



# THE WARBLER

*A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscot and Coton*

**DEADLINE** for next issue  
(November) of the Warbler:  
**20th October 2021, 5pm**

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

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Photographs taken in and around  
Wardington by Esmee Colligan





A dog and a rabbit are dressed in formal suits and standing side-by-side. The dog on the left is wearing a light-colored trench coat over a dark suit, and the rabbit on the right is wearing a dark suit. Both are looking towards the right.

THE HARE & HOUNDS

# OPENING 17TH AUGUST

The builders will have finished

The scaffolding will be removed

The Garden will be stunning

The beer will be ice cold & the food  
will be close behind!

Thank you for your patience

All the best Wardington - Tim

[www.hare-hounds.com](http://www.hare-hounds.com)

01295 750 645

This issue is very exciting - I finally have something to put into the events section for the first time in a year! I hope this means that we are making progress and maybe I might have even more to put in the Events section next issue!

I must thank John Rourke and Mike Pollard for the articles they have kindly taken the time to write and submit - please do take the time to read these.

Stay safe!

Lexi

## Recipe

*This issue's recipe is another one that I've recently discovered in The Sainsbury's magazine. Whilst I enjoy eating Asian flavours, I am often nervous to cook with them. This is quite a simple one with easily available ingredients - a jar of miso paste was the only thing I had to buy that was out of the ordinary.*

### **Ginger miso steak with sesame sweet potatoes (serves 2)**

350g sweet potato (1 large or 2 medium)  
1tbsp oil, plus 1 tsp (I used rapeseed)  
2tbsp concentrated miso paste  
1tbsp soy sauce (though I used Worcestershire sauce as our  
Soy sauce may have been finished and no one told me....)  
1tbsp clear honey  
2tso grated ginger  
~225g rump steak, fat trimmed  
1/2tsp sesame seeds  
200g green beans

*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.*

1. Put a non-stick baking tray in the oven and preheat to 220C.
2. Scrub the sweet potato and cut into thin wedges. Toss with 1tbsp of oil, season and tip onto the hot baking tray. Roast for 20 mins initially.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix together the miso, soy, honey, ginger, and 1 1/2tbsps of water then set aside. Bring a small saucepan of salted water to the boil ready for the green beans. Rub the steak with 1tsp of oil and season lightly.
4. When the sweet potato wedges have had 10 mins in the oven, heat a dry frying pan over a high heat. Add the oiled steak and cook for 1 1/2 - 2 mins on each side, or to your liking. Set aside on a warm plate to rest for 5 - 10 mins, loosely covered with foil.
5. Sprinkle the sesame seeds over the sweet potatoes and return to the oven for 5 mins until the wedges are soft and starting to caramelise at the edges. Plunge the green beans into the boiling water and cook for 4-5 mins until just tender, then drain.
6. Return the steak pan to a medium heat, add the miso mixture and bubble gently for 2-3 mins. Remove from the heat, return the steak to the pan and turn to coat in the miso glaze.
7. Slice the steak thinly and divide between two plates. Serve with the sweet potato wedges and green beans.

## Return to The Mulberry Café

After being closed for extensive renovations The Mulberry Café in Cropredy reopened at the end of May. As your diligent editor and her erstwhile side-kick reviewed the establishment several years ago, we thought it our duty to make a return visit to see the new look café.

Downstairs, the seating area has doubled in size and the loos can now be accessed internally. Work is progressing on an upstairs area which should be open in a few months. Both upstairs and downstairs will be available for private functions during the day and in the evening.

Carl has an extensive and changing menu including options for gluten free and vegan as well as a kids menu.

We wish Carl all the best for his renewed venture and we will be back very soon, not least for the carrot cake.

*The Mulberry Café is open seven days a week from 9am - 3.30pm. The kitchen is closed on a Monday, but drinks and cake are still available.*

### The Playground 200 Club Draw needs you!

Pay £1 a month and you could win:

**1st Prize £20**  
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To join, please get in touch!

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if you have any further questions

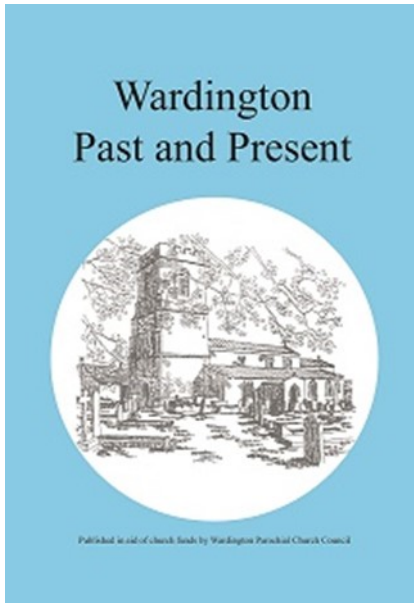
All proceeds go towards playground  
maintenance and inspections.



