**STPC MEETING 30.11.2023 MINUTES**

**Attendees.**

Councillors. Stuart Galloway, Duncan Padfield, Peter Moring, Nick Burr, Luke Padfield, Clerk. Naomi Gledhill.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, and signed by Cllr Galloway.

**Mole Trap.**

Still rumour but apparently new people have signed a 2 year lease. Daniel is hoping to move his TDK business away and restore the front and rear of the pub.

**Solar Farm at Nickerlands.**

The Planning application for the solar farm is about to be submitted. Letter to be sent to parishioners ASAP.

**Financial Matters.**

The Unity Trust bank forms signed.

Clerk still has no access to the account so cannot confirm the current balance. Cllr Galloway confirmed it as £5074.64.

Littlejohn’s fee to be paid.

**Precept.**

To increase the precept, we need to look at what it would cover. i.e. Pot holes, Clerks pay, Village boundary signs, etc. Cllr Galloway to liase with Theydon Mount.

**Newsletter.**

The newsletter is nearly ready. Cllr Moring asked for some photos of the coronation party. Cllr L Padfield to send. The estimate for typing is £15-20. Cllr Moring to action. Some to be printed, also to be circulated on social media.

**Planning.**

No new planning applications.

**Christmas tree.**

Clerk proposed a parish Christmas tree be purchased and put next to the parish bench, on the corner by the pond. Estimate for tree and fixing £100. Agreed, clerk to action.

**Highways.**

Cllr Moring expressed concern at the number of accidents at the junction of Banks Lane and Mount Road. And although not our parish, felt we should write to EFDC and Highways, to support getting it resolved. Clerk to action.

Cllr Moring is also concerned about the flooding outside the White House, which has reoccurred. Letter to the EFDC.

**Items for the next meeting.**

The Solar Farm on Nickerlands. Planning Applications.

Rubbish Picking. Precept Increase.

Notice board.

**Date and Venue of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 11th January 2024 at Mount Farm, at 7pm.