

# Cridling Stubbs Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at Cridling Stubbs Village Hall

Present : Cllr I Phillips (Chair), Cllr C Brundell (Vice Chair), Cllr L Phillips, Cllr C Bullimore, Cllr M Blackburn

1. To consider the extent, if any, to which the press or public are to be excluded from the meeting.

None

2. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest, if any.

Cllr C Brundell has a connection to A Brundell re grass cutting payments

Cllr I Phillips is Chair of Cridling Stubbs Village Hall charity re correspondence from and donation to Village Hall

3. To receive apologies for absence.

None

4. The meeting will be suspended for a period of public participation, to enable members of the public present to ask questions.

Questions were raised regarding the contribution being made towards the Gale Common judicial review and how this had been arrived at.

It was explained that this had broadly been arrived at using the respective populations of the three communities (Whitley, Womersley and Cridling Stubbs) and a pro rata share of the total legal bill, with Whitley picking up the greatest share due to their population and the respective impacts on the community.

Questions were also raised about the level of Womersley's respective contribution. Cllr Phillips explained that this was a matter between Whitley, as the body legally liable for the costs, and Womersley and / or should be taken up with Womersley Parish Council to explain their decision.

5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Unanimously resolved to approve – proposed Cllr C Brundell, seconded Cllr L Phillips

6. To consider recent correspondence requiring a decision by the council.

Resolved to support the request from the Village Hall committee to hold a repeat of last year's inclusive Village Day at the park area in September. Proposed Cllr C Brundell, Seconded Cllr L Phillips

Resolved to support the Village Hall in its plans to hold an inclusive Jubilee event for all the community. Proposed Cllr C Brundell, Seconded Cllr L Phillips

7. To approve the schedule of accounts for payment.

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Payments approved as follows :

Grass Cutting - £75 (P Cllr I Phillips, S Cllr L Phillips)  
Planters (summer) - £288 (P Cllr I Phillips, S Cllr C Brundell)  
Tree Clearance - £1140 (P Cllr L Phillips, S Cllr I Phillips)  
Defib Pads - £114 (P Cllr L Phillips, S Cllr I Phillips)  
Helen Buckley (clerk wages) £183.20 (P Cllr I Phillips, S Cllr L Phillips)  
Whitley Parish Council (Gale Common) £2750 (P Cllr I Phillips, S Cllr C Brundell)  
Donation to Village Hall (external accessibility) £750 (P Cllr L Phillips, S Cllr C Brundell)  
Community bulb planting initiative £232.95 (P Cllr C Brundell, S Cllr I Phillips)  
Gas Canister £35 (P Cllr C Brundell, S Cllr I Phillips)

Total £5570.15

Summary of overall financial position as at 3/05/2022

Cash at bank	£10672.16 (including 50% payment of this year's precept : £2488.70 of £4977.40, remaining £2488.70 to be paid in the autumn)
Cheques already approved but not yet cashed	£136.80 (first impressions ltd)
Payments approved today	£5568.15
Balance carried forward	£4965.21
Total funds for incoming parish council 2022/23 (not including any interest, rebates etc)	£4965.21 + £2488.70 = £7,455.91

8. To receive an update on matters relating to the resignation of the previous Clerk to the Council.

Cllr I Phillips updated members to the effect that, regrettably, the new clerk to the council, Helen Buckley, had found the time required for the role too great alongside other demands on her time and had stepped down from the role during her probationary period.

She has submitted a time sheet for the hours worked during her tenure in the role.

An advert had been placed for a replacement. No applications have been received to date.

9. Any other business.

Cllr Brundell highlighted that the climbing wall in the playpark could do with repainting again.

Cllr Bullimore queried whether a further refresher training session for the defib would be a good idea.

It was resolved to carry both these items forward to the next meeting agenda.

Cllr I Phillips advised the council that he had decided to step down both as Chair and a councillor with effect from the end of the meeting and, if re-elected at the forthcoming election, would be unlikely to accept office.

He explained that, had he known there would be alternative candidates, sufficient to

form a new council, standing for election, he might not have stood but had done so to ensure control of parish business remained within the community rather than being taken over by Selby.

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He has previously advised the council of his intention not to continue indefinitely but had agreed to continue to see through the Gale Common action to a conclusion, which had involved a considerable additional investment of time.

Cllr L Phillips advised that, for similar reasons, she had also decided to step down from the current council with effect from the end of the meeting and would also be unlikely to accept office if re-elected.

Cllr M Blackburn advised that she was also stepping down from the current council with effect from the end of the meeting and was also unlikely to accept re-election due to personal commitment caring for her aunt who is suffering with dementia.

Cllr C Brundell advised that he was also resigning with effect from the end of the meeting and had already decided not to put himself forward for re-election so would not be listed on the ballot form.

The whole council reflected on the considerable achievements of the last few years and the sound financial and administrative position being handed over to the new council once it was formed.

#### 10. Date for the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the decision on the next meeting should be left to the new council, once formed.

11. Given the number of resignations and councillors not standing for re-election, it was agreed that councillors would remain for the minutes of the meeting to be produced and would review and approve them before the meeting was closed.

The minutes were reviewed and approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr C Brundell and Seconded by Cllr L Phillips.

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CHAIR