

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2020

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

ABSENT: Cllrs I Atkins, A Robbins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Hart (Clerk)

**47.20/21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR
ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Atkins and Robbins.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence as submitted.

48.20/21 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

**49.20/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12TH
AUGUST 2020:** (previously distributed)

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held 12th August 2020.

50.20/21 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM:

A. The Clerk

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 33.20/21

Register of Interests

An updated form has been received from Cllr Wilkinson for forwarding to SNC.

Overgrown hedge

Item will be considered under tree areas. Some works have been carried out.

Minute 34.20/21B

Payment for website hosting – the Clerk provided evidence of a bank transfer and cheque 22061 was released.

Minute 37.20/21 – Village Directory

A copy of the directory was provided to Cllr Wickham.

Minute 38.20/21 – Website

An accessibility statement has been uploaded to the website.

Minute 39/20/21 – SNC Grant

The application was successful.

OTHER

NorthantsCALC has produced a summary of the White Paper “Planning for the Future” <https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/planning-for-the-future->

[executive-summary-11sep20.pdf](#). The consultation deadline is 11:45pm on Thursday 29 October 2020

RESOLVED: To consider the consultation at the forthcoming Planning meeting.

Councillor Featherstone has reported that a new speed radar battery is required (last one purchased August 2018 £25.80 plus VAT)

The Clerk was thanked for her report.

B. The Chairman

Cllr Featherstone informed the meeting that he had received a query regarding pruning the cherry tree in Pittams Lane and had confirmed that the Parish Council had previously advised that pruning of overhanging branches could take place, provided the health of the tree would not be compromised.

Cllr Featherstone noted that the Poplars Farm planning application to be discussed later in the meeting involved very complex issues.

Noted that environmental issues raised at the August meeting had been addressed.

51.20/21

INSURANCE

A. To review the Schedule to ensure it meets the needs of the Parish Council

Noted that the Parish Council considers the Schedule meets its needs.

B. To consider entering into a long term agreement

RESOLVED: To not enter into a long term agreement, noting that an administration fee would be payable in years two and three, if such an agreement was signed. **Noted** that there were now several other providers offering Local Council Insurance

52/20.21

FINANCE:

A. To Approve the Financial Statement:

| Cash and Investment Accounts | |
|---|----------------|
| Current Account – Santander (10 th September) | 2583.62 |
| Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2020) | 1615.22 |
| Total | 4198.84 |
| Santander daybook balance @10th Sept 2020 | 2583.62 |

RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Statement.

B. To determine the Clerk's new rate of pay in light of the recent Pay Review (backdated to 1st April 2020)

Noted that the Clerk had circulated a calculation based on the new rate.

RESOLVED: To approve the new rate of pay at £524.61 per quarter (September payment of £538.71 to include backdated pay of £14.10)

C. To consider purchasing a replacement battery for the Speed Indicator Device

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a replacement battery.

Action: the Clerk

D. To Ratify and Approve the Payments

| Requests received | NET | VAT | TOTAL | Cheque number | Applicable Power | Resolved to approve? Y/N |
|-------------------|--------|------|--------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wages (2/4) | 538.71 | 0.00 | 538.71 | 22062 | LGA 1972 s111 | Y |
| Came and Company | 301.00 | 0.00 | 301.00 | 22063 | LGA 1972 s111 | Y |

RESOLVED: To approve the expenditure above.

E. To Note Receipts

None.

53.20/21 PLANNING:

A. Applications

A.1 Application S/2020/0765/LDE – to review previous comments made in light of notice of an appeal and consider any modifications

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for Lawful implementation of planning permission

APP/Z2830/A/13/2202083 Ref S/2013/0010/FUL (Single Freestanding Wind Turbine, Hard Standing, Access Road, Sub Station and Trenching for Cable) by virtue of material operations carried out prior to 23 July 2017

Noted that SNC has maintained that the improvement of the access was made outside the red line boundary, whereas Pegasus is seeking to prove that other parts of the application referred to that specific access improvement.

