



THE WARBLER

A newsletter for the Parish of Wardington, Williamscoth and Coton

DEADLINE for next issue
(August) of the Warbler:

20th July 2022, 5pm

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

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Roll up, roll up!

**The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee weekend**

**The Wardington Memorial Hall
Playground & Cricket Ground**

**Saturday 4th June
2-5pm**



**BBQ
Childrens' games
Childrens' tea party
Refreshments**



**Pimms
Tea & coffee
Home cricket match
Entertainer**



I have rather enjoyed putting this Warbler together as I am really quite excited about the Jubilee celebrations that we have planned in the Parish! I have taken on the task of organising the Children's Tea Party side of things, with others in the village taking on the overseeing of other key parts of the celebrations. These sorts of events do not happen without a lot of organisation and manpower so please do get involved if you can! I know I will be smiling winningly at a people in the near future...

I would also really appreciate your participation in the speed limit poll - details on the next page - and, again, I know that the community minded spirit will prevail when it comes to getting the opinions heard of those who do not have easy access to technology.

I am rather short on pictures and recipes this issue - please could you help me out? There are only so many of my own family recipes I can share before we get to the top secret ones, and we all know what happens when you start sharing top secret information...!!

Lexi

Could your recipe go here?

*Have you got a cracking crab recipe? Or a stonking stroganoff recipe? A delicious doughnut recipe? Or a rocking rice pudding recipe?
Then please do send it in to share in the Warbler!*

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Oxfordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for push-chairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

20mph in Wardington - Opinion Poll

There is an opportunity for Wardington Parish to apply to reduce the 30 mph speed limits within the Parish to 20 mph and Wardington Parish Council would really like your views on the matter. An online survey has been set to collect the following information as a form of public consultation:

- ⇒ would you agree with this proposal: yes/no
- ⇒ Comments on your answer
- ⇒ Your name
- ⇒ Your postcode

You do not need an email address to do this and all of the information will be used solely for the purpose of gauging support for an application to reduce the speed limit as mentioned.

Please go to this link to complete this quick survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3F9PJGG>

This link will also be posted on the Wardington website, along with the Wardington and Williamsot community facebook pages.

If you do not have access to the internet, then please do ask a friend to fill it in for you or contact a councillor to help you.



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New Bus Service

The new Bus Service in Waddington is brought to you by ABILITY; operating a community bus service for residents in your area.

The service will commence on 19th April and will operate three times per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Banbury.

The new service is a pre-bookable service and will operate twice per day initially, increasing with demand if necessary.



3 Steps to Use the Service

1. REGISTER

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2. BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

Reserve your seat in advance

3. ENJOY YOUR TRIP

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Why not join us on one of our many outings, as we take people out and about; venturing off for lunch, or for a browse around a garden centre, or to a local town for a spot of shopping! Complete a form as above and we will send you details.

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From the Vicar for April 2022:

A daring season

Just over two years now since life as we knew it was turned upside down by a virus, and as many have found their lives radically affected by the cloud of war, we enter another season. Easter, is the season whose central theme is of new beginnings and a radical hope.

Having grown up in a house where musicals of many sorts were part of our sound landscape, I often find songs connecting me to the season. In the 1972 musical *Godspell*, a troupe of 10 performers together tell the story of Jesus. Based on the gospel of Matthew the performance uses clowning, pantomime, charades, acrobatics, and vaudeville to tell the story of Christ. *Godspell* is a pageant that moves from moment to moment, a production intended to celebrate good news ('*god spell*' is Old English for *gospel*) and weave this God's spell of new hope, new joy, new life over its audience. This is a daring act of resistance – to find even under the cloud of conflict and uncertainty the ways of peace with justice and joy. From one of *Godspell*'s songs, *By Your Side*:

*I shall call the pebble dare ...
We will talk, we will talk together ..about walking
dare shall be carried
And when we both have had enough
I will take him from my shoe, singing:
"Meet your new road!"
Then I'll take your hand
Finally glad ..That you are here
By my side*

May you find by your side, the Easter message of resurrection, the practice of radical hope, as we begin again.

