



# THE WARBLER

A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscoth and Coton

**DEADLINE** for next issue  
(November) of the Warbler:

**20th October 2020, 5pm**

Contact your editorial team with any news, articles or items for  
the next issue, everything welcome:-

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## Roasted Beet Hummus

- \*1 roasted beet.
- \*1 x 15-oz can cooked chickpeas.
- \*1 large lemon-zest.
- \*1/2 large lemon-juice.
- \*1 pinch salt+pepper.
- \*2 large garlic cloves.
- \*2 tbsp tahini.
- \*1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil.

Blend beetroot  
Add everything else  
except oil until smooth  
Drizzle oil while mixing  
Adjust seasoning as  
needed

Hello!

I hope this issue finds everyone as safe and well as can be expected. I hope you all liked the recipe on the front cover: it comes courtesy of Julie Burnett and her daughter. I know there are a lot of people who are enjoying their gardens at the moment, particularly and yummy produce that they might be giving us so the recipe seemed appropriate.

I am pleased to report that the village playground is back open again, after it had been risk assessed - please do take the time to read the information on page 6 relating to this. Thanks must go to Brent Harris for his speedy help in getting the playground ready for reopening.

There are several interesting articles to have a read of - thank you to all who contributed. I am hoping to be able to put something in the calendar on the back page in the next issue....

Please could anyone who has some lovely photos, or an idea for an article get in touch - new content always welcome!

Lexi

## Recipe

*This issue's recipe is kindly supplied by Louisa Jarrett.*

*If you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share, we'd love to hear from you! Please send it to the warbler email address on the front page, or drop it in to Cobweb Cottage.*

### **Currant Tea Bread**

3/4 pint cold tea

7oz soft light brown sugar

12oz currants

10oz SR flour

1 egg

1. Put the tea, sugar and currants into a bowl and leave to soak overnight.
2. Preheat the oven to 180C (Gas 4)
3. Grease a 2lb loaf tin well
4. Mix the fruit, sugar and liquid into the flour and add the beaten egg. Mix together thoroughly until smooth.
5. Turn into the baking tin and bake for 1 3/4 hours.
6. Turn out and cool on a wire rack. Delicious enjoyed either on its own or smothered with butter and cup of tea (or coffee)!

# Establishing a 'Wildflower Green' in Upper Wardington

This spring a group of Cowslip plants flowered on a small area of grass opposite the old Red Lion in Upper Wardington. The origin of these plants is not known, but they are possibly self-established from wild seed. This area of green had been planted with Bluebells a few years ago (when bulbs were planted in a number of locations), but they have not persisted here, partly due to the mowing regime. The Cowslips have grown well this year and the mowing contractors were very helpful in agreeing to leave the patch of grass uncut during the flowering period, and a little longer, to enable the seeds to set and potentially spread further across the grass.



To enable the Cowslips to flourish in future years the Parish Council has agreed that this area of grass will not be mown until July each year. This is the same regime as a traditional hay meadow. In addition to helping the Cowslips flourish, a July cut will enable other flowering plants to establish. To facilitate this, some locally collected seed (including Yellow Rattle and Meadow Saxifrage, both of which grow in local meadows) will be scattered across the area and raked-in. Local children could be involved in doing this, and counting the Cowslips and other flowers each year, any volunteers please?

The Cowslips looked very attractive this spring, enhancing the look of the village scene, as well as helping conserve our native flowers. I hope the 'Wildflower Green' will be a welcome addition to the village and a small but significant step forward in helping make our local environment an even better place for wildlife.



Mike Pollard, Upper Wardington. Contact: [mikejpollard@btinternet.com](mailto:mikejpollard@btinternet.com)

# **NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH**

## **THE CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN**

As everyone is aware regrettably one of the many restrictions imposed by the government in late March was to require all 'places of worship' to be closed totally for the foreseeable future. Sadly this even precluded the clergy from holding virtual services or streaming services from churches.

