**ENGLISHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL Serving Barrow, Englishcombe, Haycombe, Inglesbatch, Kilkenny & Nailwell**

**Minutes of**

**Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm**

**at the Old Schoolhouse, Englishcombe**

**Present: RL, WP and AC**

| 1 | Appointment of minute taker  AC |  |
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| 2. | Apologies for absence  NS, TT and LS |  |
| 3. | Declaration of interests & dispensations  None |  |
| 4. | Parishioners’ matters  None |  |
| 5. | Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2023  Approved |  |
| 6. | Matters arising not covered by the agenda  None |  |
| **7**.  7.1  7.2 | **Recruitment**  to parish council: RL is going to approach Kilkenny and Haycombe residents  parish clerk: No response to adverts. Ongoing. |  |
| **8.**  8.1  8.2  8.3  8.4 | **Financial Report**  HSBC statements: Current combined a/c with Millstream + Wheelwrights £ 18,341.24£  M/W amount: £ 2987.46  CIL: £ 2,687.86  Charges: £ 5.80  Interest: £ ..  Present budget: £ 10,000  Budget for 2024/2025 (agree precept of £10000 to be submitted by 8/02/24)  Raise street cleaner payment by 5% to £250 – agreed  Bank reconciliation  VAT reclamation  Money to go into the bank |  |
| **9** | **Planning:**  Sulis Down status – gone to committee. No way of knowing which way it will go. Nothing further EPC can do. |  |
| **10.**  10.1 | **Rural public transport:**  RL will be doing a round-robin with info about how people can get involved with the parish and who might be interested in a rota for drivers.  Refurbishment of sign posts – trying to find out who at BANES is responsible, and will need to look at the exact location to avoid obstructing farm vehicles. |  |
| 11 | Millstream, Orchard and Wheelwrights report: Use of Wheelwrights to be promulgated. |  |
| 12  12.1 | Parish Website and communications: AC would like to spend around £40 to £50 for Divi, which is a plug-in that makes wordpress sites more customisable. One-off payment which will allow better functionality to make it more accessible. Sum agreed.  First Aid Courses and installation of defibrillators – can get them at large discount. 2 – one to go somewhere in Inglesbatch, one in Englishcombe  First aid course – will look at holding one in the Spring if there is interest. |  |
|  | Reports from BANES Councillors and Chairman - none |  |
|  | Dates of meetings January - May 2024  **Tuesday 6th Feb, Tues 12th March.** Remainder tbc |  |