

Wardington Parish Council

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

Present: Mr M Patterson (Chairman), Mr R Jarrett, Mr G Page, Mrs A Gordon Finlayson, Mrs J Burnett.

In attendance: Clerk.

89. Apologies for absence - Apologies received from: Cllr N Bankes, Cllr R Reid. Apologies accepted: None. Apologies also received from District Cllr Phil Chapman.

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

91. Public participation session – None.

92. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 14th February 2023 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

93. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

93.1 Update re CPR and defibrillator training session – session will be held on Wednesday 15th March at 8:30am.

93.2 HS2 update including their offer to donate an Oak tree to the village in celebrations of the King's Coronation – Cllr Bob Jarrett has asked HS2 for an update re traffic movements but hasn't yet had a reply. He will now chase them more for removal of the signage. It was agreed to accept the offer of a tree from HS2 with possible locations for planting being at the top end of the Cricket Ground field or on the verge on the way out of the village in the gap between the other trees. Cllr Malcolm Patterson to speak to the Cricket Club trustees to see if they would be happy to have it on their land. Cllr Bob Jarrett to inform HS2 that the Parish Council (PC) are happy to accept the tree.

93.3 Update re noticeboard purchase and installation – No update as still in production.

93.4 Update re request for a new grit bin on Fern Hill – Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) have approved this request and will install the bin later this year.

94. Play Area - Update re removal and replacement of the Trim Trail – Order confirmation has been received and now waiting for a delivery/installation date. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to seek permission for the contractors to access the site across the cricket ground field.**

95. Grass cutting – Notification received from the contractor (Nigel Prickett) that due to increasing costs the price per cut is being increased from £325 to £335 - Proposed and agreed.

96. Planning applications received

23/00335/TCA – Bank House, Street from Banbury Road to Mount Pleasant, Wardington. T1 x Sycamore – Removal. T2 x Cypress – Removal. **The Parish Council support this application.** (Response made using delegated powers).

23/00568/TCA - The Mounts, Thorpe Road, Wardington. T1 x Hazel - coppice back to previous (up to 0.25 metres above ground level). **No objection.**

Planning decisions received - None

97. Finance

97.1 Cashbook and Bank balances – Noted.

	WPC Main	Playground Main	Williamscott	Playground 2nd	Total
Cashbook balances as at 08.03.23	£24,232.56	£6,194.68	£6,465.84	£0.03	£36,893.11

Bank balances:

PC Current	£6,547.13
PC Savings	£24,091.27
HSBC	£6,294.68
HSBC 2	£0.03
Uncashed cheques	-£40.00
Total	£36,893.11

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

23.01.23	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 account fee	£5.40
28.02.23	300003	Mr C Hunt	Playground 200 prize	£20.00
01.03.23	300004	Nigel Bankes	Playground 200 prize	£10.00
22.02.23	BACS	CPRE	Annual membership	£36.00
22.02.23	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	Salary February	£393.09
22.02.23	BACS	HMRC	Tax February	£30.00
06.03.23	BACS	Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall hire for Defib training	£42.45

97.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

31.01.23	Playground 200 draw January	Playground 200 draw January	£41.00
09.02.23	Lawrence Furnishings	Warbler advertising	£80.00
02.03.23	EH Douglas	Warbler advertising 2022	£80.00

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

OALC	Annual membership	£156.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary March	£393.09
HMRC	Tax March	£30.00

97.5 To consider the future of the Playground 200 draw – It was proposed and agreed that due to the lack of membership in the playground 200 draw that the draw should be closed. An article will go in the May Warbler advising parishioners of its closure and the last draw will take place at the May meeting. **Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson will put a notice in the May Warbler. Clerk to arrange closure of the HSBC bank account and transfer of all funds held in the account to the main Unity account in May 2023.**

97.6 Playground 200 club draw –

1st Prize – 9 – Mrs Cuncliffe - £20

2nd Prize - 54 – Mrs B Richards - £10

98. Information exchange – Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson has passed on information re the Cherwell District Council (CDC) grant for Coronation Celebrations to various organisations in the village.

Some parishioners have raised concerns with the Chairman about what is happening with the Huscote Farm Planning application near the M40 J11. The original application is still going to appeal. The most recent application that was submitted to CDC was rejected by CDC via a 'Decline to determine' notice as 'in accordance with powers under section 70B (3) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the LPA declines to determine this application by virtue that the same development proposal is currently the subject an appeal under section 78 of the Act and the Secretary of State has not issued his decision on that appeal.'

**Follow up note – Since the meeting the applicant has withdrawn their appeal.*

Parish Council elections will be held in May. When the required legal notices have been provided by CDC the Clerk will publish them on the website and provide information regarding how parishioners can apply. All existing councillors will need to submit an application if they wish to restand.

Meeting closed @ 8:31pm

Date of next meeting – 18th April 2023

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