

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Mr R Jarrett (Vice Chairman), Mr N Bankes, Mr G Page, Mrs A Gordon Finlayson, Mrs J Burnett.

In attendance: Clerk.

77. Apologies for absence - Apologies received from: Cllr M Patterson. Apologies accepted: None. Apologies also received from District Cllr Phil Chapman.

78. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr Burnett advised the planning decision on 22/00284/F relates to her property.

79. Public participation session – None.

80. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 10th January 2023 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

81. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

81.1 Update re CPR and defibrillator training session – St John Ambulance have offered a session on 15th March from 8:30-10:30am. **Clerk** has contacted Tuthill Porsche to find out if this date and time is suitable and **will advertise the session to parishioners if the date is agreed.**

81.2 HS2 update – Nothing to report.

81.3 Update re Local Plan Consultation – The Local Plan Consultation wasn't released as it was rejected by the committee and has been passed back to planners to make some amendments before it is reconsidered.

81.4 Update re noticeboard purchase and installation – The noticeboard has been ordered. It was agreed that it should be installed near to the old telephone box site in that area.

82. Grit bins in the parish – request for a new grit bin on Fern Hill – The cost is likely to be around £250. Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to contact Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to request a new bin.**

83. Plans re Coronation Celebrations – Possible grant from Cherwell District Council (CDC) – Williamscott already have a plan that would not be eligible for the grant. There are no plans currently for Wardington. **Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson to inform members of local groups who may be interested in planning something about the availability of the grant.**

84. Play Area - Update re quotes for removal and replacement of the Trim Trail – Two quotes were received from Wicksteed and Sovereign. It was agreed to accept the quote from Wicksteed (£9,810.79) and fund the work from the balance of playground funds and the remainder from reserves. **Clerk to instruct Wicksteed.** It was also agreed that the future of the playground 200 draw should be put on the next agenda for a final decision on whether to continue with it. **Clerk to put playground 200 draw on next agenda.**

85. Hedge/tree removal within the parish – A discussion was held regarding how the PC respond to planning applications for removal of trees/hedges in the parish. It was agreed that all applications are considered on a case by case basis and if the applicant includes a commitment to complete some replacement planting the PC will view this positively.

86. Planning applications received

23/00078/F - Wardington Cricket Club, Pavillion, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Change of Use of Cricket Club ground to Car Park to serve Wardington Memorial Hall and Wardington Cricket Club. Works to include new hard surfaced car park area and upgrading of existing vehicular access - Re-submission of 22/01817/F. **The Parish Council support this application.** (Response made using delegated powers).

23/00133/HED - Wardington Grange, Wardington. Removal of hedge to improve working of agricultural fields. **Withdrawn.**

Planning decisions received

22/00284/F - Cannons Yard, Williamscot. RETROSPECTIVE - Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land, and erection of tool shed. **Approved.**

22/03638/TCA - San Clar, Thorpe Road, Wardington. 1 x Cherry Tree - Fell and remove. Roots are threatening of the neighbouring property. **Approved.**

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. **Approved.**

87. Finance

87.1 Cashbook and Bank balances – Noted.

	WPC Main	Playground Main	Williamscott	Playground 2nd	Total
Cashbook balances as at 08.02.23	£25,292.10	£6,189.08	£6,465.84	£0.03	£37,947.05

Bank balances: Noted.

PC Current	£7,636.67
PC Savings	£24,091.27
HSBC	£6,259.08
HSBC 2	£0.03
Uncashed cheques	-£40.00
Total	£37,947.05

87.2 To consider renewing annual membership with Community First Oxfordshire at a cost of £55 – It was agreed not to continue with this membership.

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

10.01.23	300001	Ann Wilkins	Playground 200 prize	£20.00
10.01.23	300002	Nigel Bankes	Playground 200 prize	£10.00
23.12.22	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 account fee	£6.60
27.01.23	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	Salary January	£393.09
27.01.23	BACS	HMRC	Tax January	£30.00

87.4 To note the following receipts: Noted.

09.01.23	Computershare	Consolidated Stock redemption	£250.23
10.01.23	Barn Farm Plants	Warbler advertising 2022	£48.00
13.01.23	Oxfordshire County Council	Grant for noticeboard	£1,817.59
13.01.23	Tuthill	Warbler advertising	£80.00
17.01.23	Smiths Newsagents	Warbler advertising 2022	£100.00
25.01.23	Humphris	Warbler advertising 2022	£100.00
31.12.22	Playground 200 draw December	Playground 200 draw December	£39.00
31.01.23	Bourtons Parish Council	Hall hire	£28.30
06.02.23	T Humphrey	Warbler advertising Jan 2023	£24.00

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

Parish Magazine Printing	Warbler Printing	£398.00
Chris Jarvis	Hedgelaying	£320.00

87.6 Playground 200 club draw –

1st Prize – 17 – C Hunt - £20

2nd Prize - 13 – Nigel Bankes - £10

88. Information exchange – Cllr Reynolds advised that the Oxfordshire precept increase will be 5%.

Cllr Reynolds asked that councillors and parishioners look at the Banbury Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation (<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/banbury-lcwip-initial>) and make any responses they think relevant. A Cllr noted that they reported a water leak on Fixmystreet and the response was that this was not the responsibility of Highways even though it was on the Highway. The Cllr then contacted Thames Water who reacted quite quickly. A Cllr noted that there is an area on the pavement going up the hill that is very slippery due to beech nuts having fallen from a tree. **Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson to report on Fixmystreet.** The brush in the churchyard from the hedge laying will be removed soon. Some historical information and a picture of The Red Lion have been passed on to the PC by an ex resident. It was agreed that the best place for this picture to be put up would be in the Memorial Hall so it can be enjoyed by many parishioners. **Clerk to contact the Memorial Hall Committee to ask if they will put these up in the Memorial Hall.**

Meeting closed @ 8:42pm

Date of next meeting – 14th March 2023

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