

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 7:30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

Present: Cllr Edwards (Chairman), Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Peter Brooke, Cllr Dave Goodlad, Cllr Dan Jewers, Cllr Russell Morley.

In Attendance: District and County Cllr Penny Otton, Parish Clerk Andrew Scott, and two members of the public.

2023/037 Apologies for absence
Cllr Kerry Burn.

2023/038 Declarations of Interest
None.

2023/039 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting
It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 March 2023 be approved, with one minor correction.

2023/040 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

2023/041 District and County Councillor Report
Cllr Otton introduced her report. It was noted that this was her last meeting as Rattlesden's District Councillor, and the meeting thanked her for all her hard work in the role over the last 32 years.

2023/042 Public Comment and Questions on Agenda Items
2023/032 Planning: The architect for application DC/23/01457 Manor Cottage, Half Moon Street addressed the meeting, explaining the reasons for the amendment reducing the vehicular access to the site, and showing revised plans, which also incorporated the correction to the roof elevation drawing of dwelling B2. Council thanked him for the clarifications.

2023/043 Planning
043.1 New applications: DC/23/01457 Manor Cottage, Half Moon Street – Vary approved vehicular access, amended elevations - **DC/23/01123 Rustic Cottage, Baby Lane** - one and a half storey extension, external boiler, PV panels to cart lodge – no objection. **DC/23/01457 Manor Cottage, Half Moon Street** – object on the grounds of site congestion and overdevelopment.

043.2 Applications considered by e-mail due to the consultation deadline: DC/23/01240 Lancaster Cottage, Poy Street Green - single storey rear extension and open sided porch to side elevation – no objection; **DC/23/00989 2 Wheelwright Green** – single storey front extension, amended plans - no objection.

043.3 Planning applications granted/refused: None notified.

2023/044 Council Governance
Council noted the Record of Annual Governance prepared by the Clerk and confirmed by the Finance Councillor, approved the completed Section 1 of the Annual Governance and

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Accountability Return 2022/23 Part 3 – ‘Annual Governance Statement 2022/23’ for Rattlesden Parish Council, and authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the return.

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Finance

045.1 Financial Report: The Clerk’s financial report to 31 March was received. The current account balance stood at £176.61 and the deposit account at £97,202.05 (of which £71,881.23 was CIL money), and it was agreed that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed.

045.2 Payments Schedule: The schedule of payments for April 2023 was approved.

045.3 Accounting Statements 2022-23: The Council approved Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Part 3 – ‘Accounting Statements 2022/23’ for Rattlesden Parish Council, based on the approved annual accounts, and authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the return.

045.4 Budget for 2023-24: the updated budget was confirmed.

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Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr Atkinson reported on replanting at the Jubilee Field. This was now complete for the Spring, and had included 8 more mature trees donated by Hartog Hutton. More whips had survived from last summer than previously thought. There was a discussion about the plan for future development, and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a meeting on site, perhaps before the June Council meeting.

Cllr Edwards had had a fruitful meeting with Malcolm Payne of Hartog Hutton about the creation of the new allotments. A handover agreement was being prepared by solicitors, and it was noted that the Council would be expected to contribute to the maintenance of the access.

It was Cllr Brookes’ last meeting as a councillor, and the meeting thanked him for his contribution over the last seven years.

It was agreed to arrange card and flowers from the Council for Penny Otton and Judy Angus to mark their retirements from District Council and the Post Office respectively.

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Next Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 6.45pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.