



Bartestree with Lugwardine Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Bartestree Village Hall.

Minutes

Present:

Councillors: Lin Hoppe (Chair) David Evans, Siobhan Green, Paul Hodges, Jennifer Karayiannis, Polly Smith, Wendy Soilleux & Paul Wargent.

In Attendance:

Richard James - (Parish Clerk).
No members of the public.

1. Apologies

Note - Apologies were received from Cllr's Ron Williams, Fiona Harris & Alan Long.

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

Note - A written requests for dispensation were received from Lin Hoppe, David Evans, Paul Hodges, Jennifer Karayiannis, Polly Smith, Wendy Soilleux & Paul Wargent. So, they could debate and vote on item 5.3 Draft budget and Precept.

3. Open Session.

Note - There were no members of the public present.

4. Planning Applications.

	Application No	Address	Permission Requested
4.1	P233293/FH P233294/L	Candlehoe Lugwardine Hereford HR14DP	Proposed repairs to barn and conversion to provide annexed accommodation to the existing dwelling house.

Resolution – Bartestree & Lugwardine Parish Council supports this application in principle if the following conditions are attached to any approval.

- The application does not become a separate dwelling.
- The dwelling cannot be rented out.
- The dwelling can only be used for non-paying family and friends.

5. Financial Matters.

5.1 – Unity Bank Main Statement – November 23

The balance in the Main account was £22,757.13.

5.2 – Unity Bank Reserve Statement – November 23

The balance in the Main account was £115,169.05.

5.3 – Budget 2024/25

The draft budget was debated line by line, and the reasoning behind the allocations were presented by the clerk to the Council. The Parish Council precept had not been increased for many years and the Parish Councils had been absorbing any increases out of reserves. Along with other un-budgeted expenditure.

The Parish Council would like to install additional general rubbish bins around the parish. Take action against speeding within the Parish by installing Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) move to a grants and donation system, where the Parish Council help those associations and clubs most in need and on merit, rather than because they always have and took funds out of reserves. A program of repair and maintenance of play equipment, all this in addition to the normal program of works around the parish, bus shelter cleaning, grass cutting, highways work by the lengthsman and general maintenance of the parish infrastructure.

A capital programme for speed reduction equipment, new waste bins, notice boards, planters, community field investment and community allotments.

The precept would be increased from £52,500.00 to £62,500.00 (19%) with an additional £17,500.00 coming out of reserves.

Resolution – (5.1) & (5.2) was noted. The budget for 2024/25 was approved and the precept would be £62,500.00 for 2024/25.

The meeting was closed at 8.29pm.

Signed:
Cllr Lin Hoppe
Chair

Dated 4th January 2024