

**Minutes for the meeting of Kelloe Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Phoenix Centre**

**24.108 Present** Leanne Griffiths, Julie Davis, Joy Richardson, Brenda Turnbull and Selina Kirk.

**24.109 In Attendance** Cllr Jan Blakey, Cllr Gary Hutchinson and Stephen White (Parish Clerk)

**24.110 Apologies for Absence** – Jodie Cairns and Viv Anderson .

**24.111 To receive declarations of interest** – None.

**24.112 Opportunity for Matters Raised by Members of the Public before the meeting to be discussed.** One member of the public in attendance.

1. Issue about Fly tipping
2. Trees not been cut down
3. Land Behind Russel Taylors - Gary has contacted DCC & They are saying land possibly belongs to Living
4. Lights been sorted- Trees still need to be cut around lights

**24.113 Minutes** of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November – Accepted and signed.

**24.114 Matters arising** – No matters arising.

**24.115 Finance and Responsible Financial Officer update** – Accounts update for 2024/25 circulated. These were incomplete. There was a problem because we had not received the November Bank Statement and Steve was awaiting a duplicate statement. The December statement was signed. The full accounts would be tabled at the next meeting and the bank statements would all be available for viewing.

**24.116 Precept** – After a review of the accounts and discussion of the budget for next year based on these it was agreed that the precept should be the same as last year at £15,606.

**24.117 Job contracts** – The job description for the Cemetery Ground Maintenance Officer had been agreed at the previous meeting. Steve reported that he would be working on his contract. The issue with the Clerk's contract was that it needed to have month by month detail of what needs to be done so that it can be used as a reference point for the Council. Steve was planning to produce it for the next meeting.

**24.118 County Councillors Report**

**24.119** Gary was going to arrange a walk about with a member of the public.

**24.120** A Pothole coming into Kelloe had been filled

**24.121** Also paths at 238/242 Woodland Crescent been reported and Pot Holes at 68 & 71 Tate Avenue dealt with.

**24.122** Barriers next to Xmas Tree reported either need putting up or taking away

**24.123** Hedge on School bank still needed to be cut back

**24.124** A complaint had been received about a front garden in Burnett Crescent

**24.125** Kerbstones missing in front of 32 Woodland Crescent

**24.126** Discussed James Young needing info reboards in park Steve had already sent this.

**24.127** Drains outside 19 Ramona Avenue were sinking.

**24.128** Fly Tipping reported in the Grave Yard and behind the shop near Morley Crescent

**24.129 New Parish Council website and Gov.uk domain name and email addresses.**

Discussion and decision on the new Parish Council website and use of the gov.uk

domain name. Agreed that we should have the new domain name and an “info@” and “Clerk@” email address. Steve would report progress at the next meeting.

#### **24.130 Updates**

24.131 **Update on the Fraud case** – Confiscation order. £4,500 received so far. Money needs to be paid straight back to DCC in compliance with the terms of the loan.

24.132 **Allotments** – update-an allotment holder had wanted to know why Allotment Holders are paying water rates. They are only paying rent - Julie & Leanne will do walk around before next the next meeting. Also a mention of a Cockerel on the allotments, mentioned of fencing coming down in the storm - Julie will go and get photos to see what the damage is - Already discussed in last meeting re fencing for all the allotments

24.133 **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.

24.134 **Christmas Tree** – The Council was very pleased with the Christmas Tree this year

24.135 **Correspondence** - None

24.136 **Planning Applications** – None

24.137 **Any Other Business** - Headteacher & Phoenix Centre really pleased with donation at Xmas- School have sent thank you letter

24.138 Cars parked at the Cottage around Church Road- Blocking the road

24.139 **Speed bumps Woodland Crescent discussed** - shown on plan where going - Asked Steve to write an email asking for a vote by the Highways Committee to oppose as we don't think these are needed in all the streets but are needed on front Street and down past the school.

24.140 **Path to Cemetery through Chrch Graveyard** - Parish receiving complaints - not our Path - Can we help the Church? - Jan going to speak to Quarry

24.141 New Builds at Tate Avenue and where entrance will be - 68 Woodland Crescent has Objected

24.142 Stone Steps down towards Church have been cleared by member of the public and has chopped the trees down at the Church Yard - Hasn't cleared them from ground - wasn't asked by Parish to do this

24.143 Village Plan- other Villages have them - then when new building takes place in the village we have a clear plan of what is needed or what we would like as a Parish - to look at price.

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