Photos courtesy of  
Mark Chivers on his  
walks around the  
village

# Wardington Past and Present

Good News. The brand new revised and updated 4th Edition of this popular booklet is available now.



Many of you will already know it is an ideal point of reference for people who live in Wardington, Williamscot and Coton. Visitors love it as well.

It covers the history of the Parish of Wardington, its people and its buildings. There are also sections on Wardington as it is today.

It is the first edition to include colour photographs.

As with previous editions it is published in aid of church funds by Wardington Parochial Church Council. The launch price is just £3. Copies are available in the Church, from Barn Farm Plants, from the Church Wardens and the Parish Council. (see below)



Contact details for copies from the Church Wardens:

Clive Hunt [clippa.comms@btinternet.com](mailto:clippa.comms@btinternet.com) and Nigel Bankes **01295 750500**

Contact details for copies from the Parish Council:

Malcolm Patterson **01295 750014** or [theoldgranary5@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgranary5@gmail.com)



# **NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH**

## **CHURCH SERVICES – LOOKING AHEAD**

As we go to press all Covid-19 restrictions have been formally lifted in England. However, along with the move came a mass of recommendations and “notes of caution”, warning everyone that the overall situation has not changed just because the magic date of 19<sup>th</sup> July has been reached. Common sense must prevail especially when and where the risks continue to be high.

The Diocese of Oxford’s advice is broadly on these lines within the context of Church services and other related activities. We plan to follow this approach at least during August and continue with our current pattern of services – Family Service on the first Sunday and Family Communion on the third Sunday (in fact it will be 29<sup>th</sup> August for this one month). For those who may wish to attend Church on other Sundays please look at the Church noticeboards or <https://wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/shires-edge-benefice/>.

During August we will be looking ahead to the autumn to make plans for the period up to Christmas. The Vicar will be applying the common sense approach along with having regard for the ongoing level of risk. It can be added that all the legal restrictions on christenings, weddings and funerals have been removed.

The Church will continue 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.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00am. Support with decorating the Church will be much appreciated from 10.00am on the day before.

The Harvest Supper will return this year on the evening of Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Memorial Hall. Watch out for further details.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Church. At the meeting Nigel Bankes and Clive Hunt were re-elected Churchwardens. In addition to the Churchwardens the following were elected as lay members of the Parochial Church Council – Roderick Stell, Andrew Steven and Sue Upton (who is also our representative on the Deddington Deanery Synod). The existing sidespersons – Jan Funnell, Roderick Stell, Andrew Steven and Anne Wilkins – were re-appointed.

## **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING**

The sponsorship scheme continues and we will always be happy to welcome new sponsors. 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?

We continue to be 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: Jane Pearson, Brenda Mortimer, Roderick & Nikki Stell, Clive & Philippa Hunt and Malcolm Patterson.

Full up-to-date 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 2021 - October 2021**

Please check Church notice board and the Church monthly newsletter for further information and confirmation of these times.

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

August	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
August	8 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
August	15 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
August	22 <sup>nd</sup>		No service at Wardington
August	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
September	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
September	12 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
September	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
September	26 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
October	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Harvest Festival
October	10 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion
October	24 <sup>th</sup>		No service at Wardington
October	31 <sup>st</sup>		No service at Wardington

### **WEEKDAY PRAYERS**

Every Tuesday at 1200noon via Zoom  
Please contact the Vicar for link details.