From the Vicar for May 2022:

Trees be Company

The bright green leaves of the hawthorn are often among the first to open in the spring, but its flowers open relatively late, leading to its alternative name 'May blossom'. It has other names – Quickthorn (because cuttings were 'quick' – Old English for alive), Whitethorn, Hawberry, and even 'Bread and Cheese'. Hawthorn comes from the Saxon word for hedge, and in Britain it is familiar as a hedging plant, though it can also grow tall. It provides a naturally prickly, stockproof barrier and superb cover for roosting and nesting birds. In autumn the fruits, or haws, ripen to scarlet then crimson, and offer vital food for resident birds and winter migrants. Trees such as the hawthorn can help us pay attention to, and mark the seasons well. The poet Mary Oliver says: 'When I among the trees .. I would almost say they save me, and daily'. May is the time to mark Rogationtide – from the word to ask, this is an opportunity to ask for blessing for the land and crops. There is also the custom of 'beating the bounds' which the church has taken on in places to walk around parish boundaries. This is a chance to remember our belonging to community and place; an opportunity to re-connect to and honour the earth and creation; a challenge to work for justice and healing for all creation.

God of the elements, bless us: breathe on us, wash us clean, warm us, root us in your good ground, and nourish our living with holy joy. Amen (© Ruth Burgess)

NEWS FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES

Without wishing to appear too optimistic it is encouraging to see that the number of new cases of Covid-19 is reducing, we must be careful not to become complacent over the situation with which we have all lived for over the past two years. There are still large numbers of cases appearing every day. Although the latest variants such as Omicron are less virulent they do spread more quickly but last shorter periods and there are still cases here in the village as we go to press.

But one of many pluses is that the routine of Church services has at last settled to a regular pattern. Whilst the BCP Holy Communion is currently missing from the fourth Sunday of the month, the other three principle Sundays are back to a regular uniformity of: First Sunday – Family Service; Second Sunday – United Benefice Communion at one of the five churches by rotation; Third Sunday – Family Communion. It makes for easier church going planning plus refreshments following the first and third Sunday services.

On Sunday, 8th May we have the first visit to Shires' Edge Benefice by Bishop +Gavin following his recent appointment as Bishop of Dorchester, our area bishop. He will lead the United Benefice Holy Communion at 10.00am that morning at Cropredy.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Looking ahead the Church AGM (for short) will be held on Tuesday, 10th May at 7.30pm in the Church. This is the occasion when, amongst other matters, the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members are elected. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHURCHYARD

In recent weeks the Churchyard has looked as beautiful as ever. Despite the relatively cold weather - particularly the wind – the three magnolia bushes bloomed early and strongly. The colour along with better than usual daffodils was lovely but regrettably a harsh frost just before Easter soon saw the end of the flowering.

This can act as a reminder in that the maintenance of the Churchyard is carried out by an entirely voluntary team which, for various reasons, has recently reduced in size. We have recently invested in a new pedestrian mower which we hope will be more efficient – an reliable! Any able bodied parishioner who would like to assist with the mowing and strimming, either on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact Roderick Stell (758301).

CHURCH NAVE LIGHTING

With many thanks to the Friends of Wardington Church the high level wiring and lighting within the nave has been replaced. Although the only the wiring had been condemned at a recent certificate inspection, the opportunity was taken to replace all the light fittings – not only with LED lamps – but also with spot lamps that also shine upwards so as to illuminate the lovely timber – practically never seen in the winter. The result adds a further dimension to the beauty of the church interior.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH:

Services: May 2022 - July 2022

Please check Church notice board, the Church monthly newsletter, or <https://wardington.net/st-mary-magdalene/church-services/> for further information and confirmation of these times.

