

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

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

In attendance: Clerk.

37. Apologies for absence – Apologies received – Cllr Julie Burnett. Apologies accepted – None.

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

39. Public participation session – None.

40. To approve the minutes of the PC meeting held on 27th June 2023 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

41. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 41.1 HS2 update – HS2 have advised about some upcoming road closures with the most significant closure being on the Boddington Road near Fenny Compton. There will also be closures around Greatworth. More detailed information is expected closer to the time.
- 41.2 Plans for a second Defibrillator/CPR training session – It was agreed to book the session for 10th September from 10:30-12:30 subject to availability of the hall and that this does not clash with any church services. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson to check church calendar. Clerk to book hall and book with St John Ambulance.**
- 41.3 Maintenance/repairs to the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village – Cllr Bob Jarrett has been following this up with Highways to try to get them to accept responsibility for the VAS in the village but as yet has had no response. **Cllr Bob Jarrett and Cllr George Reynolds will continue to chase this up.**

42. Play Area

- 42.1 Update re replacement of the Trim Trail – The trim trail is now fully installed, safety approved, and open for use thanks to the efforts of a number of people in the village who helped lay the bark.
- 42.2 Play area inspection – Defer to next meeting due to Cllr Lexi Gordon-Finlayson's absence. The professional inspection should also be completed in July/August.
- 42.3 Litter in play area – There have been some complaints about the litter bin overflowing in the play area. Cherwell District Council (CDC) have confirmed that they have been emptying it so an additional bin may be required. The cricket club are looking into the possibility of getting their own litter bin.
- 42.4 Consideration of renewing membership with the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) at a cost of £34 per year – It was proposed and agreed not to renew this membership.

43. Planning applications received

23/01833/HED - Wardington Grange, Banbury Road, Wardington. Remove old sparse hedge to improve working of agricultural fields. **The Parish Council object to this application due to the fact that it will remove 1200 square metres of hedge resulting in the loss of habitat for wildlife and reduction in biodiversity in the area with no commitment to replace these. If there was a commitment from the applicant (potentially via a planning condition) to plant 1200 square metres of hedge and/or native species elsewhere on his land (not necessarily in a hedgeline – this could be in the form of a small woodland/planted corner of a field) within 12 months of the removal of the existing hedge the Parish Council would be willing to withdraw its objection.**

Planning decisions received - None

44. Finance

44.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 19.07.2023 – Noted.

Cllr George Reynolds left the meeting at 8:06pm.

Bank balances

PC Current	£880.19
PC Savings	£24,368.06
Uncashed cheques	-£40.00
Total	£25,208.25

	WPC Main	Williamscott	Total
Cashbook balances as at 19.07.23	£18,142.85	£7,065.40	£25,208.25

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

29.06.23	Kirsty Buttle	Expenses - One Drive and SIM	£14.99
30.06.23	Unity Bank	Account fee	£18.00
19.07.23	Wicksteed Leisure	New trim trail and installation	£11,772.95
13.06.23	HSBC	Playground 200 bank fee Jun 23	£5.00

44.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

29.06.23	Various	Fairport Tickets	£550.00
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30.06.23	Unity Bank	Interest	£163.73
08.06.23	Playground 200	Playground 200 income Jun 23	£28.00

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

Brent Harris	Paving slabs installation	£88.75
N R Prickett	Grass cutting 14th and 29th June	£804.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary July	£432.43
HMRC	Tax July	£0.40
NEST	Pension July	£16.58

45. Information exchange – Some concerns have been raised about overhanging vegetation in a number of areas in the village, some of which affect pedestrians and others that only affect tall vehicles such as HGVs and tractors. It was agreed that all of these issues should be reported on Fixmystreet as they are a Highways responsibility. **Cllr Malcolm Patterson and Cllr George Page agreed to submit the relevant reports.** It was also agreed that a note should go in the next warbler reminding parishioners that they should trim back any trees/hedges/plants from their own property to ensure it does not overhang public footpaths or the public highway.

Meeting closed @ 8:33pm

Date of next meeting – 5th September 2023

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