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TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

These are the Minutes of the **MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL** on **Wednesday, 8th November 2023 at 7.30 pm** in the Old School Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the Press and Public are invited to attend.

MINUTES

69/23	<p>Cllr Tuplin would like to start the meeting with a 1-minute silence on behalf of Rolly Laxton for his 49 years' service on the Parish Council.</p>
	<p>Apologies for Absence : Cllrs Rose, Bingham, Grace, Morgan, Sanderson</p>
	<p>Co-Option – 2 Vacancies – Please continue to ask around</p>
	<p>To Approve Minutes Dated - Full Council 11th October 2023 - Approved</p>
	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only) - None</p>
	<p>Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda: None</p>
<p>Public forum – meeting suspended. If residents of Sawtry wish to speak on any item on the agenda (max 3 mins) the meeting will be suspended for a 10-minute open forum. If you wish to speak you must inform the Clerk or the Chairman at least 24 hours before the meeting.</p>	
70/23	<p>To Receive Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Council – Cllr Martin – Would like to start by echoing the comments made by Cllr Tuplin regarding Rolly Laxton and his incredible 49 years' service to the Parish Council. Planning decisions are now being made by the officers unless the Parish Council object, they are not allowing amendments to applications, they would have to submit a new application. The District Council are looking to increase Council Tax next year by £5, and the green bin charge will come into force. Regarding the Parish Council precept currently residents claiming Universal Credit receive an 80% discount on Council tax from April next year this will increase to 100%, however this will increase the Council tax for everyone else, The Parish Council won't know the effect this will have on the Council Tax increase as the District Council are currently going through the process. 2. District and County Council – Cllr Bywater – Would also like to echo the previous nice comments regarding Rolly Laxton. Regarding the Weeds currently in the village which has been a hot topic this year, the County Highways will meet in January to discuss. There are still areas in the village that are having issues with flooding especially on Green End Road, District Council have managed to clear the drains but are still having issues, have contacted Anglian Water but they are unable to help. District Council are looking to apply to the Government for extra funds to explore the issues of flooding further. Green bin update- decisions made last week there will be a subscription to pay from April next year, and there will also be an early bird scheme, please check the website

	<p>for details. From April to June next year, they will be looking at collecting the old bins. There is also a new scheme with Garden waste on a 4 week cycle every Saturday, a bin wagon will park up in the village where residents can go and empty their garden waste, handbooks will be handed out when the subscription charge arrives.</p>
<p>71/23 72/23 Committees</p>	<p>To Receive the Chairman's Report – Cllr Tuplin attended the funeral of Roly Laxton, there was a tremendous turnout out. The Fireworks display was a fantastic night and special thanks to everyone who helped organise it this year, it was well supported by the Village.</p> <hr/> <p>To Receive and In So Far as Required, Ratify Recommendations Contained in The Minutes of The Following Committees (as listed):</p> <p>1. Amenities Committee – 25th October 2023 minutes previously circulated – approved.</p> <p>1.1 Accessibility – update from working Party – Cllr Bingham – No report due to absence – Due to hold their next meeting 14th November 2023.</p> <hr/> <p>2. Community Committee – 4th October 2023 minutes previously circulated and approved.</p> <p>2.1 Vibrant Community Funding – Creative Arts East – We work on Christmas Day - update from the Clerk - Tickets are now sale and is being advertised 14th December at 2pm in The Old School Hall.</p> <p>2.2 Remembrance Day Parade 12th November 2023 – Update Cllr Tuplin – The Parade will start at 10.30, Ringways will provide road closures.</p> <p>2.3 Christmas Carols date confirmed 11th December 2023 at 6pm outside Greystones.</p> <p>2.4 Christmas Tree – Cllr Mulcrone has confirmed the tree will be £375 plus VAT this year.</p> <hr/> <p>3. Finance and General Purposes Committee – 27th September 2023 Minutes previously circulated and approved.</p> <p>3.1 Consider Preparations for Budget 2024/25.</p> <p>3.2 NJC Pay Update 2023/24 – The Clerk confirmed the Government pay rise has been approved by the unions.</p> <hr/> <p>4. Planning Committee – 27th September 2023 – Minutes previously circulated and approved.</p> <p>Meeting held tonight update from Cllr Morgan – item 5.1 23/01678/REM the council seek clarification over the footpath, the Clerk will write to HDC. 5.2 23/01917/HHFUL Concerns over the colour of the brick work not in keeping with the current brick work, also concerns over the flat roof, The Clerk will write to HDC. 5.3 23/02100/TREE, Happy to approve as long as all necessary documents have been received.</p>

5. **Greenfield Committee** – 20th September 2023 – Minutes previously circulated and approved.

5.1 Tender process – Update from the Clerk, we have now received all tenders which are considered too expensive, have contacted local builders and, have received a quotation that is within the Parish Council budget – this will be discussed further at the next Greenfield Committee meeting 15th November 2023.

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Finance:

To note net summary of accounts as of 30th September 2023 – circulated. October to follow- Approved.

To note bank reconciliation as of 30th September 2023 – circulated. October to follow – Approved.

NJC Pay Review – Update – The Unions have now agreed to accept the Employers Pay offer for 2023/24 – back dated to April 2023.

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To Approve On-line Payments: All payments approved Proposed Cllr Whittaker seconded by Cllr Potter and all in favour.

Payable to	For	Net	VAT	Gross
Staff	Wages/Salaries for 6 people –	6023.24	0.00	6023.24
HMRC Cumbernauld	Tax & NI –	1938.72	0.00	1938.72
LGSS	Pensions –	1770.28	0.00	1770.28
Rob Green	Roof repairs – the lock up	334.10	0.00	334.10
Premier Motors	Van Tyres	110.40	22.08	132.48
Bradgate	Grass Cutting	2760.00	552.00	3312.00
SLCC	Arnold-Baker 13 th Edition - Local Council administration.	141.00	0.80	141.80
Cambridgeshire Fireworks	Fireworks display	3500.00	700.00	4200.00
	TOTAL	16577.74	1274.88	17852.62
	Direct Debit payments	NET	VAT	GROSS
HDC	Rates	73.50	0.00	73.50
ID	Mobile phone Contract	6.00	0.00	6.00
Integrity Team	Wi Fi in the Hall	30.00	6.00	36.00
GCI Network	CCTV contract	45.00	9.00	54.00
British Gas	School Hall - Elec	476.54	23.83	500.37
British Gas	School Hall - Gas	139.79	7.36	147.15
British Gas	37 Green End - Elec	166.00	8.30	174.30
British Gas	37 Green End – Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00
British Gas	Greenfield – Elec	47.35	2.37	49.72
	TOTAL	984.18	56.86	1041.04
	GRAND TOTAL	17561.92	1331.74	18893.66

75/23	Date of Next meetings	Greenfield Committee – 15 th November 2023 Planning Committee – 22 nd November (If required) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 22 nd November 2023 Full Council – 13 th December 2023 Staffing Committee – TBC Community Committee – TBC Amenities Committee – TBC
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Steve Browning
Clerk to the Council, RFO and Proper Officer
28/11/2023