Noted that all previous consultees and additionally anyone who had submitted a comment on the application, would be re-consulted due to the forthcoming appeal.

RESOLVED: that previous comments were still valid.

A2. To receive updates on previous applications.

No updates.

B. South Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment – to note

RESOLVED: To consider the consultation at the forthcoming Planning meeting.

54.20/21 TO DETERMINE ACTIONS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF THE VILLAGE SCROLL

Noted that Cllr Robbins has the scroll; further discussion deferred to the November meeting.

55.20/21 TO REVIEW PROVISION OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY/ UPDATES REQUIRED

Noted that Cllr Wickham had annotated a hard copy with corrections for the Clerk to make.

Noted that the link to the directory on the website did not appear to work and needed to be corrected.

Action: the Clerk

56.20/21 TO NOTE COMMUNICATION REGARDING SOUTH NORTHANTS ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE

Noted.

57.20/21 TO NOTE THAT A COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR £250 WAS SUCCESSFUL AND DETERMINE FURTHER ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To thank Paul Elcoat for his temporary repair.

Action: the Clerk

RESOLVED: To purchase the tree guard for £250 on behalf of the Parish Council

Action: Cllr Featherstone

58.20/21 TO CONSIDER PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Noted that correspondence from a parishioner would be considered under item 14 on the agenda.

59.20/21 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Correspondence as per Appendix A was reviewed and **noted**.

Agreed that there were too few potential users to justify introducing the Ability bus service.

60.20/21 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS AND STREET AREAS

Communications regarding closures on the A43 were **noted**.

No footpaths issues were raised.

Noted that some significant work has been undertaken to issue an issue of vegetation which was encroaching on to the highway.

Noted that cars parked on the opposite road of the road made it more difficult for traffic in that area.

Agreed that Cllr Featherstone would check property boundaries in the vicinity of an overgrown ash tree and Cllrs Stewart and Wickham would check boundaries to the north where there was more encroaching vegetation in order to ascertain the relevant landowner.

63.20/21 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Freedom of the Village

64.20/21 TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

Noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Wednesday 4th November 2020.

RESOLVED: To set a date of Wednesday 30th September for a Planning Meeting.

RESOLVED: To schedule a further meeting for Wednesday 16th December 2020.

65.20/21 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

None.

The Meeting ended at 8:58p.m.

APPENDIX A Received - 12th August – 22nd September 2020

South Northamptonshire Council

- Planning application: reference S/2020/0765/LDE at Poplars Farm Poplars Farm Syresham Road Wappenham NN12 8SU – notice of appeal and invitation to review previous comments
- South Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment
- Requesting Parish Councils to report events to ensure Covid 19 compliance
- Social distancing signs to support the reopening of businesses and community spaces
- Parish Update Newsletters
- Green Homes Grant scheme
- Grant Offer Letter

Northamptonshire County Council and Police

- Northamptonshire Highways - Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors
- Notification Of Essential Maintenance Works - A43 Southbound - A413 to Whitfield
- Consultations
 - Community Health and Wellbeing Services 2020
 - COVID-19 in Northamptonshire - Community Engagement
 - Emergencies: How prepared are you? Survey

NCALC

- Friday mini eUpdates
- Invitation to the Northants CALC 73rd AGM - 3 October 2020
- Unitary Blueprint documents
- Northants CALC Training Newsletter

Miscellaneous

- SOFEA Food Boxes - Food for Breakfast and After School Clubs in Schools
- Parishioner correspondence regarding vegetation on the highway
- Came and Company - Pen Underwriting Limited - Insurance Renewal

- HS2 Liaison Group meeting - Friday 9th October at 11am
- Ability - Community Bus Service
- Northamptonshire Sport -Tackling Inequalities Funding - Physical Activity
- South Northants Active Travel Route- Syresham Parish Council
- HMRC - Successful Receipt of Online Submission
- TADD - Towcester Area Door to Door volunteer appeal

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