

# WINDLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Hutton House, Chilton

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Dave Willshaw (DW) (Chair) Councillor Derek Cattell (DC) Councillor Phil Woods (PAW) Councillor Allison Morris (AM) Karen Youngusband, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (KY)  3 Members of the Public were also in attendance.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>37/23-24</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  No Apologies had been received.	
<b>38/23-24</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  No Declarations of Interest were received.	
<b>39/23-24</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>  Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Windlestone Parish Council held 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 with an amendment being made to the date of the Meeting (i.e. change date to read 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 instead of 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023).	
<b>40/23-24</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>  Three Members of the public were present at the meeting. It was agreed to bring members of the public into discussions under the relevant Agenda Items.	
<b>41/23-24</b>	<b>Finance</b>  Expenditure was approved and cheques signed for the Clerk's Emolument and Website Costs.	
<b>42/23-24</b>	<b>Planning</b>  KY reported on a query that had been raised at the December meeting regarding Clare Lodge. Despite an application being submitted to convert the property to a Children's Home in 2019, which was later withdrawn; no further applications of this nature had been submitted since this time.	
<b>43/23-24</b>	<b>Update from the Clerk</b>  <b>1. Eden Arms and Rushyford Roundabout</b> KY stated that no further updates had been received.	

<p>Residents present remained concerned about the future of the Eden Arms and regarding Durham County Council's plans affecting Rushyford Roundabout. KY would continue to pursue the relevant authorities for an update and emphasize resident's concerns.</p>	<p><b>KY</b></p>
<p><b>2. Windlestone Hall</b> KY read out an update provided by Stephen Robertson, Estate Manager at Windlestone Hall. Stephen would inform the Clerk once a date was known for the commencement of works on the enabling development.</p>	
<p><b>3. Provision of Noticeboards in Windlestone Parish</b> Members discussed whether the current provision of Noticeboards in the Parish was adequate, or whether additional Noticeboards should be installed. It was decided not to install additional Noticeboards at the current time.</p>	
<p><b>4. Windlestone Parish Council Website</b> Members agreed that KY contact County Councillor Julie Cairns to ask if she would be able to contribute monies from her Neighbourhood Budget Allocation, to cover the costs associated with developing a new Website for the Parish Council. If this was not possible then sponsorship be sought from Durham Animal Feeds.</p>	<p><b>KY</b></p>
<p><b>5. Provision of Grit Bin at Windlestone Park</b> KY reported that her request for a Grit Bin to be provided at the bottom of the lane leading to Windlestone Park had been rejected. The response suggested that this was because the land was privately owned and not in the Local Authorities ownership. Members requested that a further request be submitted pin-pointing the installation site as being the piece of land where the Noticeboard was installed, as this was in Durham County Council's ownership. It was agreed that it would carry more weight if residents emailed the Parish Clerk supporting the provision of a Grit Bin in this location. DC agreed to speak to residents of Windlestone Park to encourage them to email the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>KY/DC</b></p>
<p><b>6. Potential to Install Floral Displays in the Parish</b> Members agreed that KY contact three local Garden Centres for quotations to provide bulbs for community planting on the grass verges in the Parish.</p>	<p><b>KY</b></p>
<p><b>7. Footpaths/Definitive Map for Windlestone</b> DC/PAW had not had time to review the footpaths in the Parish in line with the Definitive Map. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	<p><b>DC/PAW</b></p>
<p><b>8. Bollards at the end of Eden Gardens</b> KY stated that she had once again reported bollards coming loose at the end of Eden Gardens, suggesting that a steel barrier might be a</p>	

<p>more appropriate solution to prevent cars gaining access over the grass.</p>	
<p><b>44/23-24</b>      <b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>KY to book Hutton House (Chilton Town Hall) for the next meeting of the Parish Council as follows:</p> <p><b>Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 6.00pm Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b></p>	<p><b>KY</b></p>

With no further business to discuss the Chair declared the meeting officially closed at 7.00pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)                      **DATE:** .....