However for the past three months every Sunday at 10.00am and every Tuesday at 12.00noon our Vicar, Hilary Campbell, has been leading prayers from the vicarage via Zoom. The Sunday prayers have now ceased but after a short break the Tuesday prayers will continue from 11<sup>th</sup> August. For the 'invitation' and link details, please contact Hilary on: 01295 750385 or [vicar@campbells.me.uk](mailto:vicar@campbells.me.uk).

Since the end of June it has been possible for the Church to be open for private prayer and individual visiting on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but please do take note of the notices regarding Covid-19 precautions.

More importantly from this month onwards services are re-commencing with two services in August and in September. See the list of services elsewhere for dates and times. The longer term pattern of monthly services will be published as soon as possible.

Covid-19 and the resultant lockdown period has been very difficult, although very necessary, for everyone in a mass of different ways. Let us pray that by Christmas we are able to celebrate that most important Christian festival in the manner to which we are all accustomed.

## **CHURCHYARD**

The hot spell in May and the relatively fine weather since have meant that the Churchyard mowing and general maintenance has gone ahead almost unfettered. We are of course very grateful for all the volunteer support led by Roderick Stell and supported by John Baker. This summer we have also welcomed Jason Cross and Nigel & Chris Adams with the latter pair taking on the difficult 'Victorian' area in the centre.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

As reported in last issue this meeting (Church AGM), at which the Churchwardens and lay members of the PCC are elected, normally takes place in April. In view of the Covid-19 restrictions it had to be postponed until September/October. It is planned this year to hold it after a Sunday service which hopefully will be a more convenient time than a midweek evening as in the past. The date will be publicised in September.

## **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING**

As always we are very grateful to those in the village who routinely sponsor a week or weeks at a time. For the record the sponsors for the remainder of the year include: Tom Rutherford, Caroline Wild, Jane Pearson, Brenda Mortimer, Roderick & Nikki Stell, Clive & Philippa Hunt and Malcolm Patterson.

A glance at the floodlighting calendar in the Church porch will show that there are still some unsponsored weeks later on in the year. The cost is only £15 per week – why not consider marking a family anniversary or birthday by sponsoring the floodlighting for that week?

Full details and an application form can be found at <http://www.wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/> or on the table adjacent to the south door of the Church or contact Clive Hunt (758087).

# **ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH:**

## **Services: August 2020 - September 2020**

These Service dates are provisional at the time of going to press. Please check the Church notice board and the Church monthly newsletter for further information and confirmation of these times.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

|           |                  |         |  |
|-----------|------------------|---------|--|
| August    | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion (BCP)                             |
| August    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |         | No service – See noticeboards for other services |
| August    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Family Communion                                 |
| August    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |         | No service – See noticeboards for other services |
| August    | 30 <sup>th</sup> |         | No service – See noticeboards for other services |
| September | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion (BCP)                             |
| September | 13 <sup>th</sup> |         | No service – See noticeboards for other services |
| September | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Family Communion                                 |
| September | 27 <sup>th</sup> |         | No service – See noticeboards for other services |

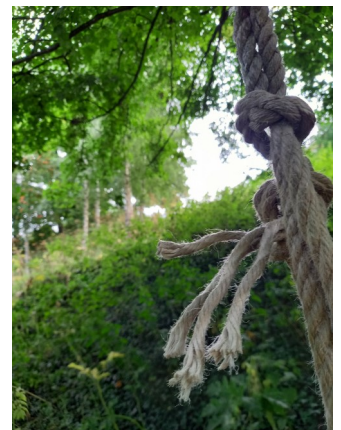


### **Vandalism in Wardington**

I am saddened to write that there have been several instances of vandalism in Wardington recently: 2 of the new Perspex window pains in the bus shelter have been smashed; and a swing in a field adjacent to the footpath from Simcoe's Farm along the stream has been cut down. This is vary sad and unnecessary: please could be villagers be vigilant.

*Left: Wardington Parish Council Chairman Malcolm Patterson clearing up broke Perspex.*

*Right: the severed swing*



# FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

## Guidance for Families using this Play Area

To ensure you are ready to use this Play Area safely please read these simple instructions and plan ahead for safe fun this summer.

