was suggest that chrome books will not be used by the wider community and does the PC have powers under Section 137 to award such grant?
- At the November PC meeting it appears that the PC rejected a grant for the maintenance of the playing field which is used by children, teenagers and adults in the village. Could the PC explain their reasons for rejecting this request?

6 To ratify all actions taken from the PC meeting held on 14th December:

In summary:

21/02283/FULM Rejected (PC response to follow)

No change to the PCs previous position from November 2021.

Our position remains unchanged from our previous comments posted on November 2021 and include such concerns as the handling of surface water run off, foul water sewer capacity, traffic concerns, protection of hedgerows and commitment that any new development should be carbon neutral.

We did observe that updated site plans indicate at the South West corner an access to the green belt land to the West of the development and South of the industrial estate. This seems to be a preparatory step to develop this land to compensate for the reduction in housing density outlined in the original scheme. Should this be the case, then a robust rebuttal would be expected.

22/02445/FUL No objection 22/02472/TCA No objection

Payments to be made:

£4370 to Playscheme for disabled swing

Grants:

£6500 to school for Chromebooks

£500 to playgroup

£5000 to scouts for roof appeal

To resolve and consider actions to be taken;

The precept for 2023/24 will be kept at £40000 pa

The budget for 2023/24 was approved

7 Items to consider for the next meeting:

Speeding

Pot holes on Broad Highway

Newsletter

Councillor duties

8 To confirm dates of the next meeting

Next formal meeting – Wednesday February 22nd 2023 at 7 pm.

Meeting closed and any residents remaining were asked to leave.

Part 2

1. Confidential staffing matters

Due to the RFO resigning from post, the PC discussed options for replacement.

It was decided that the role should come back to the Clerk, therefore making the Clerk the RFO in addition.

The new hourly rate was decided upon along with an increase in WFH allowance. The PC decided that a 6 month probation should be executed to allow the Clerk time to settle into the new role.

End of meeting.