

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7:30pm at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Malcolm Patterson (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jarrett, Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson, Cllr George Page, Cllr Nigel Banks.

In Attendance: Clerk, 1 member of the public (John Rourke).

- 114. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies noted - Julie Herd, and George Martin. Apologies accepted – none.
- 115. **Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None.
- 116. **Public participation session** – None.
- 117. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 15th February 2022** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

It was agreed to discuss item 122.1 at this point in the meeting as this is the item that the parishioner is in attendance to discuss.

The parishioner left the meeting at 7:54pm

118. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 118.1 Further action to be taken to progress the repair of the wall opposite Yew Tree Cottage and get the footpath cleared – The Clerk has written to the owner of the wall but has not received any response. **Clerk to obtain contact details of other owners and write to them.**
- 118.2 Defibrillator update – The Memorial Hall Committee have agreed that they will retain ownership and insure the defibrillator and the PC will provide the consumables as and when needed.
- 118.3 Update re installation of Bollards opposite Sundial House – There has been no update from Highways re costings. The parishioner who requested this will continue to follow this up.
- 118.4 Update on application for 20mph limits within the parish – The Clerk has submitted an application to the scheme and has asked for some further information. The application form included requests for evidence of parish support, details of specific areas in which 20mph would be required, and evidence of accidents in those areas supporting the need for 20 mph. The PC do not currently have that information so may not be accepted onto the scheme at the moment. **Clerk to chase up response from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) if they do not reply within the required timescales.**
- 118.5 Hedge trimming around the churchyard extension – An informal quote has been received for hedge laying (not bound) which seems appropriate but the work cannot be completed until Autumn due to the possibility of birds nesting. **Clerk to e-mail contractor to request a formal quote to be considered at the next meeting.**
- 118.6 Update on relocation of the post box outside the Memorial Hall – The post box does not feel very secure and there are concerns that it may fall. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to contact Royal Mail to ask them to consider relocating the post box and ensuring it is safe.**
- 118.7 Update re Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – A group of parishioners are organising an event on the field on Saturday 4th June. Cherwell District Council (CDC) are offering grants to PCs to help with some costs but they must fit within a strict criteria. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to complete the activity elements of the application form and pass on to the Clerk to finalise and submit.**

- 119. Report on play equipment inspection completed on 9th March 2022** – The Clerk completed an inspection on 9th March. Issues noted were rope trapped in lower part of access gate which required cutting off and bird mess on some items. The items have now been cleaned and the rope removed from the gate.
- 120. HS2 update** – Simon from HS2 has provided a presentation document that HS2 wish to present as part of a village meeting and/or in the Warbler sometime in April. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to ask Simon to agree a date for a public meeting and put together an invitation to go out to parishioners** which will need to go out prior to the Warbler due to the next publication being later than the suggested meeting timescale. Simon has also contacted Cllr Bob Jarrett advising that they are looking into extended working hours to work full days on Saturday (7:30-6pm) and Sunday (8am-6pm) and asking for the PC's view on this. It was agreed that the PC is totally against any additional weekend working. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to advise HS2 of the PC view and make Cllr George Reynolds and Victoria Prentis MP aware of this request to ask for their support in preventing this from going ahead.**
- 121. Planning applications received**
- 22/00441/TCA - Pettifers, Street From Banbury Road To Mount Pleasant, Wardington.** T1 x Yew - Reduce crown by 3 metres as crown is touching outbuildings. T2 x Yew - Reduce crown by 2 - 2.5 metres to reduce overhand into neighbours property. T3 x Yew - Reduce crown by 1 metre, tree is thinning and hoping this will induce more vigour to rest of tree. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
- 22/00404/TCA – Vicarage Cottage, Banbury Road through Wardington, Wardington.** T1 x Lime - reduce south to south-west side of crown back to the boundary line. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
- 22/00490/TCA – Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** G1 x Leylandiis Nos 25 - Remove, originally planted as a hedge but now large and overgrown. The trees are beyond restorative pruning. Remove the trees and then review what to or whether to plant in place of these. Marked on sketch plan in red -"1". **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
- 22/00378/NMA – Study Cottage, Wardington.** Non-material amendment to 21/02935/F - movement of the front door to central position of the two storey extension. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
- 22/00284/F – Cannons Yard, Williamscott.** RETROSPECTIVE - Tool shed erected in residential land. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
- 22/00661/F - Wardington House, Sutherlands, Banbury Road Through Wardington.** Erection of ancillary detached outbuilding and greenhouse in the garden, and associated landscape works. **No objections.**
- Planning decisions received**
- 21/03835/F – Hare and Hounds Inn, Edgcote Lane, Wardington.** Change of Use and conversion of outbuilding to two holiday lets (associated with the pub) at Hare and hounds PH. **Approved.**
- 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. **Approved.**
- 21/04241/NMA – Merrie House, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** Change of window position (proposed as non-material amendment to 16/00367/F). **Approved.**
- 22/00227/TCA - Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** T1 x Chamaecyparis lawsoniana - Removal as part of garden redevelopment strategy - no replacement. T2 x Thuja plicata - Removal as part of garden redevelopment strategy - no replacement. **Approved.**
- 122. Parishioner requests**

- 122.1 To consider arranging and funding a CPR and defibrillator training session for parishioners – John Rourke provided information to the PC regarding the type of training available and provided details of a number of organisations who offer the training. It was agreed that the PC would like to go ahead and arrange training to take place at the Memorial Hall. **Clerk to contact St John Ambulance to enquire about booking some training.**
- 122.2 Concerns raised about the Stagecoach notification that the 200 bus service was to be cancelled from 4th April – update received advising that the service will not be cancelled immediately as funding has been obtained to keep the service running until 27th August while discussions take place at Government and Local Government level – It was agreed that the PC should continue to find out more about the Ability bus service to see if that would be a beneficial service to the parishioners. Ability will be doing a presentation to a village group next week to gauge demand for the service in this area.

123. Finance

- 123.1 Bank balances – Wardington - £20,982.54, Playground - £6,020.68, Williamscott - £5,407.40, Tracker - £2.32. Total - £32,412.97
- 123.2 Update on change to bank mandate – The mandate change has now been completed and the RFO has access to the Unity Bank Account online.
- 123.3 Invoicing for Warbler advertising – It was agreed that **Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson should provide relevant info to the RFO in order for her to produce and send out the invoices.**
- 123.4 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

K Buttle	Clerk's salary February	£311.54
HMRC	Tax February	£77.80

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

OALC	Membership fee	£150.00
K Buttle	Clerk's salary March	£365.44
HMRC	Tax March	£91.40
CPRE	Membership fee	£36.00
OPFA	Membership fee	£45.00

- 123.6 Playground 200 club draw

1st Prize 42. George Page £20.00

2nd Prize 32. Elsie Smith £10.00

- 124. Information exchange** – A parishioner has asked Cllr George Page what their next steps should be as they have reported concerns about the condition of a section of road on fixmystreet and have been advised a number of times that Highways were coming out but they didn't turn up. **Cllr George Page agreed to contact County Cllr George Reynolds about this.**

Meeting closed @ 9:37pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19th April 2022

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