**MONKOKEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Monkokehampton Parish Council Meeting that took place on Wednesday September 4th 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Old School Room.**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor S Smallacombe, Councillor T Dennis, Councillor B Pearce, Councillor V Allin, Councillor V Murrin, Councillor L Alvarez

**Also Present:** Borough Councillor L Watts

1. **To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:** Councillor Fishleigh
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest from members:**

Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any agenda items: none declared

1. **To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Wednesday July 3rd 2024**

Copies of which have been previously circulated to members and are to be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the previous meeting held on July 3rd 2024. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1. **Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:** It has been a quiet summer, WDBC accounts were agreed even thought there were some estimated figures. An email is to be put together and circulated to all clerks so they can see the accounts: £1.55 million is offset by £1.4 million costs with a surplus £149000 surplus. It was also reported that a cost-of-living scam is around and people need to be aware of this.
2. **Past subject matters for further discussion:**
   1. [5.1] Street Lighting: After the clerk had reported the lack of lighting to the Street Lighting Team the lights did work for a short while. However, they have failed again and the clerk was asked to contact them again.
   2. [9.2] Approach to bridge: Highways said this will be reconsidered.
   3. [9.1] Kerb stones by Reading Room: Highways said they do not meet the criteria for immediate intervention.
   4. [9.3] Road sign at T junction: a sign has been ordered by Highways
   5. [9.4] Bridle path: Highways said the sign will be replaced.
   6. [9.6] Village Race Day prizes: a donation was given by persons unknown
   7. [5.7] Notice board replacement: Councillor Allin has a quote of £600 and has agreed this. The council are happy with this.
3. **Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
   1. WDBC News Release: A grant has been given to WDBC and South Hams of £18,754 by the Chewing Gum Task force to remove gum from local streets.
   2. Managing CCTV: the clerk received a letter regarding CCTV usage in the area.
   3. Web site: the clerk has received notice that the website should be under gov.uk. However, it is not compulsory and the council are remaining with their provider.
4. **Planning:**
5. **Finance:**
   1. Statement of Accounts: Current Account £8,489.95 Reserve Account: £15,146.66
   2. Clerk Salary & Expenses: These were agreed and paid.
6. **Matters for further reporting:**
   1. Planning for Wayleaves has been refused.
   2. The clerk received an email regarding the safe disposal of lithium batteries.

These are mostly used in e-bikes and e-scooters and it has caused many fires.

* 1. The council has been informed that the Eggesford Hunt with hounds on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm several quad bikes were driven over private land. No permission had been given by the landowners. They also drove through the village, worried sheep and the otters that live by the river. The clerk was asked to write and complain to the Hunt.
  2. The chairman has spoken to a couple of people who are keeping their unused cars in the car park.
  3. The kiosk is now open to loan books and jigsaws.

1. **Confidential Matters:**
2. **Date of Next Meeting: November 6th 2024**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Signed: Dated:**

**Chairman Councillor S Smallacombe**