# Germansweek Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 224 held on 25th January 2023

Present: Cllrs L Moyse, C Walker, S Watkinson – Clerk R Ward, WDBC T Southcott

Public Open Session: (restricted to 15 mins)

1. Apologies: C Mott (WDBC), Cllr Theobald
2. Report from West Devon: Cllr Southcott (WDBC) WDBC have £1m to distribute to various organisations as part of the “Levelling up Fund”. It is likely the electric standing charges will be increasing, Cllr Southcott will be writing to our MP about this. As soon as all the precept requests are in WDBC will be holding a public budgeting meeting.
3. Declaration of interests: None
4. Minutes: 15th Dec 2022 (223) ***agreed***.
5. Planning – *the meeting went in to part 2 for 15 mins*
6. Finance:
	1. Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report): ***Approved***
	2. To agree the precept request for next year form the following options:

A £4970 represents a 5.14% increase on last year (£4727 last year) ***or***

B £5060 represents a 7.04% increase.

Option A £4970 was ***agreed***

* 1. To approve the following payments – according to contract

Wages Clerk (Nov – Jan) - £327.84

RFO (Nov – Jan) - £39.32

HMRC (Nov – Jan) - £92.00 ***Noted and approved***

1. Roads and Ditches: (Cllr Watkinson) Inc. trees from Viaduct towards HeadsonX (Cllr Moyse) Salt has been distributed around the parish and the salt bins are full. SWLT has indicated that the trees from Viaduct towards HeadsonX will be cut back between 20th March and 26th April – It was noted that this was at the beginning of nesting season.
2. Hi speed broadband: (Cllr Watkinson – update) A representative from AirBand will be coming to out meeting of 15th Feb at 7pm. Cllr Watkinson has received a reply to his letter to CDAS that he sent in Oct – however it did not address any of his questions
3. Footpaths P3: (Cllr Pullinger – update) foot path at Church Lane. Cllr Pullinger explained that Covid had got in the way of our P3 registration but that he will now pursue it. Clerk will be seeing Ros Davies in February and will ask her about it. The sign at Southweek is now pointing in the right direction.
4. Phone box: repair/cleaning. (Cllr Watkinson) This has been cleaned but we must now find a use for it. Ideas to the PC please.
5. Jubilee Wood: (Cllr Pullinger – update) this is in good condition – the fallen trees have been cleared.
6. Coronation event: It was agreed to make this a work to finish party and Cllr Moyse or Walker will attend. The first meeting will be arranged soon. Mrs Ward will take the lead.
7. Website – (Clerk’s report). <https://germansweekpc.co.uk> - None
8. Correspondence: Email of complaint from a parishioner – the complaint related to comments made by the PC on a planning application 3877/21/CLE on 24/11/2021 – As the Parishioner has not attended the meeting as she said she would, we are unable to discuss it with her, so Cllr Pullinger will draft a response and consult before it is sent. All councillors have noted it contents.
9. Date of next meeting: 15th February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hal

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