**DINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Dinton Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 19.00 at The Village Hall**

**Chair’s welcome and public comments**

 The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm. Public queries included one regarding SID positioning and one about a litter pick and the overgrown hedge at the school..

Wiltshire Cllr. Bridget Wayman gave a brief update on County Council news.

**Members present**

 S.Telling (chair) R.Begg and M. Glover (also unremunerated clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 R. Whiteside (reason: child birth, accepted)

**2. Councillors Declarations of Interest.**

 None.

**3. Signature of previous minutes**.

The minutes of 16th January 2024 and 29th February 2024 were signed**.**

**4. Update on National Trust ( NT) and Phillips House**

 Some members of the Council met with Philip Niemand and George Upex of the NT on 29th February 2024 so the NT could explain its proposals for the House. At that meeting the Council requested that the NT attend a village meeting to explain what they propose in relation to Phillips House. The NT subsequently declined the offer despite writing to the Council on 11th September 2023 in which they stated that “it was alive to the fact that we must be better at communicating openly with the local community throughout this process” following the debacle that occurred during the previous proposal. The members expressed concerns regarding the Permissive Footpath signs that had appeared last year given that the route had been walked for well in excess of 30 years by villagers including a member of the Council thereby creating a right of way. The Council also expressed its view that the NT were very good at not answering any questions put to it. The Council is in favour of the NT plans, as the House cannot be left unoccupied, but needs a satisfactory conclusion to its concerns.

 It was agreed that this would form the basis of the reply to Dr. Andrew Murrison MP who had met with the NT but wanted to know the Council’s views.

**5 Correspondence**.

 (i) Members noted the new Sec 137 amounts for grant aid.

(ii) It was decided not to do anything with the area where the bus shelter was removed as soil levels were low and the area would be very shaded. The Council would not object should a villager decide to plant the area.

 (iii) It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition. Cllr Begg would lead.

**6. Finance**

 (i) It was agreed to give a CIL grant to the Cricket Club of £3000 for the new all-weather pitch.

 (ii) It was agreed that no grant would be considered until the theatre group was well established.

 (iii) A grant to the village newsletter would be considered once proof of its existence was known.

 (iv) The increased website costs were noted.

 (v) It was agreed to donate £50 to Wiltshire Search and Rescue.

**7. Planning**

 (I) PL/2024/01925 - Full Planning Permission Address: 4, Lovegrove Acre, Dinton Salisbury, SP3 5DX Proposal: Erection of open sided car port

It was agreed that the council would offer No Objection to the application.

(II) PL/2024/02547Clematis Cottage St Mary’s Rd. Prune apple tree and fell pear tree.

 It was agreed that the council would offer No Comment to the application.

 **8. Next Meeting**. 16th April 2024 at 19.00 @ the Village Hall.

 Meeting closed 20.08