

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public.

54. Apologies for absence – Apologies noted - Cllr Richard Reid. Apologies accepted – Cllr Richard Reid.

55. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr Burnett declared an interest in planning applications 22/00284/F, and 21/03001/F.

56. Public participation session – None.

57. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 18th October 2022 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

58. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 58.1 Feedback re parishioner survey regarding applying for 20mph limits within the parish – There were only around 30 responses but they were mainly in favour of pursuing the 20mph scheme. Concerns were raised about the possibility that additional signage for the 20mph may make the village appear more urban. After some discussion it was agreed to pursue the reduction of all 30mph areas in the village to 20mph. **Clerk to inform Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).**
- 58.2 Update re CPR and defibrillator training session – Cllr Malcolm Patterson has spoken to Tuthill Porsche and they have agreed that their 3 first aiders can attend and would act as first responders for the village. Their preference is for a training session to be held as close to 8am on a Mon to Thu as possible. **Clerk to try to get a date arranged.**
- 58.3 HS2 update – The bridge over the A361 went well and was done in around 2 weeks. Cllr Bob Jarrett has had further contact regarding all of the signage left around the village and was advised that HS2 have some other early morning working coming up soon and once that is done they will remove the signs that are no longer needed.

59. Play Area

- 59.1 Update re repairs instructed – A parishioner asked the contractor not to cut the hedge adjacent to their property and agreed to cut it themselves. The contractor has completed all other work instructed.
- 59.2 Update re removal and replacement of Trim Trail – Cllr Malcolm Patterson is in contact with 4 play equipment providers in order to obtain quotes for a replacement trim trail. A recommendation from one company is to put the wooden posts on the new equipment into metal post holders to double the lifespan of the new equipment. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to obtain quotes and bring back to next meeting.**

60. Request from parishioner for the Parish Council to help get the 3 large trees on the Green in Upper Wardington to be dramatically reduced in size and thinned – The PC does not own the trees so will not be able to complete any work on the trees or make any financial contribution

but the PC would not object to any work being completed on the trees should the owner choose to do so.

61. Planning applications received

22/03324/TCA - The Bishops House, Wardington. T1 - Beech. Removal of tree. Survey attached. T2 - Beech. Removal of tree. Survey attached. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

22/03338/LB – Sadies Cottage, 4 Cropredy Lane, Williamscot. Creating new doorways between two existing dwellings (number 3 & 4) to form one single dwelling. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

22/03281/TCA - Post Office Cottage, Mount Pleasant, Wardington. T1 x Ash - Fell due to size, proximity to village hall and condition outlined in report. T2 x Conifer - Fell due to size and proximity to boundary. Both to be replaced with 3 of Oak, Birch and Maple. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

22/03410/TCA - Old Bonhams, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. T1 x Leylandii - cut back stem to 8 metres to remove all of the splits in the stem and make the tree safe. Failed top. T2 x Leylandii - reduce tree to up to 9-10 metres high to make safe split present in stem and tree now prone to wind and without companion shelter. **No objection.**

22/00284/F - Cannons Yard, Williamscot. Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land, and erection of tool shed. **No objection.**

Making of Tree Preservation Order No. 28/2022 - Various Species of Trees located on the Cricket Field at the corner of Thorpe Road and Mount Pleasant, Wardington [TPO] - JH/7902. **Objection both to the application as some of the trees are self seeded with little value, and to the extremely short time frame between this application being made public and the deadline for response therefore the PC request an extension to the consultation period to allow interested parties to gather relevant information in order to respond to this proposal.**

Planning decisions received

21/03001/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. **Approved.**

22/02338/TCA - Walnut Tree House, 1 Stud Farm Close, Wardington. T2 x Ash - Reduce Upper Western Crown by up to 2.5 metres and shape. AMENDMENT - T1 x Walnut - Reduce height by 1 metre, reduce Upper North West crown by 1.5 metres, reduce Southern Crown by up to 2 metres, reduce Lower South East crown by 1.5m, carry out a 5% crown thin and crown raise to 2.05 metres. **Approved.**

22/02791/TCA - 2, The Old Vicarage, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. T1 x Ash - 5m crown lift, one side only to clear property. T2 x Pyrus (weeping silver pear) - 1m crown reduction. **Approved.**

22/02956/TCA - Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot. T1 - T2 x Cherry – Fell. **Approved.**

62. Finance

62.1 Cashbook and Bank balances – Noted.

	WPC Main	Playground Main	Williamscott	Playground 2nd	Barclays 2	Total
Cashbook balances as at 24.11.22	£24,021.99	£6,139.68	£6,465.84	£0.03	£2.32	£36,629.86
Bank balance as at 24.11.22	£2,732.66					
Savings balance as at 24.11.22	£25,014.14					
Bank balance as at 31.10.22		6269.68		£0.03	£2.32	
Bank balance as at 31.10.22			£4,615.84			
Uncashed cheques/payments	-1874.81	-130				

62.2 Plans for the playground 200 draw – Defer to next meeting as the decision regarding a new trim trail may affect the plans for the draw.

62.3 Update re bank mandate changes

- i) Unity Trust Account – The mandate change has now been completed.
- ii) Williamscott Account – The Clerk has written a cheque for the total amount remaining in the Williamscott account which will be signed after this meeting and sent to Unity Bank asap. Once the cheque has cleared the Williamscott account will be closed.
- iii) Playground 200 Account – Not required until a decision has been made on the 200 draw.

62.4 Request from Cluster Care Group for the Parish Council to consider making a donation – It was proposed and agreed to make a donation of £250 to Cluster Care. **Clerk to arrange the donation.**

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

23.08.22	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 account fee	£5.80
18.10.22	100758	Mr and Mrs Wilkinson	Playground 200 prize	£30.00
18.10.22	100759	Mrs T Gill	Playground 200 prize	£10.00
18.10.22	100760	Mr M C Bell	Playground 200 prize	£20.00
23.10.22	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 account fee	£5.00

62.6 To note the following receipts: Noted.

31.08.22	Playground 200 draw August	Playground 200 draw August	£41.00
27.10.22	Various	Fairport Tickets	£100.00
31.10.22	Playground 200 draw October	Playground 200 draw October	£40.00

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

Brent Harris	Repairs to play area	£532.60
N R Prickett	Grass cutting 24th October	£390.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary November & backpay	£544.29
HMRC	Tax November	£67.80
Kirsty Buttle	Expenses - Mobile & One Drive	£14.99
Parish Magazine Printing	Warbler printing	£325.13

62.8 To review the draft budget for 2023-24 – It was agreed that the budget should include funds for a new Coronation Bench and a replacement noticeboard. **Clerk to obtain prices.** It was agreed that due to the current cost of living concerns PC would like to aim for no increase in the precept this year if possible, even if this requires using funds from reserves.

62.9 Playground 200 club draw –

1st Prize - 48 – Malcolm Patterson - £20

2nd Prize - 45 – Andy Crossley - £10

63. To agree meeting dates for 2023 – Proposed dates are Jan 10th, Feb 14th, Mar 14th, Apr 18th, May 16th, Jun 27th, Jul 25th, Sep 5th, Oct 17th, Nov 28th. **Clerk to book the hall.**

64. Information exchange – The area along the road past Wardington Manor seems very dark and it was asked if one of the streetlamps may have a fault. **Cllr Jarrett agreed to report this on Fixmystreet.**

The PC has received notification of a proposed diversion of footpath No 4 at Tuthill Park. It was agreed that if the PC are asked to respond there are no objections to this proposal.

Meeting closed @ 9:13pm

Date of next meeting – 10th January 2023

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