SUNDAY SERVICES

| | | | |
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| May | 1 st | 10.00am | Family Service |
| May | 8 th | 10.00am | United Benefice Communion - Cropredy |
| May | 15 th | 10.00am | Family Communion - +Jonathan Meyrick |
| May | 22 th | 2.00pm | Thanksgiving Service (Tom Griffin) |
| May | 29 th | | No service at Wardington |
| June | 5 th | 10.00am | Family Service |
| June | 12 th | 10.00am | United Benefice Communion – Great Bourton |
| June | 19 th | 10.00am | Family Communion |
| June | 26 th | | No service at Wardington |
| July | 3 rd | 10.00am | Family Service |
| July | 10 th | 10.00am | United Benefice Communion – Claydon |
| July | 17 th | 10.00am | Family Communion |
| July | 24 th | 4.00pm | Evening Prayer – followed by tea |
| July | 31 st | | No service at Wardington |

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Every Wednesday
Cropredy

May – July 9.00am Morning Prayer (Excl 18th May & 8th June)

The
Playground 200 Club Draw
needs you!

Pay £1 a month and you could win:

1st Prize £20
2nd Prize £10

The winners are drawn monthly.

To join, please get in touch!

Contact
wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk
if you have any further questions

All proceeds go towards playground maintenance and inspections.



MID-SUMMER SAFARI SUPPER 2022

Saturday 18th June 7.15pm at St. Mary Magdalene

Building on the success of the past ten years the **Friends of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Wardington**, would like to invite you to take part in this very popular event, designed to provide the opportunity for villagers old and new to meet and socialise whilst raising funds to maintain our beautiful Church.

You can join in by:

Offering to host 4 or more people (plus hosts = 6) for supper, main course only with wine.

Providing a pudding for 'After Dinner' held at the Memorial Hall.

Simply purchasing a ticket to attend the evening's activities.

The evening will begin with a drinks reception in the churchyard when you will have the chance to meet your hosts and fellow guests.

The programme for the evening is as follows:

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| 7.15pm | Drinks and canapés at St Mary Magdalene Church provided by the Friends of St. Mary Magdalene, Wardington. |
| 7.45pm | Main Course Supper with wine at the house of your allocated hosts. |
| 9:30pm | Pudding and Cheese at the Memorial Hall (Cash bar provided). |

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

For further information and to secure your place please contact:

Steve Mackenzie-Lawrie on 07950 411 373, Email: steve.mlawrie@btinternet.com
or Philippa Hunt on 01295 758 087, Email Philippa.hunt@btinternet.com



Cricket Club News:

Preparations are well underway for the new season. Having narrowly missed out on promotion last year (by 1 point) we will again be playing in Division 3 of the South Northants League. Our home fixtures for the coming season are listed below.

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| Saturday 7th May 2022 | Towcestrians 'A' |
| Saturday 14th May 2022 | Preston Bissett |
| Saturday 4th June 2022 | Thornborough 'A' |
| Saturday 11th June 2022 | Evenley 'A' |
| Saturday 25th June 2022 | Woodford Halse 'A' |
| Saturday 2 nd July 2022 | Evenley 'A' |
| Saturday 23rd July 2022 | Printers |
| Saturday 30th July 2022 | Crown |
| Saturday 13th August 2022 | League Cup Round 1 - Thornborough 'A' |

If you are interested in getting involved with club either playing or volunteering please call:

Anne Wilkins (Club Secretary) 758167 or 07951794994

Williamscot Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Friday June 3rd 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Williamscot will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in fine style with a street party and refreshments, bunting and music.

There will be a competition for the best cake with a Jubilee theme to rival the official cake and a best dressed red white and blue theme competition.

WARDINGTON GARDEN CLUB



2022 PROGRAMME

Wednesday 4 May at 6.30

Depart Village Hall 6.00

Visit to **The Old Vicarage, Adderbury, OX17 3LR**

Courtesy of Sir Peter and Lady Christine Job

A large garden with a lake. Many interesting and unusual plants which Peter loves discussing with visitors

Thursday 16 June at 6.30

Repeat visit to **'Hazel's Garden', Fox Hill Gate, Upper Wardington, OX17 1SP**

Courtesy of Andrew and Ginny Steven and Barrie Gould

Followed by visit to **3, Mount Pleasant, Wardington** and discussion led by garden designer Louise Bowman-Shaw.

