

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7:30pm at
Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Malcolm Patterson (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jarrett, Cllr George Page.

In Attendance: Clerk, 1 member of the public.

64. Apologies for absence – Cllr Julie Burnett, Cllr George Martin, Cllr Nigel Bankes, County Cllr George Reynolds, District Cllr Phil Chapman.

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

66. Public participation session – None.

67. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 7th September 2021 - The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

68. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

68.1 Action to report on Fixmystreet the damage to wall opposite Yew Tree Cottage – **Cllr Page to send pictures to Clerk in order for her to report the issue.**

68.2 Discussion re parishioner's note in the Warbler suggesting the formation of a Wardington Climate Change Action Group – The PC has not been contacted by anyone who would be willing to run such a group and the PC does not have the resources to run a group currently. It was agreed that the **Clerk should get together details of recycling schemes available to parishioners to go in the Warbler** to help raise awareness of the small things that can be done by individual households in order to combat climate change.

1 member of the public joined the meeting at 7:40pm.

69. Cherwell Local Plan Review – The parishioner (Richard Tuthill) who is the owner of the land in Wardington that has been put forward for potential development in the Local Plan advised that he put the land forward as part of the call for land sent out by Cherwell District Council (CDC) some time ago. He has not really thought about it any more since that time and has not been contacted by CDC since putting this forward so there are no particular plans for development of the sites currently although he does think that maybe some small scale development should be considered. He most certainly isn't proposing that the entire sites are filled with as many houses as possible and should CDC agree that the site(s) is suitable for development he would only be looking to support something small and in keeping with the existing village with the input and support of the community.

The member of the public left the meeting at 7:54pm.

It was noted that the complete Local Plan Review paper is very long and will be difficult to form a full council view on all questions so it was agreed that the PC should focus on answering the 3 options that are likely to have most impact on this parish which are:

Option 3. Where do you think employment land should be? (Main urban centres, All significant transport interchanges, Mostly on previously developed land, Larger villages, A combination of all)

Option 18. If additional development is directed to Banbury requiring green field sites should we consider land to the (North, South, East, West, All)?

Options 31. In meeting housing needs should we (work with communities to allocate specific sites, Provide a parish level figure to each area, A combination of 1 and 2)?

Cllrs to review the background detail to these questions included in the Local Plan documentation and e-mail their opinions on these to the Clerk by Tuesday 19th October. A quote of £300 + VAT has been received from Framptons to provide appropriate legal/planning issues that should be considered as part of the PC response to the Local Plan Review. It was agreed to go ahead with this service. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to instruct Framptons.** It was agreed to delegate powers to the **Clerk to make a submission on behalf of the PC which she should put together taking account of the responses from councillors and the information provided by Framptons.**

70. Play equipment - inspection reports and repairs – The Clerk confirmed that she completed an inspection on 27th September and found the equipment to be in good condition other than the items already raised by the professional report for which repairs have been instructed. The Clerk did note that after the heavy wind and rain there were a lot of branches on the ground in the play area. It was agreed that **should this still be an issue at the next inspection the Clerk should instruct Brent Harris to complete a clear up of branches along with trimming back hedges/overgrown areas and removing weeds** as he has done in the past.

71. Planning applications received

21/02935/F – Study Cottage, Wardington. Replacing porch with two storey stairwell. Single storey pantry and sitting room extensions. (resubmission of 21/01810/F). **No objections.**
(Response made using delegated powers).

21/03023/F – Land South of Coton Lodge, Wardington. Stables and vehicular access. **No comment.**

21/02814/F and 21/021816/LB – Wardington manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Minor internal and external works to Wardington Manor House (Grade II* Listed). Reworking of rear Stables (Grade II Listed) for updated accommodation. **No comment.**

Planning decisions received

21/01695/LB – West Wing, Williamscott. Removal of stud partition wall surrounding bedroom three/study, removal of stud partition wall blocking access to understairs storage area and removal of stud partitioning on the second floor. **Approved.**

72. Finance

72.1 Bank balances – As at end of September Wardington - £25,999.71 and Williamscot - £5885.00. As at end of August the playground account balance was £5407.40.

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

COMF: Stronger together event:-		
Steve McKenzie-Lawrie	Expenses	£190.76
Alison Baker	Expenses	£42.79
Hare & Hounds	Bar	£843.10

Parish Business:		
Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall Hire Oct	£19.29
Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall Hire Nov	£19.29
K Buttle	Clerk's Salary	£207.56
HMRC	PAYE Sept	£52.00

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

Cherwell D. C.	Empty dog bins	£384.38
K Buttle	Expenses	£4.28
N Prickett	Grass cutting 22nd Sep	£370.80

72.4 To note the following receipts: Noted.

CDC	2nd precept payment	£6,000.00
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72.5 Playground 200 club draw

1st Prize 15. Natalie Reynolds £20.00

2nd Prize 99. Arthur Griffin £10.00

73. Preparing for return of substantive Clerk – The substantive Clerk has advised that she will not be returning at the end of her maternity leave. It was agreed to place an advert in the November Warbler asking for expressions of interest in the vacancy. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to organise submission to the Warbler.**

74. Recruitment of an additional councillor – There is still one vacancy on the PC. It was agreed that **Cllr Malcolm Patterson should put an advert in the Warbler advertising the vacancy.**

75. Information exchange – None.

Date of next meeting – 23rd November 2021

Meeting closed @ 8:44pm

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