

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Council:

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

In attendance: Clerk.

26. Apologies for absence – Apologies received – Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson. Apologies Accepted – None. Apologies also noted from District Cllr Phil Chapman.

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

28. Public participation session – Cllr Bankes declared an interest in planning application 23/01541/LB.

29. To confirm the council's eligibility and intention to adopt the General Power of Competence with immediate effect – Proposed and agreed.

30. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 16th May 2023 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

31. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 31.1 HS2 update – There are a lot more lorries travelling through the village at the moment. There will be a road closure from Chipping Warden to the Culworth road from 26th June to 8th July. A notice has been put on the parish website. HS2 have provided a plaque for the Oak tree.
- 31.2 Plans for a second Defibrillator/CPR training session – St John Ambulance have suggested two dates during the first two weeks of July but the Memorial Hall is not available then due to the floor repairs taking place at that time. **Clerk to ask St John Ambulance if they could suggest some dates in September.**
- 31.3 Update re proposal to install paving slabs in front of the noticeboard – permission has been received from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) – A quote has been received from Brent Harris. It was agreed to instruct Brent to go ahead with the work required to concrete the slabs in. **Clerk to instruct Brent.**
- 31.4 Maintenance/repairs to the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village – Quotes have been obtained for repair of the VASs. Highways say they do not take responsibility for VASs. The HS2 Act says the Highways Authority must take responsibility for the VASs so Cllr Bob Jarrett has e-mailed Highways with this information but they have not yet replied. **Cllr Bob Jarrett to continue to follow this up with Highways and the County Councillor.**

32. Play Area

- 32.1 Update re replacement of the Trim Trail including proposal to spend an additional £884.99 including VAT on play bark to comply with the safety requirements for the new trim trail – Proposed and agreed to purchase the bark. The trim trail is now fully installed but can't pass a safety inspection unless the bark is in place. This needs to be put in before the inspection on 5th July.

- 32.2 Play area inspection – Defer to next meeting due to Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson being absent.
- 32.3 Update re potential grant application to HS2 re play equipment – The play equipment inspection that will provide the information required for a grant application won't take place until sometime in July. **Item to be removed from agenda until more information is available.**

33. Planning applications received

23/01164/F - OS Parcel 0927 East Of And Adjoining, Chacombe Road, Wardington. New detached offices and agricultural buildings for a new agricultural seed facility, including access road, parking, landscaping, and associated facilities. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

23/01287/F - 1 The Greensward, Wardington. Single storey side and rear extension, level threshold entrance and the addition of a lift. **No objection. (Response made using delegated powers).**

23/01541/LB - Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth. Insertion of four wall ties connecting the gable end wall to the chimney stack. **Support as it is essential work to a listed property.**

Planning decisions received

22/03338/LB – Sadies Cottage, 4 Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth. Creating new doorways between two existing dwellings (number 3 & 4) to form one single dwelling. **Withdrawn.**

23/00859/F - Barn Cottage, Coton Farm, Wardington. Erection of a new 3 bay timber framed garage/stable. **Approved.**

23/01004/F - Archers House, Thorpe Road, Wardington. Agricultural storage building. **Approved.**

23/01036/F and 23/01037/LB - Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscoth. Erection of two replacement dormers and a conservation rooflight to the rear, retrospective consent for two external openings at ground floor level on the rear elevation and an additional internal partition at first floor level. **Approved.**

Planning applications in West Northants that may be of concern to the parish

2023/5139/MAF - Unit 7 Appletree Road Industrial Estate Appletree Road Chipping Warden. Application to delete condition 10 (restricts articulated car transport movements) pursuant to planning permission ref: S/2012/1393/MAF Construction of a hardstanding, to be used for the storage of cars in connection with the use of Plot 7 at Plot 8. **It was agreed to submit the following objection -**

Wardington Parish Council would like to object to the planning application - 2023/5139/MAF

Although Chipping Warden village does benefit from the relief road, increased volumes of traffic still have to pass through Wardington on the A361. In most cases we cannot control the use of vehicle movements through the village. Where we can have influence, with local industry, we must try to make the life of local residents safer and more tolerable, especially during the weekends and Bank Holidays.