Given nice weather, this will be a delightful local evening.

Thursday 7 July at 6.30

Depart Village Hall 5.45

Visit to **Boxes Farm, Slapton, NN12 8PE.**

Courtesy of James Miller

A bit further to travel but well worth it. Our first visit to James Miller's garden

Potential Members and Guests very welcome to come to any of our meetings

The annual subscription remains at £5 for the year. There is nothing else to pay.

For further information please contact Malcolm Patterson (01295 750014)

Wardington Community Event

We would like to invite you to a community drop-in event

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.


- meet your local engagement manager and members of the wider construction team;
- find out more about the project near you, our tunnel construction and how we will deliver precast tunnel segments to site; and
- see maps and plans of the project.

Come and talk to us on **Tuesday 10 May 2022**,
between **4:00pm to 7:00pm**
Wardington Memorial Hall,
2 Mount Pleasant,
Wardington, Banbury
OX17 1SL



Contact us

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happening in your area, visit:

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Over 60's News

Bingo

After a very successful Easter Bingo we will be hosting our next session on Friday 27th May. Doors open at 7pm.

If anyone would like more information on our activities, or would like to get involved, - we are particularly in need of help to set up for our bingo sessions and pack up again afterwards - our contact numbers are as follows:

Ian Franklin 758347

Anne Wilkins 758167

Jubilee Event - Afternoon Tea/Over 60's

We are arranging an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and would like to invite you to join us for Tea in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 2nd June at 4pm. Everyone is welcome, but in order to cater for numbers could you please contact Anne Wilkins (758167) or Lin Turnock (750771) to let us know if you will be attending.

Have you been on the Wardington website?

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.

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
or call Steve McKenzie-Lawrie on 07950 411373



Did you know...? *Afternoon Teas!*

We have resumed our get togethers and the next one will be on Thursday 25th February. Come and enjoy our homemade refreshments don't miss the roving raffle!

2-4pm, last Thursday of the Month in Wardington Memorial Hall



and

BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2022



Sunday July 10th 2022

Gates open at 0600am

- all profits to local area charities
- Our 4 longer routes will give you a great cycling experience and a great day out in the beautiful Cotswolds
- Start and end at Broughton Castle
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- **Cotswold Beast** – 100 miles – all new routes
 - £34 entry – advance booking rate / £40 on the day
- **Windrush Endurance** – 75 miles – new distance / new route
 - £31 entry – advance booking rate / £35 on the day
- **Cotswold Classic** – 50 miles – all new routes
 - £28 entry – advance booking price / £30 on the day
- **Cotswold Tour** – 20 miles of local routes
 - £23 entry – advance booking price / £25 on the day
- **Family Fun ride** – 5 miles local tour for families of all ages
 - £5 entry – advance booking price / £6 on the day

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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).

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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

Need a tutor?

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Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7:30pm at Wardington Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk, District Cllr Phil Chapman. 0 members of the public.

- 101. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Julie Burnett, Cllr Nigel Bankes, Cllr George Page. County & District Cllr Reynolds.
- 102. Proposal to co-opt Lexi Gordon-Finlayson onto the Parish Council (PC)** – Proposed and agreed. Lexi completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.
- 103. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr Patterson is the treasurer for the Wardington Garden Club.
- 104. Public participation session** – None.
- 105. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 11th January 2022** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.
- 106. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings**
 - 106.1** Further action to be taken to progress the repair of the wall opposite Yew Tree Cottage and get the footpath cleared – It appears that it could take some time to get Highways to do anything about this. **Clerk to write to wall owner to ask if they have any idea of when the wall will be repaired.**
 - 106.2** Defibrillator update – The Village Hall Committee have suggested that the defibrillator remain on their insurance so in order to avoid any potential insurance issues it was agreed that it would be best if the Village Hall retained ownership of the defibrillator and the PC donate any required consumables for the defibrillator.
- Clerk to inform Village Hall Committee.**
- 106.3** Signage in a Conservation Area – A parishioner has raised concerns about a new sign in the village that they have queried if it is acceptable in a Conservation Area. The PC has looked into this and do not wish to take any action on the sign.