1. Parents must read this guidance and ensure their families follow it carefully for the safety of their children and others.
2. This equipment is checked for damage, wear and tear, and is in safe working order as of June 2020 (any damage or concerns should be reported to the Parish Clerk at [wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)) **BUT IS NOT SANITISED OR DISINFECTED – WARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DOES NOT TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CLEANING OR HYGIENE OF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.**
3. This is shared equipment, used at your own risk.
4. Do not use this equipment if you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, or are self-isolating.
5. Ensure you have hand sanitiser with you before entering this play area.
6. Encourage everyone in your family to use hand sanitiser regularly and as a minimum before and after using the play area.
7. Encourage children to avoid touching their faces.
8. No food or drink is to be consumed within the playground
9. Enter through the IN gate and exit through the OUT gate.
10. You **MUST** maintain social distancing from others unless they are from the same household – it is the playground users responsibility to be up to date and adhere the most current government advice.
11. There is a limit to 2 children per piece of equipment and a total of 10 children in the playground at a time. Please ensure your family waits at a safe distance if equipment is in use or return later to use the equipment.
12. We ask that you clean the playground equipment before and after use.
13. If your family chose to wear disposable PPE and you chose to clean the equipment yourself prior to children playing, please take it home with you – **DO NOT LITTER.**
14. If the playground is being used as part of the village hall hire, then hirers need to abide by the above and operate a waiting area if necessary.
15. Wash your hands when you get home.

We hope you enjoy using this play area and thank you for helping to keep everyone safe by following these simple instructions.

***Thank you for your cooperation.***

This is based upon a risk assessment undertaken by Wardington Parish Council.

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that might be required; provide  
input about what equipment  
might need replacing and  
perhaps what to replace it with?

Please get in touch with our  
Parish Clerk (Lexi) using  
[wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)  
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village councillors for more  
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## Have you been on the Wardington website?

[www.wardington.net](http://www.wardington.net)

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## Murder on the hill

It is a bleak, dark, January evening. There are patches of snow on the road from an earlier flurry. An older man is walking down a hill. Behind him, to his right, a younger man is leading a horse and cart. The younger man suddenly raises his right hand. There is a crack, a flash of fire and smoke and the older man collapses to the ground. The young man approaches the older one and fires another shot which grazes the supine man's forehead. The second shot is gratuitous; the man on the road is already dead.

The young man takes the gun, wraps it in a coat and pushes it down into a nearby drainage ditch. He then starts to make his way across the fields towards Banbury illuminated by the glow of the gas street lamps three miles away.

The year was 1852, the older man was John, the younger man was his nephew William and the hill, officially named after the nearby village of Williamscot, would afterwards be known to locals as [Kalabergo's](#) hill.

John Kalabergo had moved to Banbury after leaving his home near Milan in Northern Italy during the Napoleonic Wars which had swept through Europe at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Moving to England, he ended up in Banbury, built up his business and became a British citizen. By the late 1840s he had a shop in the High Street and was able to loan the Catholic Church £500 (about £70000 in today's money) to help build St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church on South Bar Street.

The shop was important, but a major part of his trade came from going out on a horse and cart, travelling round the surrounding villages, selling his barometers and picking up and returning clocks and watches that had been repaired.

Recently however, he was starting to feel the cold and the trips out in all weathers were becoming too much. Back in Italy his brother had died several years before and letters from his Sister in Law were full of complaints about his nephew William who was mixing with a bad crowd, getting into all sorts of trouble.

A solution was suggested. William would come to England. He could take over the hard work and learn his Uncle's trade. It seemed ideal. William would be taken away from the people who were leading him astray and John would have someone, a member of his own family, to take over the business. John agreed but with the proviso that William would have to live by his rules. William agreed.

This solution however did not work. John was very strict and William was not interested in learning John's business. Like most young men, he wanted to be out meeting girls and enjoying himself. William had only pocket money, no freedom and missed his home. He

knew that his uncle's will divided his money and possessions (which included property in Italy and well as Banbury) between himself and his three sisters. With his uncle out of the way he would inherit a substantial sum. His problems would be solved.

