

11th December 2023

EAST COWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.30pm

2312.01

Present

Councillors: E Simpson (ES) (Chairman), J Green (JG), J. Shields (JS), A.Wragg (AWr), T Cramond (TC)

Clerk: J Walker (JW)

In Attendance

None

Apologies for Absence

None

2312.02

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Councillors were advised by the clerk that she had received an application to become a parish councillor from Hannah Robinson and the application was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Hannah qualifies for the post having been registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before the election. The application was discussed and the Chair asked for a proposer and seconder to support Hannah's co-option. Proposed by TC and seconded by JG. It was resolved that Hannah be co-opted and will sign a declaration of acceptance of office before participating in a meeting. The Clerk will inform the relevant parties.

2312.03

Finance

- a) **It resolved that** the draft budget presented by JW be approved
- b) **It was resolved that** the Parish Precept for 2023/24 be set at £7,500. **It was further resolved** that the clerk would submit the precept application within the required deadline.
- c) Considered the frequency of hedge cutting in the play area and it was resolved that twice per year would suffice. Following a discussion regarding maintenance of the Parish Garden and the possibility of employing a contractor to maintain the hedge and also to safely mow the grass without damage to play equipment, JS agreed to speak to his garden contractor to see if he can provide this service.

2312.04

Planning Applications

Nothing to consider.

2312.06

Date And Time Of Next Meeting

Proposed the next meeting will be held on 8th January 2024, although it is acknowledged that due to the possibility the meeting may be inquorate, if so, an alternative date will be set.

Chairman Signed.....8th January 2024

2312.07

Meeting Closed

There being no further business, ES closed the meeting at 19:55

Elaine Simpson

Signed.....Chairman

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