

## Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:30pm at  
Wardington Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Malcolm Patterson (Chairman), Cllr George Martin (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Bob Jarrett, Cllr Julie Burnett.

**In Attendance:** Clerk, District Cllr Phil Chapman.

**54. Apologies for absence** – Cllr George Page, Cllr Nigel Bankes, County Cllr George Reynolds, .

**55. Members declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None.

**56. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021** - The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

**57. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings**

57.1 Action to report on Fixmystreet the damage to wall opposite Yew Tree Cottage – Clerk has not yet received photos to submit the report. **Clerk to chase up Cllr George Page for photos in order to make the report.**

**58. Play equipment**

58.1 To receive the annual professional inspection report and agree actions/repairs based on quote received – It was agreed to accept all works quoted for except item 1 relating to covering the roots of the tree. It was also agreed that the Clerk should discuss the longer term options with the contractor in relation to the agility trail before work takes place to replace posts to ensure that this is the most cost effective way to repair. **Clerk to instruct contractor and discuss options re the agility trail.**

58.2 Stronger Together event (COMF funded) – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – The Stronger Together event will take place on Saturday and is funded by a grant to help try to bring the community back together after Covid.

**59. Discussion re parishioner's note in the Warbler suggesting the formation of a Wardington Climate Change Action Group** – The parishioners who made the suggestion are unable to run a group themselves and they wondered if the PC would consider supporting such a group. The Cllrs agreed that it is a worthy cause but there is the challenge of finding someone to run it and there is a limit to what the PC could implement. It was agreed to put this item on the next agenda for discussion allowing Cllrs more time to consider if there are any projects the PC could consider. It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are currently consulting on what parishioners want their priorities to be in relation to a number of things including being sustainable and reducing carbon emissions. Parishioners could have a direct impact on the outcome of those priorities by responding to the consultation. There is also a separate survey re OCC's management of waste and recycling. It was agreed that the **Clerk should ask the substantive Clerk if she would put links to the consultation and survey on the village Facebook page.**

**60. Planning applications received**

**21/02532/F – High Wardington House, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** Extension to existing outbuilding and its conversion to create a dwelling. Associated works including amenity space, landscaping and access. (Alternative to 20/03642/F). **No objection.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**21/02467/F - OS Parcel 0005 And Part OS Parcel 1300 0878 And 7566, Banbury.** Erection of mixed-use development including a 240-bed hotel, 4-storey office building and roadside services including 2 no hot food restaurant drive-throughs, a coffee shop drive-through and a petrol filling station with ancillary retail store. **Object. Full response can be found on the Cherwell District Council Planning portal.** (Response made using delegated powers).

### **Planning decisions received – None**

*Cllr Chapman left the meeting at 8:15pm.*

**61. Responsible Financial Officer’s Report** – Cashbook balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 is £33,395.30.

### **62. Finance**

62.1 HSBC Bank charges – HSBC hold the account for the playground account this has been a free to access account but they are now going to charge £5 per month for the account plus 40p per cheque. Although this is not a significant amount of money this takes away from the funds available for the play area. It was suggested that the funds be transferred to the main PC Unity Bank account and keep the funds separate in the books to make it clear what funds are allocated to the playground. The only concern raised about this action is that if the existing standing orders into the account can’t be transferred automatically it is possible that some people will not want to spend time setting up a new standing order which could result in losing some members of the playground 200 club draw. It was agreed that **Cllr Jarrett should find out what the implications would be of transferring the account to Unity and what impact this would have on the standing orders currently made to that account.**

62.2 COMF event invoices – Invoices/bills are starting to come in for the COMF event and some of these need paying immediately. It was agreed that **Cllr Jarrett should make the payments as and when they are needed.**

62.3 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

Parish Magazine Printing (Warbler)	£283.50
Playsafety Ltd (Playground Inspection)	£111.60
N R Prickett (Grass Cutting)	£370.80
DM Payroll Services (6 months)	£60.00
Clerk’s Salary (Aug)	£207.76
HMRC (PAYE) (Aug)	£51.80

Cllr Jarrett noted that a payment of £19.29 to the Village Hall has been paid since publication of the agenda using delegated powers due to the Village Hall Committee requiring payment before the meeting takes place. This payment was approved.

62.4 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

Brent Harris (fixing White posts)	£39.00
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N R Prickett (Grass Cutting)	£370.80
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62.5 Playground 200 club draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize      19. Mr & Mrs Metcalfe      £20.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize      40. Maggie Wilkinson      £10.00

**63. Information exchange**

Cllr Chapman explained the detail of what happens in relation to a Local Plan and advised that Cherwell District Council (CDC) are currently in the process of going out to consultation on the Cherwell Local Plan Review.

Meeting closed @ 8:32pm

**Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Signed..... Date.....