Cllr Chapman gave his report at this point as he needed to leave early. His report is minuted under item 113 - Information Exchange.

Cllr Chapman left the meeting at 8:03pm.

- 107. Play equipment inspection** – Inspection completed 23.01.22 with no issues reported – Noted.
- 108. Planning applications received**
 - 21/04027/F – 1 The Greensward, Wardington.** Dropped kerb. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).
 - 21/04241/NIMA – Merrie House, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** Change of window position (proposed as non-material amendment to 16/00367/F). **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

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. **No objections.**
22/00304/TPO - Ashen End 4, Stud Farm Close, Wardington. T1 x Walnut Tree - Reduce crown height by 3m and shape 5% crown thin. **No objections.**

22/03001/F – Cannons Yard, Williamscott. RETROSPECTIVE - Pole barn located in agricultural land for housing of sheep, annual lamb rearing and rescue donkeys over winter and for shearing and treating animals. **No objections.**

Planning decisions received

21/03623/F and 21/03624/LB – Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscott. Partial reinstatement of cross-passage partition and reinstatement of rear cross-passage doorway. **Approved.**

21/04172/AGN - Top Dawkins Farm, Chacombe Road, Wardington. Erection of a general purpose farm building, steel portal frame, spanning off the existing existing barn and to be of similar design and materials: Concrete panel walls with steel profile sheet cladding above (plastic coated, green), under steel profile sheet roof. Access from existing yard of Top Dawkins Farm buildings and using existing site access from highway. **Prior approval not required.**

109. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- 109.1** Proposal to make a contribution of up to £300 to support the Wardington Garden Club with tree planting for the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme – It was clarified that the funding requested is not for trees as these would likely be received free of charge from the Woodland Trust and that the costs would be in relation to putting on an event for members of the community to receive a talk from The Woodland Trust about what planting could be possible in the parish in the hope of encouraging parishioners to take part in the scheme. Proposed and agreed. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to organise purchases in conjunction with the Clerk.**

109.2 Proposal to purchase Platinum Jubilee Mugs – Agreed not to go ahead with this.

- 110. Proposal to arrange for the installation of 3 bollards in the verge opposite Sundial House in Upper Wardington at a cost of up to £650 - there may be some funding available from Highways to reduce the cost to the PC** – Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to speak to Highways to request a contribution when the final price is confirmed.**

111. Parishioner requests

- 111.1** To consider setting up a Community First Responder group who are trained in the use of the defibrillator – It was agreed that a CPR and defib training session should be run for members of the community to attend. **Cllr Patterson will invite John Rourke to attend the next meeting to discuss the training options with the PC.**
- 111.2** To purchase and install 20mph signs and/or '20 is plenty' signs and check the condition of existing signs – It was agreed that this would not be necessary given the County Council 20mph scheme discussed and minuted under item 113.

112. Finance

- 112.1** Bank balances – Total - £33,427.39 which is made up of £22,059.96 Wardington, Playground £5957.68, Williamscott - £5407.40, and £2.35 in 2 remaining accounts.
- 112.2** Update on change to bank mandate – There have been some problems in getting details from Unity Trust about what was required for the new RFO to be added to

Wardington Parish Council

the mandate. **Cllr Bob Jarrett now has the required forms and he will get them signed by the relevant Cllrs and sent off in the next few days.**

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

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| Kirsty Buttler | Clerk's Salary | £311.54 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £77.80 |
| Wardington Memorial Hall | Hall Hire | £16.14 |

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

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| Parish Magazine Printing | Warbler Printing | £241.50 |
| Kirsty Buttler | Clerk's expenses | £61.34 |
| Primary Care Supplies (reimburse to Clerk as pd by CC) | Defibrillator consumables | £314.10 |
| Community First Oxfordshire | Annual subscription | £55.00 |

