

# **EBBESBOURNE WAKE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

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**Present:** The Chairman, Cllr Sampson; Cllr Long, Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Hill

**In attendance:** Sarah Cromwell, the Clerk

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**1. Apologies:**

Apologies from Cllr Najjar and Cllr Stainforth

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from previous meetings were unavailable were not able to approve and sign.

**3. Declaration of Interest:**

There were none.

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting:**

**New Councillor**

Following on from our previous meeting, Paul Sampson has now given up his position of Chairman on the Parish Council, the appointed councillors for Ebbesbourne Wake and Fifield Bavant are Cathy Long, Alex Hill, Liam Stainforth and James Hamilton. Cllr Long will hold the chairperson position for a year before passing it on to another councillor. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Paul for all the work he has done for the Parish Council over the last 3 years.

**Parish Archives**

A cabinet has been purchased and installed in the village hall and the parish archives which were being held by Sarah, the clerk is now stored safely inside. The archives will need to be documented so we know what is actually there, this is to be arranged. There are two keys which will be held by Sarah, the clerk and the Parish chairperson.

**Operation Siege/Selecta DNA**

Cllr Stainforth has now taken this on, as he was unable to come this evening no update was available.

**Flooding**

A meeting still needs to be arranged, Sarah to liaise with Cllr Stainforth regarding this.

**5. Planning Applications**

There have been no planning applications since the last meeting.

**6. Report from Clerk:**

The Clerk advised that the current balance is £11870.29, there have been a large number of payments since the last meeting. £200 to Seeds4Success, £500 contribution the Village Hall, annual subscriptions to SLCC and WALC. £1887.60 for the Archive cabinet, £482 for the VE Day mugs which will be given to children in the Parish. The final agreed payment of £1000 also given to the village hall for further work on the flooring.

The precept payment of £3675 was received from Wiltshire Council.

**7. Any other Business:**

### **Finger post in Fifield**

An email was received from Tom Hitchings regarding the Finger post in Fifield as it is currently missing an arm and is at an odd angle. He has offered to repair this for the Parish as he has done this previously for one in Broadchalke. This was discussed and as Cllr Stainforth repaired the one at the bottom of the Hollow, we thought that he may possibly be able to do this. Sarah, to speak to him about it and should he not be able to then we would ask Tom Hitchings to do it.

### **Footpaths in Fifield**

In previous years the Parish Council have been contacted by residents of Fifield Bavant regarding the footpaths and how overgrown they get. Earlier in the year Seeds4Success helped clear some footpaths in Ebbesbourne and were due to help for a second day which has yet to be done, Cllr Hill will therefore be liaising with them and also those in Fifield to arrange for footpaths to be cleared.

### **AGAR**

The Annual Governance & Accounting Return needs to be completed along with the yearly budget, Cllr Long and Sarah, the clerk to complete this and arrange for the accounts to be checked before submitting.

### **VE Day mugs**

The Parish Council decided to give children aged 16 and under mugs to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. This was added to The Ebbles and should anyone want these then they needed to get in touch with Sarah, the clerk or the Parish Council to receive one. Those over 16, or not in Ebbesbourne or Fifield then mugs would be available for £10. These will be available for collection at the Alvewake Fete on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **The Hollow**

Once again, the subject of trees and the road surface has been brought up at our meeting as it seems to be an ongoing issue in the Parish. Nobody knowing who is responsible for the trees and also why hasn't the road been repaired after so many complaints have been raised? It was discussed and we were to get in touch with Cllr Najjar and hope that he could come to the next meeting to discuss further and answer questions. Sarah, the clerk is also going to find out who our Parish Steward is and that they could possibly come as well. In the meantime, then all those unhappy with the road should continue to report it on MyWilts, noting what 3 words down.

### **8. Items for the Ebbles:**

Suggested information to be added to the Ebbles, Change of councillors, VE Day Mugs and Archive cabinet.

### **9. Public Question Time:**

No questions raised.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025.