He stole some watches and money from his uncle's shop and bought a double-barrelled pistol, gunpowder, percussion caps and a mould for making bullets from a local shop. He had heard stories of the Culworth Gang who operated in that area ten years before. The plan was beginning to form.

After murdering his uncle, William had returned to Banbury in a very distressed state claiming that they had been attacked by robbers. He had escaped, he explained but his uncle had been shot after fighting back.

Soon, however, his story began to unravel. It was found that John had not been robbed and none of the goods on the cart had been touched. William was searched and gunpowder and a percussion cap were found. He admitted buying a gun but said he done so for his uncle. A search of the shop stables had uncovered a bullet mould and the subsequent discovery of a matching bullet with John's body and the later recovery of the gun (identified by the shop owner as the one sold to William) wrapped in the John's coat convinced the local authorities that he had killed his uncle.

William continued to protest his innocence. At his trial in Oxford, despite all of the evidence against him being circumstantial and the Prosecution attributing no motive to his actions, the Jury took only 15 minutes to find him guilty. The Judge sentenced him to death by hanging.

During his last few days, he asked for a priest and finally confessed to the murder. On the morning of the execution he was taken from his cell to the gallows. The noose was put round his neck, the platform beneath him swung down and, kicking and arching, he took several minutes to suffocate in front of an estimated crowd of about 10000, many of whom had walked from Banbury for the occasion. He was 22 years of age.

John Kalabergo's gravestone can still be seen, just on the left-hand side at St Johns Church.

Further information can be found in the book John Kalabergo of Banbury by E.R. Lester which contains a narrative account of these events as well as a lot of local information about Banbury in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century.

John Rourke  
Taylors Cottage

# The Hare and Hounds

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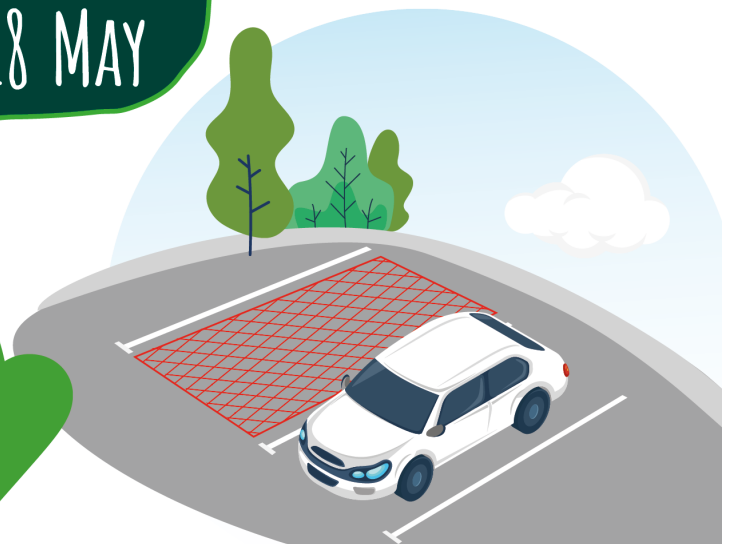
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## Latest News on HS2/Fusion Work in Wardington

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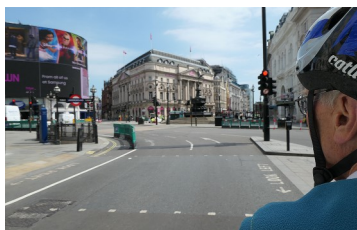


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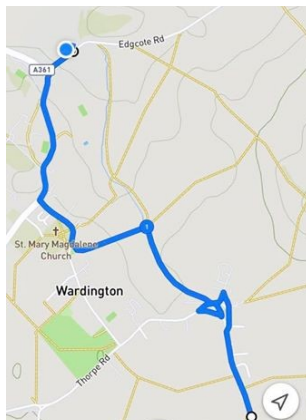
## The Adventure of Nikki and Roderick Stell

Nikki and Roderick took their tandem bicycle to London a few weeks ago and it is fascinating to see their pictures...