### **From the Vicar - August 2021**

#### **Summer Holidays**

How do you like to spend your summer break? This year, again, it will look different, as we continue to live in pandemic times, living with care for others and for ourselves. Whether you are staying home, or exploring a little further afield – what do you need? Some adventure and action, or time looking out on rolling hills or flowing river? Doing or being? There's a story in the Bible about two sisters from Bethany, Martha and Mary. When their friend Jesus comes to visit, Martha busies herself in the kitchen, doing her job of getting things ready, doing her work of welcome. Her sister Mary sits down and listens to what Jesus has to say. Martha is cross that her work isn't being recognised and her sister doesn't attempt to help. I've got a lot of sympathy with Martha, and the story is often presented as one way is better than the other. In fact, when you delve a little deeper into the language, this is a radical story in which Jesus is reminding both Mary and Martha to stay with their own distinctive ministries, their own God-given being. In reality we are both Martha and Mary from time to time. We need the blessing of both - of welcome and listening, makers and dreamers, service and being served, action and reflection. May you find the wholeness and the re-creation you need this summertime.

# Stronger Together Wardington

## **Save the Date**

**2pm – 5pm**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

at

Wardington Memorial Hall

Wardington Cricket Ground

Wardington Childrens' Play Area

It's time for the Village to come together and rediscover the wide spectrum of activities, community clubs, and support networks available within our Community.

An event for families and friends to socialise, make new friends and re-engage with your community, while learning more about the community services, networking groups and activities available in the Villages of Wardington and Williamscoth.

**More information to come on posters, leaflets and on  
Wardington.net**

If you want to promote your group, community activity, or launch a new club/ activity on the day contact Steve Mackenzie-Lawrie on 07950 411373 or [steve.mlawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.mlawrie@btinternet.com)



# WARDINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

For information on the village hall facilities,  
please visit:

<https://wardington.net/memorial-hall/>

For information about hiring the Lady Wardington Room - our local business meeting facility,  
please visit:

<https://wardington.net/memorial-hall/local-business-meeting-facility/>

For information on how to hire the village hall,  
please visit:

<https://wardington.net/memorial-hall/hiring-the-hall/>

Email: [wardington.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:wardington.hall@btinternet.com)  
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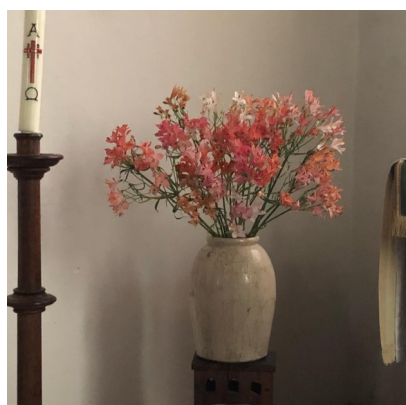
## Church Flower Decorating

Did you know that the church is decorated regularly with flower arrangements from a group of volunteers from the village, the Church Flower Ladies?

There is an annual rota and each volunteer does between two and four Sundays a year, making an informal arrangement to brighten up the church. They also help with the decoration of the church for religious festivals like Easter, Christmas, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday.

The organisation of the rota has been taken over by Ginny Steven after being run for a number of years by Bridget Elworthy. Ginny welcomed her team in June with a socially distanced drink in the garden at Tite Cottage, welcoming young and old, experienced and novices.

If you would like to volunteer in the future, please contact Ginny on; [ginny@asteven.com](mailto:ginny@asteven.com)



## Have you been on the Wardington website?

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

The village website contains lots of information about the village, including church services, up and coming events, and the new welcome pack.

You can also sign up to receive emails when new information is posted.



Harvest Supper  
on  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
at  
**7:00-7.30pm**

**Wardington Memorial Hall**

*Cottage Pie followed by Pudding and Cheese & Biscuits  
Cash bar and Raffle*

*Proceeds to St. Mary Magdalene*

**Children welcome**

**Adults £10.00 OAP/Children £7**

**LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLYERS /POSTERS,  
PLUS WARDINGTON WEBSITE**

Tickets from Friends of St. Mary Magdalene



# **WARDINGTON CRICKET GROUND**



In May the family of the late Lord and Lady Waddington gifted the ownership of the Cricket Ground to the Trustees of Waddington Memorial Hall with immediate effect. In practice all the village community facilities, the Memorial Hall, the Cricket Ground and the Children's Playground, will now have common ownership. However each of the current or future user organisations will continue to manage their activities independently.

Some fifty years ago Lord Waddington made an unwritten agreement whereby Waddington Cricket Club may have continued use of the Cricket Ground so long as cricket continued to be played there. A condition included in the transfer deed effectively continues that agreement in perpetuity by stating that the owners of the Cricket Ground may not permit the property to be "used for any purpose other than sporting or recreational activities or for purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Waddington". For the avoidance of doubt this means that the Cricket Ground may not be sold for the purpose of housing development or similar.