- 112.5 Playground 200 club draw

1st Prize 03. Malcolm Patterson £20.00

2nd Prize 09. S Cunniffe £10.00

113. Information exchange

Cllr Chapman advised that the County Council has been looking into promoting 20mph limits in villages who are interested in having their speed limits reduced. If villages wish to take part they should sign up via the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) website and they will need a supporting letter from Cllr George Reynolds. The process to change the speed limit is complex and costly as it requires consultation and legal work plus notification of residents. The legal costs could be covered by OCC but any additional work such as moving signs and additional speed reducing measures would need to be paid for by the PC. It was agreed that the **Clerk should apply for Wardington and Williamscoth to be considered as part of the speed reduction scheme.**

Cllr Malcolm Patterson confirmed that he has asked Cllr George Page to pursue other contacts he has to seek quotes for hedge trimming near the Church as the previous contractor has stopped communicating.

The Post box was moved in front of the village hall by Royal Mail but it seems to be in a position that it is likely to be hit by a car. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee if they would be willing to have the post box on their wall and if so, the PC will approach Royal Mail about this.

Meeting closed @ 9:06pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22nd March 2022 @ 7:30pm

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

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 Bankes.

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 20mph. 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. H52 update** – Simon from H52 has provided a presentation document that H52 wish to present as part of a village meeting and/or in the Warbler sometime in April. **Clr 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 Clr 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. **Clr Bob Jarrett to advise H52 of the PC view and make Clr 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 Leylandis 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, Williamscoth.** 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.
- Finance**
- 123.1 Bank balances – Wardington - £20,982.54, Playground - £6,020.68, Williamscoth - £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 **Clr 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.**

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| 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.**

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| 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 Clr George Page what their next steps should be as they have reported concerns about the condition of a section of road on firmystreet and have been advised a number of times that Highways were coming out but they didn't turn up. **Clr George Page agreed to contact County Clr George Reynolds about this.**

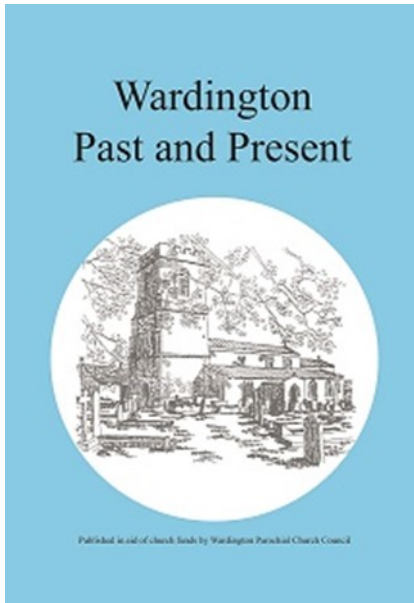
Meeting closed @ 9:37pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19th April 2022

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

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| Events Diary | | | |
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| Date | Time | Event | Place |
| 4th May (Wednesday) | 6.30 pm | Garden Club visit - The Old Vicarage | Adderbury |
| 10th May (Tuesday) | 4 - 7 pm | HS2 community event | Memorial Hall |
| 10th May (Tuesday) | 7.30 pm | Church AGM | Church |
| 27th May (Friday) | 7 pm | Over 60s Bingo - open to all | Memorial Hall |
| 2nd June (Friday) | 4 pm | Over 60s Jubilee Celebration - open to all | Memorial Hall |
| 4th June (Saturday) | 2 - 5 pm | Jubilee Celebrations | Memorial Hall and Cricket Pitch |
| 16th June (Thursday) | 6.30 pm | Garden Club visit - Hazel's Garden | Upper Wardington |
| 18th June (Saturday) | 7.15 pm | Mid-Summer Safari Supper | Church etc |
| 7th July (Thursday) | 6.30 pm | Garden Club visit - Boxes Farm | Slapton |

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