## Salt Dough Stars

Evie Gordon-Finlayson made and painted some little salt dough stars (with a some adult help of course) and the distributed them around the village for other village children to find and redistribute about. And village adults for that matter! Happy searching!



*Left: Rani and Roly Terry*

*Right: Freya and Noah Beeney*





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Did you know that Wardington has a new  
Facebook Group?

[Wardington Village community page](#)

This is for anyone to post information or ask questions on by it will also be  
used by Wardington Parish Council to disseminate information

We live in a beautiful part of the world and we are very lucky to live in such a pretty village. However, there are always things that can be done to make it look tidier and cleaner both for us and our visitors - signs are a big part of this. The signs on the way into the village are cleaned by OCC-Highways due to the dangerous nature of their position but the others dotted around the village are our responsibility.

## Could you adopt a sign near you?

- ◆ Keep an eye on it (make sure it doesn't run away)
- ◆ If it gets damaged, report it on fixmystreet (instructions can be found to the back of this issue)
- ◆ Give it a good wash if the mould takes hold

Let the WPC (and the world) know what you are doing for your community by contacting them on

wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk OR wardingtonwarbler@gmail.com



### **A BIG THANK YOU TO:**

Sarah and Stuart for clearing the path along the main road in Wardington  
Malcolm Patterson for cleaning the bus stop glass  
Jane Humber for cleaning the Williamscot Signs  
Bob Jarrett for cleaning the sign next to Taylors Cottage on the A361  
Lexi-Gordon-Finlayson for keeping the noticeboard opposite the Hare and Hounds tidy  
Jonathan Meredith for all his sign cleaning help

### **Fancy seeing your name in print here?**

Let us what you are doing to help the village and community or perhaps get involved in one of the many projects and groups in the parish (see our sign cleaning push above, or the advert for help with the playground also in this issue).

# Happy Children as playground



*Top Left: Ben Dalbeck*

*Bottom left: Willy and Ned Patey*

*Right: Flora Patey*

## Need a tutor?

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# Over 60's News

If anyone would like more information on our activities, or would like to get involved, our contact numbers are as follows:

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REGARDING THE SPORTS FIELD

Please could you be aware that the Sports Field is **privately owned** and notwithstanding that there is a public footpath, the usage of it is historically and currently kindly given by the landowners.

The current cricket club, its members and supporters work tirelessly to maintain a high standard of cultivation and presentation for all to enjoy.

Therefore a periodic disclaimer is that :

All and any users whilst within the sports field boundary do so at entirely their own risk and no liability for damage to any property or vehicles, theft or personal injuries however caused will be accepted by the landowners nor their agent.

Robert Harwood  
Owner's Agent  
January 20th 2019

## Wardington Parish Council Meeting – May Minutes

**Location:** virtual meeting on Zoom

**Date:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (7.30 pm)

**In Attendance:** Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr G Page, Mr R Jarrett, Mrs J Burnett, Mr N Bankes

**Apologies:** Cllr P Chapman

### Agenda Items

#### **1. Minutes of previous meeting - signed**

#### **2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** Covid-19 – procedures in place, voluntary support groups working well and no particular updates here though the WPC were pleased to hear that up until this point the nursing home seems to be covid free.

**2.2.** HS2 – Mr R Jarrett has been in touch with Carly Richards who says that all systems are go for constructions work now that social distancing measures are in place for workers. Dates for road closures have been suggested and official notices will be sent out in due course. Mr G Page reported a directional sign close to the road works near Old Bonhams is incorrectly sighted. Mr R Jarrett agreed to inform HS2/Fusion.