It is the intention of the Memorial Hall Trustees to grant Waddington Cricket Club a term lease which will provide the Club with some legally binding security of tenure – at present the Club has no such security. Additionally the lease of the Children's Playground area to the Parish Council will continue until the end of its term in 2026 when the Trustees' intention is to renew it on similar terms. With the increased use of the Memorial Hall in recent years, the Trustees have been concerned about the inevitable increase in car parking along Mount Pleasant and around the Greensward junction. The new overall ownership of the Cricket Ground will provide the opportunity for a more formal car parking area for Memorial Hall users.

Clive Hunt, chairman of the Memorial Hall Trustees, commented: "We are hugely indebted to the Waddington family for their generosity in making this all possible in the same way as we were to Lady Waddington in respect of her very significant donation towards the refurbishment of the hall in 2012".

# Wardington Climate Change ACTION Group ?

Dear neighbours and residents of Wardington,

Perhaps like us, over the past few years, you have become more aware of the pace of climate change and more concerned with trying to find ways of helping to meet its challenges. We are all aware of extreme weather events across the world and our loss of many species of plants and animals.

Two recent documentary series have set out very powerfully the challenges we are facing:

- Sir David Attenborough's **Climate Change - the Facts** (58 minutes)
- **Climate Change: Ade on the Frontline** (a series of 3 one hour programs discovering how life is being affected now in The Solomon Islands and Australia, Bangladesh and Bhutan, and looking at potential solutions across the world.)

Both of these programs are available now on BBC i Player.

We benefit from living in a conservation area, but how much more could be achieved by coming together as a community, sharing our knowledge and experience, to explore and identify some practical steps we might take, collectively and individually, to help make a positive difference.

Some ideas to explore might include:

- ⇒ joint bulk buying of solar panels across the community
- ⇒ investigating ground source heat pumps
- ⇒ additional tree planting to absorb carbon dioxide and provide more oxygen
- ⇒ joint habitat help for hedgehogs (pathways from garden to garden)
- ⇒ allocating communal space for wildflowers (reference <https://www.wildlifefriendlyvillage.co.uk> inspired by Wildlife Trust's Wilder Future Campaign)
- ⇒ placing charging points for electric vehicles within the village (reference Oxfordshire's project installing points for fast charging in public car parks arranged through a phone app that pre-books times and also handles payments.)

We would welcome our Parish Council discussing possibilities of initiatives that we might explore together, inviting interested parishioners to join and form a proactive Wardington Climate Change ACTION Group.

Lois Ann and Barrie Lawless

The Parish Clerk and Cobweb Cottage Services cordially invite you to

## Bring and Play

(age 5 and under)

In the Wardington Memorial Hall

On 7th August, 9 - 11.30 am

Refreshments will be available

There is no charge for this event but we do ask you to bring along a toy or two to share and a donation towards refreshments (either monetary or edible) would be greatly appreciated

There are a lot of new families in the village and I am hoping that this will be a good opportunity for people to get to know each other and to add some variety to your summer!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lexi on 07743895054 or [lexihgf@gmail.com](mailto:lexihgf@gmail.com)



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## Did you know...?

Normally Village Teas are held in Wardington Memorial Hall on the last Thursday of each month. Jan is hoping to restart these up again when circumstances. Please keep an eye on the Village News section of the Banbury Guardian updates on this.



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

Rodderick Stell has kindly taken on the maintenance & repair of the bus shelter opposite Greensward

### **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).

## Cricket Club News

The team have done very well this year and are at the time of writing currently in second place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the South Northants Cricket League. Thank you all for the marvellous support we have had this season - lots of other teams have commented that we must be the best supported club in the league.

### **Fun Day:**

We are hoping to hold a family fun after noon at the end of the season – provisionally planned for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Family rounders and hopefully a barbecue as a social event to round off the playing season.

### **Dinner Dance:**

Subject to confirmation the dinner dance is to take place in the village hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Details about ticket prices and availability will be advertised as below.



Look out for more details of all our events in the next few weeks in the Banbury Guardian, on the notice boards and on the Club and Village facebook pages and on Wardington.net

If you wish to contact the club for any reason please call:

Anne Wilkins (Club Secretary) 758167 or 07951794994

## Horses in fields

Members of the public are politely requested not to feed the horses in the fields around Wardington. The fields that they are in are private and the public should not be entering unless there is public right of way through. This is as much for the safety of members of the public as horses are unpredictable animals; as well as they may be on restricted diets.