HS2 work to a similar pattern as the condition 10 and we have always objected to anything from HS2 that may affect it. Removal of condition 10 for transporter movements may set a precedence for HS2 to change their HGV movements.

HS2 do have a limit of 500 HGV vehicles per day in each direction (1000 movements) and we suffer from the other HGV movements from Appletree Road, Industrial Estate.

Although Wardington is not in Northamptonshire you should consider their neighbouring village and the affect any decision has on them.

34. Finance

34.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 22.06.2023 – Noted.

	WPC Main	Williamscott	Total
Cashbook balances as at 22.06.23	£31,999.46	£5,290.40	£37,289.86

Bank balances

PC Current	£7,149.53
PC Savings	£30,204.33
Uncashed cheques	-£40.00
Total	£37,313.86

*Difference of £24 between cashbook and bank relates to £24 funds transferred from HSBC account that we do not yet have the detail of hence it has not been entered into the cashbook.

34.2 To consider whether to continue with Community First Oxfordshire membership at a cost of £55 per year – It was agreed not to continue with this membership.

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

30.05.23	BACS	Oxfordshire County Council	New salt bin	£300.00
30.05.23	BACS	Julie Burnett	Games for Coronation Celebrations	£18.85
30.05.23	BACS	Nigel Bankes	Refreshments for Coronation Celebrations	£591.38
30.05.23	BACS	Heather Robinson	Refreshments for Coronation Celebrations	£87.25
30.05.23	BACS	David Harris	Sweets for Coronation Celebrations	£45.40
30.05.23	BACS	Emma Reed	Games	£432.56
30.05.23	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	Salary May	£432.43
30.05.23	BACS	HMRC	Tax May	£0.40
01.06.23	DD	NEST	Pension May	£16.58
23.04.23	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 bank fee April 23	£5.00
23.05.23	DD	HSBC	Playground 200 bank fee May 23	£5.00
16.05.23	300010	R J Fenemore	Playground 200 draw prize	£20.00
16.05.23	300011	Mr C R Morgan	Playground 200 draw prize	£10.00

34.4 To note the following receipts: Noted.

28.04.23	Playground 200	Playground 200 income April 23	£38.00
30.05.23	Playground 200	Playground 200 income May 23	£40.00

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

N R Prickett	Grass cutting 13th and 31st May	£804.00
CDC	Uncontested election	£100.00
Malcolm Patterson	Wood chip	£884.99
Kirsty Buttle	Salary June	£432.43
HMRC	Tax June	£0.40
NEST	Pension June	£16.58

35. To re-adopt the following policies/documents with no changes made:

35.1 Risk Assessment – Proposed and agreed.

36. Information exchange

The final playground 200 draw took place in May. **Cllr Richard Reid to write an article for the website and Warbler to ensure parishioners are aware of the closure of the playground 200 draw.**

The Parish Council has been contacted by someone from Cropredy who is a registered Fixmystreet superuser who has asked if the councillors would be happy for her to be a superuser within the Williamscott area too. The councillors would be very pleased to have a volunteer covering Williamscott. **Clerk to respond accepting the offer.**

A parishioner has contacted Cllr Malcolm Patterson with concerns about the hedge between the Cropredy turning and the turning to Upper Wardington as they feel it is a safety concern due to the hedge being overgrown almost making it a blind bend. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson will report this on Fixmystreet.**

It has been noted that a property in the parish has put gravel on their drive and there is now gravel getting in the drains and on the pavement which is a trip hazard. **Cllr George Page to report the gravel in the drains and on the pavements on Fixmystreet.**

The signs located in the layby as you go out of Wardington that ask visitors to take their rubbish home are now damaged/no longer there. **Clerk to contact Cllr George Reynolds who arranged for the signs to be put in to ask if it would be possible to get them replaced.**

Meeting closed @ 8:40pm.

Date of next meeting – 25th July 2023

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