**2.3** Banking – Mr G Martin is working on this and will inform the Council when he and the Clerk something to report.

**2.4** Accounts – still away with the auditor, hopefully ready for the June meeting.

**2.5** Playground – new closure notices in place and Simon Lawton's team are making repairs. Mr M Patterson requested quotes and ideas for the best way to use the £2,500 grant for the Playground from Cllr G Reynolds' Councillor Priority fund

#### **3. Planning**

**3.1 New.** None

**3.2 CDC decisions.** None

#### **4. Finance**

##### **4.1 Invoices**

|        |                              |         |
|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| 101049 | CDC (dog bin emptying)       | £329.47 |
| 101050 | N R Prickett (grass cutting) | £741.60 |
| 101051 | Mrs G-F (clerk's Pay – Apr)  | £346.74 |
| 101052 | HMRC (PAYE - Apr)            | £86.60  |
| 101053 | BHIB insurance renewal       | £435.14 |
| 101054 | Mrs G-F (clerk's expenses)   | £64.36  |

##### **4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

100713 Zoe Morgan (1st Prize – May)£20.00

100714 Martha Bell (2nd prize – May)£10.00

#### **5. Parish business**

**5.1** There is a consultation for a puffin crossing.

**5.2** Insurance – invoice received for renewal, enquiries to be made about fixing price.

**5.3** Mr N Bankes reported on a proposal from Cropredy to extend Monks Walk between Williamscot and Cropredy – this clearing work is to be undertaken by the residents (not the WPC) and hopefully will be done by the end of summer.

**5.4** Wardington Past and Present booklet – this is a booklet that is traditionally available from the porch in the Church. Copies of the last edition, printed in 1997, have run out. It is being updated and reprinted by the Parochial Church Council. Mr M Patterson proposed a copy should be given to all new households as part of the Welcome Pack, the cost to be met by the Parish Council. This was agreed. As part of this commitment it was agreed to pay £150 up front for 50 copies once they were printed.

**5.5** It was agreed that the Council should take out a Zoom subscription. This to be reviewed after one year. Mr M Patterson offered to implement this and reclaim the cost. *Post Meeting note: currently the cost is £119.90 a year or £11.99 if billed monthly.*

**5.6** Williamscot tubs – certificate of compliance in the process

**5.7** Village hall grants – the Chairman raised the matter with Cllr G Reynolds. *Post Meeting note: further clarification was provided by Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Chapman. Subsequently the Memorial Hall committee has submitted an application for the fixed £10,000 grant for loss of income and support to communities under the Covid 19 provisions*

#### **6. AOB**

**6.1** Craig Bower and the internet in Williamscot – apparently it is all set up but the final connecting to homes cannot be done until social distancing relaxes.

The next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm on zoom.

## **Wardington Parish Council Meeting – June Minutes**

**Location: Online - Zoom**

**Date: Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 (7.30 pm)**

**In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr R Jarrett, Mr N Bankes, Mr G Page, Cllr P Chapman,**

**Apologies: Cllr G Reynolds, Mrs J Burnett**

### **Agenda Items**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting** – approved and signed

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**2.1** The 2019/2020 accounts have now been audited and Clerk signed AGAR paperwork during the meeting. Chairman to sign AGAR paperwork shortly after meeting – councillors agreed this was acceptable and accepted the accounts and the audit.

**2.2** Mr G Martin has been investigating banking alternatives. The Unity Trust Bank seems to be a suitable option that is already used by a lot of Charities and Parish Councils. It would allow the Clerk to set up payments online through a simple portal and then councillors could go online to authorise payments. There is a cost of £6 per month. (Post Meeting Note: This figure is per account). It was agreed that whilst this seemed to be the way forward, there was no rush until social distancing was eased.

**2.3** HS2 – information regarding upcoming road closures (July/August) has been put on the website. A summarised version will be put on the noticeboards.

**2.3** Covid – nothing new to report.

**2.4** Williamscot super-fast internet – there is now fibre to most properties in Williamscot. There is some difficulty with connecting all houses so each property dealt with on an individual basis. Mr G Martin is due to be connected and once that is sorted then information will appear in the Warbler. In the meantime he will involve other residents via the Williamscot WhatsApp group.

