

## Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

**Present:** Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr R Jarrett, Mr N Bankes, Mr G Page, Mr R Reid.

**In attendance:** District Cllr Phil Chapman, Clerk.

**65. Apologies for absence** – Apologies received from: Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson, Mrs J Burnett. Apologies accepted: None.

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

**67. Public participation session** – None.

**68. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

### **69. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings**

- 69.1 Update re applying for 20mph limits within the parish – Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) have confirmed that Wardington will be included in phase 2 of the project which they hope to start in spring.
- 69.2 Update re CPR and defibrillator training session - The Clerk is still waiting for dates from St John Ambulance. **Clerk to follow up.**
- 69.3 HS2 update – The next road closure will be on 20<sup>th</sup> January for 4 hours between 8pm and midnight from the compound up to Aston Le Walls. **Cllr Jarrett to put this information on the village website.**
- 69.4 Update re Local Plan Consultation – The publication of the Local Plan Consultation has been delayed and is likely to come out soon after 19<sup>th</sup> January. The draft plan has been published and at the moment it appears that there is nothing that Wardington and Williamscott residents need to be concerned about in regards to large developments in the parish. The PC will consider a response to the consultation when the agreed version of the plan has been published.

*Cllr Chapman left the meeting at 7:48pm.*

**70. Grit bins in the parish** – Concerns have been raised about a number of the grit bins in the parish being emptied recently when the weather was very cold and icy. It was noted that the grit in the salt bins should only be used on the public highway, not for private use. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson agreed to speak to the parishioner involved to find out if there are issues with salt availability and problems with ice on the Highway near to their property that may suggest a need for an additional grit bin in that area.**

### **71. Play Area**

- 71.1 Update re removal and replacement of Trim Trail – Cllr Malcolm Patterson has received further quotes relating to the replacement of the trim trail. The quotes range from £9800 to £14000. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to request detailed plans and specifications of the quotes to allow the PC to consider which specification is most suitable.**
- 71.2 Report on play equipment inspection completed on 05.01.23 – The Clerk confirmed that the inspection has taken place and the issues raised were a damaged/loose plank on the trim trail which has now been removed, and the adjacent garden fence still not being secure.

### **72. Planning applications received**

**22/03638/TCA - San Clar, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** 1 x Cherry Tree - Fell and remove. Roots are threatening of the neighbouring property. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

**22/03711/TCA - The Mounts, Thorpe Road, Wardington.** T1 x Cherry Tree - fell tree. T2 x Portuguese Laurel - reduce crown by 30% as part of regular tree maintenance. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

#### Planning decisions received

**22/03324/TCA - The Bishops House, Wardington.** T1 - Beech. Removal of tree. Survey attached. T2 - Beech. Removal of tree. Survey attached. **Approved.**

**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. **Approved.**

**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. **Approved.**

#### Planning appeal notifications received

**22/01488/OUT - OS Parcel 5616 South West Of Huscote Farm And East Of, Daventry Road, Banbury.**  
**Appeal against Non-determination** - Construction of up to 140,000 sq m of employment floorspace (use class B8 with ancillary offices and facilities) and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse. **It was proposed and agreed to delegate powers to the Clerk to make a submission to the planning inspectorate which should include a resubmission of comments already made.**

### 73. Finance

#### 73.1 Cashbook and Bank balances – Noted.

	WPC Main	Playground Main	Williamscott	Playground 2nd	Barclays 2	Total
<b>Cashbook balances as at 04.01.22</b>	£23,264.75	£6,186.68	£6,465.84	£0.03	£2.32	<b>£35,919.62</b>
<b>Bank balance as at 04.01.22</b>	£5,639.32					
<b>Savings balance as at 04.01.22</b>	£24,091.27					
<b>Bank balance as at 30.11.22</b>		£6,256.68		£0.03	£2.32	
<b>Uncashed cheques/payments</b>		-£70.00				

- 73.2 Plans for the playground 200 draw – This will be reviewed when it is clear what is needed in relation to the replacement Trim Trail. In the meantime it was agreed to request that any new members of the 200 draw be given the main Unity account details to pay into and all payments for prizes be made from the Unity account to reduce bank charges.
- 73.3 Proposal to retrospectively (due to grant application deadlines) approve an application to the County Councillor's Priority Fund for £1,817.59 for a grant to pay for the purchase and installation of a replacement noticeboard – Proposed and agreed.
- 73.4 Proposal to delegate authority to the Clerk to place the order for a new noticeboard and installation should the grant application be successful – Proposed and agreed for the **Clerk to order** the wider board (PD6A4) with gold Times New Roman text (Wardington Parish Council) and one lockable door (left). **Cllr Richard Reid to confirm location for new board.**
- 73.5 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

29.11.22	100761	Mr M Patterson	Playground 200 prize	£20.00
29.11.22	100762	Mr M C Bell	Playground 200 prize	£10.00

21.12.22	BACS	Cluster Care	Donation	£250.00
21.12.22	BACS	St Mary Magdalene Church	30 copies of Wardington Past & Present	£90.00
21.12.22	BACS	Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall hire Jan to Mar 2023	£53.28
21.12.22	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	Salary Dec	£393.09
21.12.22	BACS	HMRC	Tax Dec	£30.00
31.12.22	DD	Unity	Bank account fee	£18.00
23.11.22	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 account fee	£5.00

73.6 To note the following receipts: Noted.

30.11.22	100733/100747	Cancelled Cheques	Relating to previous financial year	£30.00
31.12.22		Unity	Interest	£77.13
30.11.22		Playground 200 draw November	Playground 200 draw November	£52.00

73.7 To agree the budget and precept for 2023-24 – It was proposed and agreed that the budget for 2023-24 will be £23,624.50 resulting in a precept of £12k with the difference being funded by £2,388 2023-24 income, around £2,745 surplus created by underspend and additional income in 2022-23, and around £6,000 from reserves, mainly from the playground reserve to fund the new trim trail. **Clerk to submit precept demand of £12,000.**

73.8 Playground 200 club draw –

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 67 – Ann Wilkins - £20

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 13 – Nigel Bankes - £10

**74. Information exchange** – One of the previous landlords of The Red Lion has offered some pictures of the Red Lion to the village – he will send them to Cllr George Page. There have been concerns raised about some dogs in the village chasing sheep which is particularly concerning given that many sheep are in lamb at the moment. It was agreed that a note should be placed in the Warbler, on the village Facebook page, and on the village website reminding people that it is against the law to not have your dog under control and Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, if a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence. **Cllr Richard Reid to help put a note together and pass on to the Clerk to publish.**

**75. Proposal to exclude the public and press in order to discuss a confidential staff matter relating to payscales, working from home allowance, and pensions** – Proposed and agreed.

**76. Confidential staff matter** – It was proposed and agreed to increase the Clerk's SCP to 24 from 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2023. It was also agreed to make a contribution of 3% to a pension scheme administered through NEST from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. **Clerk to organise the new pension scheme.**

Meeting closed @ 8:56pm.

**Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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