# Need a tutor?

Tutoring in all three sciences and maths up to GCSE and A level Biology offered. Experience of teaching ages 8-18. References available and flexible hours possible.



Please contact Lexi on 07743895054 or email [lexihgf@gmail.com](mailto:lexihgf@gmail.com)

## Are you signed up to receive email updates from the Wardington Village website?

To find out information about the Cinema Club, upcoming events and other things happening in the Village, go online and subscribe to email updates.

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# Over 60's News

With the relaxation of the regulations we are hoping to restart our Bingo session in the Autumn. We have provisionally booked a couple of dates and we will advertise nearer the time when we are sure of the current situation. We are looking forward to being able to see all our supporters once again. In the meantime keep safe and well.

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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Jane Pearson	750316
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## Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm at The Old**

**Granary, Church Close, OX17 1RS**

**Present:** Cllr Patterson (Chairman), Cllr Martin (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Jarrett.

**In Attendance:** None.

**23. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Burnett, Cllr Banks, Cllr Page.

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

**25. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021** - The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

### **26. Finance**

**26.1** To receive the Internal auditor's report, agree any actions to be taken and to appoint an internal auditor for the current financial year – The Parish Council (PC) confirmed receipt of the internal auditors report with 'no' responses to objectives L, M and N which relate to publication of documents on the website. It is not known why the documents are not on the website but the PC will ensure they are published on the website for this financial year. It was proposed and agreed to appoint Annette Reed as the internal auditor for the 21/22 financial year.

**26.2** To complete and approve the annual governance statement for the 20/21 audit – It was proposed and agreed to tick the 'yes' response to all statements except statement 9 which is 'not applicable' and for the Chairman to sign the document.

**26.3** To approve the Accounting Statements for the 20/21 audit - It was proposed and agreed for the Chairman to sign the Accounting Statements.

**26.4** To approve completion and signing of the AGAR Certificate of Exemption for 20/21 – It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman should sign the Certificate of Exemption.

**26.5** To agree dates for the Exercise of Public Rights – It was agreed that the dates for the exercise of public rights will be 7<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**26.6** Proposal to accept the quote from Brent Harris to undertake necessary repairs to Upper Wardington noticeboard at a cost of £35.50 – Proposed and agreed.

**26.7** Proposal to renew the zoom subscription for another year at a cost of £105.25 including VAT – Proposed and agreed.

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

B R Harris	Concrete in posts and repair noticeboard	£145.70
Frampsons	Planning consultancy, prepare and attend hearing	£2,200.00
Kirsty Buttle	Clerks salary May	£207.56
HMRC	Clerk's tax May	£52.00
Parish Magazine Printing	May edition of Warbler	£283.50
Annette Reid Bookkeeping Services	Internal Audit	£100.00

**26.9** Playground 200 club draw for May

1<sup>st</sup> Prize 50. A Price £20.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 4. M. C Bell £10.00

**27. Proposal to adopt a Banking Policy** – Proposed and agreed.

**28. Planning applications received**

**21/01367/TCA** – Stonebrook House, Street from Williamscoth Hill to Centre, Williamscoth. Tree naming in reference to the supporting documents, PP-09716390 Fig 1 & PP-09716390 Fig 2. T1 x Sycamore A - Reduce height by 5.5 - 6.0m and shape T2 x Sycamore B - Reduce height by 5.5 - 6.0m and shape T3 x Sycamore C - Section fell to ground level This work is proposed to improve the overall aesthetic and light from the trees, which have become large, skewed and unruly, and prevent further branch fall onto the house and road. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**21/00984/F** – 8 Council Houses, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension (depth 6m) and part 2 storey extension (re-submission of 20/03561/F). **No objections.**

**Planning decisions received**

**21/01285/TCA** – Wardington Manor, Thorpe Road, Wardington. T1 x Leyland Cypress – Removal and stump ground. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers). **APPROVED.**

**Date of next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

**Meeting closed @ 8:15pm**

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



## Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 7:30pm** at **Wardington Village Hall**

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

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

**29. Apologies for absence** - Cllr Nigel Banks, Cllr Julie Burnett.

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

**31. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

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

**32.1 COMF funding** – Update re plans for event – Steve Mackenzie-Lawrie spoke at the recent Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting about what Wardington Parish Council (PC) are planning on doing with the COMF grant with the aim of trying to get the community back together again after the lockdown. It is hoped that it will be possible for this event to run in September as a celebratory event.

