

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021 IN WAPPENHAM VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs P Featherstone (Chairman), A Robbins, M Stewart, S Thompson, H Wickham, M Wilkinson

ABSENT: Cllr I Atkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Hart (Clerk)

24.21/22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Atkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the reason for absence as submitted.

25.21/22 TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2021 with the following amendment: delete cheque payments listed in Draft Minutes and add cheque payment 22073.

26.21/22 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM:

A. The Clerk

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 04.21/22 – Interest Forms

All forms were received and sent to WNC by the deadline.

Minute 09.21/22 - Speed Limit Extension Request

The Speed Panel Committee rejected the request for the extension but has agreed to install a chevron sign.

Minute 11.21/22 Annual Return

The exemption certificate has been sent to PKF Littlejohn and the relevant documentation uploaded to the website.

Minute 18.20/22 – School Lane

The Street Doctor log was re-reported and works have now been completed.

The report was **noted**.

B. The Chairman:

A parishioner has volunteered to be a Footpath Minder for the Parish. The role of Warden is quite prescriptive and required registration details so a more informal approach has been taken. An action has been requested from the Clerk to notify a landowner of a blocked path.

Village Awards – progress is being made in regard to the nomination process discussed at the last meeting.

Tove Valley Broadband – much progress has been made over the last six weeks with getting Fibre to the Door (FTTD) in Wappenham. Approximately twelve households now have active fibre connections and work is still underway to get the entire village connected if they want it.

Microsoft Office Meeting request for PC meetings have been requested from the Clerk now we are back up to full 7 Councillor strength.

Her Majesty the Queen's 70th Celebration – The Queen's Green Canopy – a representative from the PCC has been contacted informally to see if the Church/PCC might consider allowing a tree to be planted in the extended graveyard.

The report was **noted**.

C. Unitary Councillors: apologies were received from Cllr D Bambridge; an introductory email had been circulated.

27.21/22

FINANCE SCHEDULE:

A. To Approve the Statement

Cash and Investment Accounts		
Current Account – Santander (10 th June)		3132.13
Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2021)		1626.85
Total		4758.98
Santander daybook balance @ 10th June 2021		3101.17

RESOLVED: To Approve the Statement.

B. To Ratify and Approve the Payments

Requests received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number	Applicable Power	Resolved to approve? Y/N
E Hart (wages)	524.61	0.00	524.61	22073	LGA 1972 s111	Y

RESOLVED: To Approve the Payments above.

C. To Note Receipts

None; the Clerk advised she would chase the VAT reclaim.

28.21/22 TO ADOPT THE WNC CODE OF CONDUCT**RESOLVED:** To Adopt the WNC Code of Conduct**29.21/22 PLANNING:****A. Applications**

A.1 Application: WNS/2021/0389/AGD: for information only (application decided)

Location: Wappenham Lodge Farm Wappenham Lodge Farm Road
Wappenham NN13 5PX

Proposal: Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class A of Part 6 of the above Order) for the erection of an agricultural building in respect of: the siting, design and external appearance of the building.

[Planning Application Display \(planning-register.co.uk\)](http://planning-register.co.uk)**Noted.**

A.2 Application WNS/2021/0565/FUL: consultation

Location: Bloxhams Barn Weedon Lois Road Wappenham NN12 8PH

Proposal: Single storey extension to dwelling to provide ground floor bedroom, bathroom and sitting room.

[Planning Application Display \(planning-register.co.uk\)](http://planning-register.co.uk)**RESOLVED:** To Object to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed application would almost double the footprint of the existing building and the size of this addition in a rural setting is felt to be inappropriate.
- In addition, the original structure is a converted Northamptonshire barn and the proposal would add another structure in yet another elevation, significantly altering the original building's outline and footprint.
- The planning statement refers to an additional comfortable living space for the applicant, in order to avoid the use of stairs. However, the existing sitting room is already on the ground floor and therefore in theory there is no requirement for an additional living room.
- The proposed application features large floor to ceiling windows in the south east elevation, further detracting the application from representing a suitable addition to a barn conversion.
- Finally the proposed application results in the extension being in very close proximity to a Right of Way which is already extremely close to the property.

B. "The future of the planning system in England": to note the paper**Noted; agreed** to circulate on WIZ.**30.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE****None.****31.21/22 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW (detailed in Appendix A)****Noted**

32.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY INITIATIVE TO "PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE"

Item deferred pending a response from the PCC/ Diocese
Action: the Clerk

33.20/22 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND STREET AREAS INCLUDING UPDATE ON SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES ON HIGHBRIDGE ROAD

Issues with the emergency closure in the High Street were **noted**.

RESOLVED: To report an issue with barley encroaching on SC25.

Action: the Clerk

Noted that a response regarding when speed reduction measures would be implemented and whether the 30 limit sign could be moved as it blocked an access was awaited from Helen Howard.

34.21/22 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Review of VDS

The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative To "Plant A Tree For The Jubilee"

35.21/22 TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday 11th August 2021 - Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 22nd September – Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 27th October – Ordinary Meeting

36.21/22 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

None.

The Meeting ended at 20.44p.m.

Appendix A Correspondence Received – 19th May – 29th June 2021**West Northamptonshire Council and Police**

- Northamptonshire Highways - Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors
- Parish Forum for the South Northants locality
- July WNC - Parish Newsletter – request for event information
- Healthy Communities: June 2021 - Local project information
- Fix My Street Updates
- Helen Howard: speed limit review panel outcome
- Information for application reference WNS/2021/0565/FUL at Bloxhams Barn Weedon Lois Road Wappenham NN12 8PH
- Information for application reference WNS/2021/0389/AGD at Wappenham Lodge Farm Wappenham Lodge Farm Road Wappenham NN13 5PX
- Cllr Dermot Bambridge, Alison Eastwood

NCALC

- Friday mini eUpdates
- May/June Update
- Elections 2021 Return Survey (completed)

Miscellaneous

- HMRC - Successful Receipt of Online Submission
- ICO - receipt of payment and renewal confirmation
- “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”
- SNAST Annual Subscription Request
- ERTA: Brackmills and Northampton Area Zoom Meeting Minutes
- HS2 Liaison Group Meeting Details – Friday 2nd July
- Regarding Footpaths Warden role