**2.5** Planters in Williamscot - Certificate of Lawfulness will cost £58.50. Paperwork in progress.

### **3. Planning**

#### **3.1 New**

**3.1a 20/01393/TCA** Mr William Windham, 1 Manor Cottages, Thorpe Road

T1 x Walnut – reduce height by up to 5.0m and shape. T2 x Leylandii – fell as danger to house and outbuildings and excessive shading. Replace with fruit tree – cherry/crab apple and hornbeam hedging. **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1b 20/01458/TCA** Mrs Nash, Buttercup Barn, Banbury Road

T1 x Lime – removal **NO OBJECTIONS**

**3.1c 20/01480/F** Mr and Mrs J De Bruin, Highlands, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot

Erection of single storey rear extension, front porch with associated internal/external works. **NO**

**OBJECTIONS.**

**3.1d 20/01298/TCA\_5** Mr Paul Hornby, Keechbrook, Thorpe Road, Wardington

Five Day Notice – T1 x sycamore with rotting trunk – to be pollarded to just below the apex of No 1 Chelmscot Row, so as to remove branches tampering with roof. **NOT DISCUSSED**

#### **3.2 CDC decisions**

### **4. Finance**

#### **4.1 Invoices**

|        |                             |         |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 101055 | Brent Harris (maintenance)  | £312.12 |
| 101056 | Malcolm Patterson (zoom)    | £143.88 |
| 101057 | Annette Reed (Audit fee)    | £100.00 |
| 101058 | Mrs G-F (Clerk's Pay – May) | £346.74 |
| 101059 | HMRC (PAYE – May)           | £86.60  |

#### **4.2 Playground 200 club draw**

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| 100715 | Anne Wilkins (1 <sup>st</sup> prize – June) | £20.00 |
| 100716 | Paul Hornby (2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – June)  | £10.00 |

### **5. Parish business**

**5.1** Mike Pollard's proposal for a wildflower green in Upper Wardington – details circulated prior to the meeting. Small area in question, Council in support of the proposal subject to satisfactory consultation with local residents. Information to go in the Warbler for other residents consideration.

**5.2** Playground equipment – grant money to be used on a stand alone item rather than on maintenance or existing equipment upgrade. WPC agreed that it would be necessary to top up the grant money in order to meet the conditions of the grant and to get a more substantial piece of equipment. Clerk to investigate and come up with some options for the next meeting. Maximum budget, excluding VAT, £3,500.

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## **6. AOB**

**6.1** The village grass was not cut June due to lack of growth.

**6.2** WPC would like to commend and thank those who have maintained the village playing field during lockdown and enabled many people to enjoy it.

**6.3** The proposed path from Williamscot to Cropredy has been called off.

The next meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm on Zoom.

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### **Wardington Parish EXTRORDINARY Council** **Meeting – Minute**

**Location: Online - zoom**

**Date: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (8.00 pm)**

**In Attendance: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr G Martin (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson (Clerk), Mr G Page, Mr R Jarrett, Mrs J Burnett**

**Apologies: Mr N Banks**

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Playground reopening**

**1.1** Should it reopen – councillors in agreement that it should if safe to do so.

**1.2** Discussion of how to make safe. Sign of guidelines composed and Brent Harris to be asked to construct 2 new boards for these to be pinned on. Boards to be positioned next to 2 playground gates and gates to be made one way: gate nearest the hall will be “in” only and gate onto the playing field to be “out” only. Notices to be put up to remind people to keep their distance and emphasis will be put on playground users to clean playground equipment as WPC does not have the resources to do this. Guidelines/rules to be put in the warbler and residents to be told of reopening but it will not be advertised on the internet to try and prevent influx from other villages whose playgrounds are not reopening.

## **CROPREDY TENNIS CLUB**

**Open for managed play with family and friends.**

New members welcome,  
contact Simon Bright

**bright@sbrights.co.uk**

***www.cropredytennisclub.co.uk***

| Events Diary |      |       |       |
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| Date         | Time | Event | Place |
|              |      |       |       |



New signs have been put up by the gates in the playground with covid based restrictions - please read before entering the playground. A copy can be found on page 6 of the Warbler.

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