**32.2 Any other matters** – None.

**33. Play equipment safety inspections** – It was noted that regular inspections of the play equipment are required by the parish insurers in addition to the annual professional inspection. It was agreed that the Clerk should complete the regular inspections and report back to the PC at each meeting. If any issues are noted in the inspections the PC should be informed immediately by e-mail and repairs organised with Brent Harris.

**34. Responsibility for Defibrillator outside the Memorial Hall** – The current Guardian of the Defibrillator has asked if the PC will take this on. It was agreed that the PC will take on legal ownership of the defibrillator including any costs for consumables and repairs but someone from the Village Hall should take on the role of Guardian which involves monthly checks of the equipment. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson/Clerk to contact the Village Hall Committee to ask for formal notification of transfer of ownership of the defibrillator to the PC. Clerk/RFO to organise addition of the defibrillator to the Asset Register and insurance policy once confirmation of transfer of ownership has been received.**

**35. Request from parishioner for additional kerbside posts** – The verge in the Upper Pool area opposite the Red Lion is getting cut up by vehicles. A parishioner has suggested that substantial wooden kerbside posts are installed. It was agreed that in principle the PC are supportive of the suggestion to install kerbside posts but would like more detail from the parishioner regarding post type and costs. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to contact parishioner to request further information to bring back to next meeting for consideration.**

**36. Planning applications received**

**21/01595/F – 2 Council Houses, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** Formation of means of access and associated dropped kerb. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**21/01695/LB – West Wing, Williamscoth.** Removal of stud partition wall surrounding bedroom three/study, removal of stud partition wall blocking access to downstairs storage area and removal of stud partitioning on the second floor. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**21/01810/F – Study Cottage, Wardington.** Erection of two single storey lean-to extensions and a two storey glazed entrance hall. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**21/01976/TCA – St Mary Magdalene Church, Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant, Wardington.** T1 x Yew - Prune away from adjoining property to give 2.0m clearance. Sever and remove ivy to 1.2m (exempt). T2 x Lime - Fell due to bark exudates, possibly kreutjmaria. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

**37. Planning decisions received**

**21/00984/F – 8 Council Houses, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension (depth 6m) and part 2 storey extension (re-submission of 20/03561/F). **Refused.**

**21/00901/F and 21/00902/LB – Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth.** Retrospective application to approve dormer window roof structures which were built in 1985. **Withdrawn.**

**21/01112/LB – The Bishops House, Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant, Wardington.** Rebuild existing rear bay window with stone plinth to replace existing concrete plinth. **Approved.**

**20/03556/F Francis Tuthill Ltd, Tuthill Park, Banbury Road Through Wardington.** Erection of new building and associated car park. **Approved.**

**21/00985/F – Up Corner Cottage, Wardington.** First floor rear bedroom extension. **Approved.**  
**APP/C3105/C/20/3248386 – Land at OS Parcel 3349, Spruce Meadows, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth.** **Appeal dismissed.**

**38. Responsible Financial Officer's Report** – Cllr Bob Jarrett is reviewing the model Financial Regulations and will present an amended document for approval at the next meeting.

**39. Finance**

**39.1** To approve payments made since the last meeting: Proposed and agreed.

Wardington Memorial Hall – Hire of Hall	£19.29
Malcolm Patterson – Expenses (Zoom Subscription)	£105.25
Framptons – Invoice payment error	£20.00

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

N Prickett – Grass cutting (2 cuts)	£741.60
B R Harris – Notice Board maintenance	£35.50
K Buttle - Clerk's Salary (June 21)	£207.76
HMRC – PAYE	£51.80

The RFO also requested approval to pay the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

Wardington Memorial Hall - Hire of hall Jul 27th Meeting	£19.29
Julie Burnett - Re-imbursement of agreed expenses	£26.73

## Wardington Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom video conferencing.**

**Present:** Cllr Patterson (Chairman), Cllr Martin (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Banks, Cllr Jarrett, Cllr Page.

**In Attendance:** District Cllr Chapman.

**12. Election of Chairman** - It was proposed and agreed to re-elect Cllr Patterson as the Chairman. Cllr Patterson completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**13. Election of Vice Chairman** - It was proposed and agreed to re-elect Cllr Martin as the Vice-Chairman.

