

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 7:30pm at Wardington Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public.

23. Apologies for absence – Apologies received – Cllr Nigel Bankes, Cllr Julie Burnett. Apologies accepted – None.

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

25. Public participation session – None.

26. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 24th May 2022 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

27. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 27.1 Feedback re parishioner survey regarding applying for 20mph limits within the parish – There have been no further responses since the last meeting. It was agreed that only 13 responses does not provide enough feedback for the Parish Council (PC) to make a decision on this. **Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson to put note on the Facebook page to remind people about the survey and the PC will make a decision at the next meeting.**
- 27.2 Update re arranging a CPR and defibrillator training session – The note about the training was not put in the last Warbler. **Cllr Gordon Finlayson and Cllr Richard Reid will work on putting together a survey to go in the Warbler, Facebook page, and in local public places.**
- 27.3 Update re Ability bus service grant application – The grant was approved and the funds have been paid to Ability.

28. Tree issues in the parish – There are a number of issues relating to trees in the parish. The PC does not own any trees in the parish therefore all tree issues should be reported directly on Fixmystreet.com by the person who has the concern. It was noted that the VAS signs coming into the village are obscured by vegetation and it appears some parishioners are so concerned about this they try to clear the vegetation themselves which is quite dangerous for the parishioners. **Cllr Jarrett to send pictures of the offending area to the Clerk in order for the Clerk to inform Highways.** A parishioner has asked if some hedging could be put in near the church to reduce the noise from the A361.

29. Play Area

- 29.1 Update re issue raised with gate that has dropped making it difficult to open – Quote received from Cherwell Fencing of £80 for a concrete repair spur. Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to instruct Cherwell Fencing.**

30. Planning applications received – None.

Planning decisions received

21/04027/F – 1 The Greensward, Wardington. Dropped kerb. **Approved.**

Other planning issues

22/01488/OUT - OS Parcel 5616 South West Of Huscote Farm And East Of Daventry Road

Banbury. Construction of up to 140,000 sq m of employment floorspace (use class B8 with ancillary offices and facilities) and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse. **Object. Full objection can be found on the Cherwell District Council planning web pages.**

31. Finance

- 31.1 Bank balances – Unity Trust £24,892.27 as at 28.06.22.
- 31.2 Update re bank mandate changes – The Unity Mandate change form has been completed and requires signing by councillors which will be completed tonight and returned to Unity asap. The other mandate changes have not yet been started.
- 31.3 Proposal to retrospectively approve expenditure of £75 to repair the noticeboard in Williamscoth – the work has already been completed as it was required to be completed in time for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations – Proposed and agreed.
- 31.4 Consideration of the viability of the playground 200 draw – It was agreed that the draw in its current format is not providing best value for the funds received but changing the bank account to the main PC account will save some costs. It was agreed that **Cllr Richard Reid should consider ideas about how to take the draw forward.**
- 31.5 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

| | | | |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 26.05.22 | Annette Reed | Internal Audit | £100.00 |
| 31.05.22 | BHIB | Parish Insurance | £487.09 |
| 14.06.22 | Ability | Donation re bus service | £500.00 |
| 14.06.22 | Kirsty Buttle | Salary June | £371.49 |
| 14.06.22 | HMRC | Tax June | £24.60 |
| 14.06.22 | Clive Hunt | Jubilee celebration reimbursement | £821.00 |

- 31.6 To approve payment of the following invoices from the Williamscoth account: Proposed and agreed.

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Brent Harris | Repair of noticeboard in Williamscoth | £75.00 |
| Nigel Bankes | Platinum Jubilee Expenses | £26.40 |
| Julie Burnett | Platinum Jubilee Expenses | £172.37 |
| Alex Harris | Platinum Jubilee Expenses | £322.79 |

- 31.7 To note the following receipts: Noted.

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 30.05.22 | EKFB JV Fee | HS2 donation re Warbler | £45.00 |
| 31.05.22 | CDC | Grant re bus service | £500.00 |
| 20.05.22 | CDC | Grant re Jubilee | £625.00 |
| 23.06.22 | HMRC | VAT refund | £1,264.79 |

- 31.8 Playground 200 club draw –
- 1st Prize – 33 Mathew Patey - £20
- 2nd Prize – 71 R Stell - £10

32. To adopt the following updated policies/documents:

- 32.1 Financial Regulations – Proposed and agreed.
- 32.2 Standing Orders – Proposed and agreed.
- 32.3 Risk Assessment – Proposed and agreed.

33. Information exchange – The grass cutting contractor has asked a Cllr to make the PC aware that he has not been able to cut all of the grass in the parish on his most recent visit due to a ditch having been dug out and the soil left on the grass making it impossible for him to cut the grass in that area. It was noted that there is a lot of ivy growing around one of the streetlights. It was agreed that this should be reported on Fixmystreet. A Cllr made a complaint has to HS2 about all of the signage dumped around the village and they came back and said that unfortunately they have to leave them out otherwise they would have to put them out at around 4-5am which would create a noise disturbance in the village. A Cllr advised that some of the signage has caused a problem with getting the grass cut so **Cllr Jarrett agreed to go back to HS2 to make them aware of the issue and ask them to find a better way to store the signs.**

Meeting closed @ 9:02pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th July 2022

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