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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council (TWWPC) held at 7pm on Thursday 22 February 2024 at Tockwith Village Hall, 1 Marston Road, Tockwith, YO26 7PR.

Present: Cllr Arnold Warneken (Chairman), Cllr Alex Marsh, Cllr Simon Blake, Cllr Stuart McHenery. Cllr Ray Clark.

Apologies: Cllrs Kriston Wright.

Guests: Village Hall Management Committee members: Becky Nicholson, David Hardman, Sue Corbett, Tim Mallet.

In attendance: Deborah Marshall, Clerk to the Parish Council.

There were five members of the public in attendance.

174.	Apologies:
i)	To note any apologies received
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Kriston Wright.
ii)	To approve any reasons for absence submitted for consideration
	RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence submitted by Cllr Wright be accepted.
175.	To Note any Declarations of Interest:
i)	To note declarations of interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in the business to be transacted at this meeting
	None.
ii)	To approve any dispensation requests received
	None.
176.	Public Open Forum:
	There were no comments made during this session.
177.	Tockwith Village Hall:
	Standing orders were suspended for the following agenda items:
i)	To receive a presentation from the VHMC on its vision for the Village Hall and a proposal for the construction of an extension using S106 funds

A visual presentation was given by Becky Nicholson which covered the VHMC's vision for the village hall and the reasons behind the need for expansion. A proposed floor plan was shown with the proposed extension bridging the gap between the rear eastern and western wings of the existing building. A concern was raised about the lack of parking. It was advised that the parking area could not be extended, but the potential future resurfacing and line marking of the car park would create more orderly parking. Cllr Warneken said it was important that visitors parking on the street did so courteously and so as not to put a risk to other road or footpath users or be at the risk of being fined.

The VHMC confirmed that the revenue from bookings generated would cover the cost of utilities in the new space. An outline of how the new facility would be marketed to potential hirers was included within the presentation. Cllr Clark asked if the number of visitors to VH website was being monitored. Tim Mallet confirmed it was and that he would circulate the report.

The amount of S106 funding available was queried and the Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall currently has £259,030 to be spent within a 10-year timescale. The next update from the NYC S106 team will be in March. Cllr Clark raised a concern that the extension would still not provide enough room for the growing population and that a new facility would be a better investment. It was advised that the current funds of £259,030.67 would not stretch to the build of a new facility. Cllr Warneken and such a facility might be provided by NYC in the future, should a significant housing development take place.

The subject of decarbonisation was raised. Cllr Warneken expressed a desire for an air-to-air heat pump which would also cool the air and that consideration be given to this being eventually expanded across the whole building. Cllr Warneken also advised that funding for solar panels could be sourced from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

ii) To consider the purpose and future of the Village Hall for the next 25 years

Cllr McHenery said that Tockwith Together had undertaken a resident survey and there was definite demand to improve and expand on the current facilities. Although there is no knowledge of what the Parish may look like in 25 years' time, it is with some certainty that the Village Hall will provide a useful public amenity at least for the next 10-15 years and is worthy of investment to serve the immediate increase in population.

Resolved: That the Village Hall be agreed as a viable, investable facility and that funds from S106 be invested in a Village Hall extension as proposed. All in favour.

iii) To review a proposed specification for the extension

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A proposed specification had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Blake agreed that changes would need to be made following feedback from the PC, particularly in regard to heating. The Clerk queried whether the work to the existing hall roof could be undertaken at the same time to minimise disruption. Cllr Blake said he would discuss this with the VHMC. Cllr Blake proposed that the final spec be presented to the PC at its March meeting for final approval before being posted on to the Government's Find a Tender site. Tenders would then be considered at a proposed Extra Ordinary meeting to be held on Monday 29th April 2024.

Resolved: That a revised specification be considered at the PC meeting on 25th March 2024 and an Extra Ordinary Meeting be held on 29th April 2024 to consider applications received.

To consider the use of S106 funds for the re-laying of the Village Hall car park and rebuild of surrounding car park wall.

The PC considered both of the above to be in clear need of repair and would be an appropriate spend of any remaining S106 funds following the build of an extension.

Resolved: That any remaining S106 funds from the extension be used on a new car park surface and surrounding wall. All in favour.

v)	To consider next steps and confirm actions to be taken	
	This was agreed under item 177iii.	
	With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:11.	

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