**14. Apologies** - Cllr Burnett, County Cllr Reynolds

**15. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda** - Cllr Banks declared an interest in planning app 21/00901/F (item 18).

**16. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
- The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

**17. Proposal to adopt a Responding to Planning Application Policy** - It was proposed and agreed to adopt the policy.

**18. Planning applications received**

**21/01431/TCA – St Mary Magdalene Church, Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant, Wardington.** T1 x Pine - Reduce NNW crown by up to 2.5m. Reduce leader in NW crown by up to 4.0m. Renew cable brace. T2 x Pine - Remove split branch over road to stem. Prune away from property to ensure 2.0m clearance. Reduce branches in lower SE crown by up to 1.5m. Thin western crown by 10%. Renew cable brace system. **It was agreed to submit the following response: The Parish Council have no objections to this application but would ask that the trees in question be kept under regular observation as they pose problems for nearby buildings and residents.**

**21/00901/F – Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth.** Retrospective application to approve dormer window roof structures which were built in 1985. **No objections**

**21/01112/LB – The Bishops House, Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant, Wardington.** Rebuild existing rear bay window with stone plinth to replace existing concrete plinth. **No objections.**

39.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

OCC - Grass Cutting grant	£867.56
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39.4 Playground 200 club draw

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	54. B Richards	£20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	71. R. Stell	£10.00

**40. To adopt the following policies/documents:** Proposed and agreed.

- 40.1 Disciplinary Policy
- 40.2 Grievance Policy
- 40.3 Complaints Procedure
- 40.4 Scheme of Delegation
- 40.5 Code of Conduct
- 40.6 Financial Control and Internal Audit Procedure

**41. Information exchange** – A Cllr noted that there was a power cut last week and the first VAS on the A361 coming from the Banbury direction is not working. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to contact the VAS supplier to see if it can be fixed.** Cllr George Page is looking into getting quotes for hedge laying around the Burial Ground.

**Date of next meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Meeting closed @ 8:27pm**

**Signed..... Date.....**



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### 19. Planning decisions received

21/00389/F – Sutherlands, Wardington House, Wardington. Erection of a greenhouse in the garden. **Approved.**

### 20. Election of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

It was proposed and agreed to elect Cllr Jarrett as the RFO.

### 21. Finance

21.1 Proposal to instruct the following maintenance work:

- i) **Repair and renovate Notice Board opposite the Hare & Hounds £109.00**  
– Proposed and agreed. Clerk to instruct work. It suggested that the other noticeboards in the village should be checked to see if any maintenance/repairs are required.
- ii) **Concrete in White Posts on Mount Pleasant £99.20** - The installation of the posts had been successful but as some had become loose. Cllr Banks suggested that only half of the posts should be concreted in the see how successful that is to start with. This was agreed by all. **Cllr Patterson to instruct work on half (6) of the posts.**

21.2 To approve payment of the following invoices. Proposed and agreed.

Payee	Description	Amt
Cherwell District Council	Dog bin emptying	£385.44
N Prickett	Grass cutting - 2 cuts	£741.60
BHIB	Annual parish insurance – final yr of 3 yr agreement	£439.92

### 22. Information exchange

Cllr Page expressed concern that the front garden of 2 Mount Pleasant had been gravelled over and that he felt it was not in keeping with the neighbouring gardens. Cllr Jarrett announced that he had drafted a Banking Policy to reflect the new online banking process. This would be circulated to Councillors for adoption at the next meeting. **Clerk to put policy on next agenda.**

Cllr Page confirmed that the balance of the Playground deposit account has been transferred to the current account and although the balance is zero the account remains open.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm** – venue TBC

**Meeting closed @ 8:05pm**

Signed.....

Date.....



Events Diary			
Date	Time	Event	Place
7th August (Saturday)	9 - 11.30pm	Bring & Play	Memorial Hall
17th August (Tuesday)	TBC	The Hare and Hounds reopening	The Hare and Hounds
28th August (Saturday)	Afternoon	Cricket Club Fun Day	Cricket Fields
11th September (Saturday)	2 - 5pm	Wardington "Stronger Together" Event	Various, see advert
25th September (Saturday)	7pm for 7.30pm	Harvest Supper	Memorial Hall
3rd October (Sunday)	10am	Harvest Festival Service	Church
16th October (Saturday)	TBC	Cricket Club Dinner Dance	See advert

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