

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2021 IN WAPPENHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

ABSENT: Cllrs I Atkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Hart (Clerk)

50.21/22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Atkins and Cllr Bambridge.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence as submitted.

51.21/22 TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2021

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th August 2021.

Cllr Featherstone thanked Cllr Wickham for chairing the meeting in his absence.

52.21/22 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM:
A. The Clerk:

MATTERS ARISING – June Meeting

Minute 27.21/22 C

Attempts to contact HMRC to discuss the missing VAT reclaim were unsuccessful; therefore the form has been resent with an explanatory note.

Minute 29.21/22 - Application WNS/2021/0565/FUL: consultation

Location: Bloxhams Barn Weedon Lois Road Wappenham NN12 8PH

The consultation comments as resolved were submitted to WNC.

The application was subsequently refused and the Officer's report circulation for information.

Minute 33.21/22 – SC25

The footpath is now clear.

MATTERS ARISING – August Meeting (truncated due to Cllr absences)

None

OTHER

Casual Vacancy Information: updated documentation has been received from WNC.

WNC has highlighted the need to ensure street traders have the necessary licence.

NorthantsCALC has advised that its AGM will take place on Saturday 2nd October at 10.00

Elected councillors have been reminded to submit their expenses return; two have done so via the Clerk; one has been submitted directly.

Came and Company has reissued a pre-invitation renewal; they have been provided with an up to date copy of the asset register. BHIB has been

approached for a quote for comparison (renewal date is 30th September 2021.)

B. The Chairman:

Councillor Dermot Bambridge intended to join the PC meeting. Noted that WNC refused permission on Bloxhams Barns very much in line with our comments which is a pleasing result for our interpretation of planning rules. Our Footpath Minder is out and about and submitting reports on his activity I have spoken with Edwin King PCC and his is 98% certain we will be OK for a tree in the Church yard to celebrate the Queen's Green Canopy. He also has to accommodate a tree from the PCC I have completed & submitted the application for the service recognition Village Design Statement – on the forthcoming meeting agenda Fibre to the Door – work still progressing on the infrastructure but talking to the TVBB team, I understand there are approx. 30 houses now connected to the Fibre Network.

C. Councillor Bambridge:

Firstly, following concerns about secondary school capacity at Magdalen and Sponne with so much development taking place in Brackley and Towcester, I contacted Cllr Fiona Baker Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education, who said that as far as Magdalen College School and Sponne are concerned WNC has a forward plan to cover the estimated pupil intake for the next six years. Over the last 12 months, WNC has passed over £5.5 million to each school to increase their sizes. Such work is taking place over the holiday period to enable an ongoing intake of pupils. There is another secondary school on the Dept of Education list for Brackley within the next five years, so she doesn't think there is any need to worry. I can add that, related to that, part of the Section 106 agreement for the current Towcester Southern Urban Extension includes significant funding to increase the capacity at Sponne and in April, WNC approved the release of £1.2 million of this with some further funding for their science block.

Secondly, I have also had questions about the Afghan refugees being flown to the UK for their safety and what is happening in West Northants. A press release has gone out today from West Northants Council which says the following, "Due to the extreme urgency of the situation in Afghanistan and the need to get these families to safety as swiftly as possible, the Home Office have secured and are funding this emergency accommodation across the country, including Northamptonshire, whilst their future accommodation needs are assessed. This is to provide temporary accommodation and support prior to the commencement of the government's long-term Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). West Northamptonshire Council is expected to provide up to 140 people with initial accommodation and putting in place local care and support measures for them during their stay in Northamptonshire. We are now working closely with the Home Office to ensure that they receive the care and support they need, until longer term arrangements are put in place to resettle them in new homes nationwide."

53.21/22

FINANCE SCHEDULE:

A. To Approve the Statement

Cash and Investment Accounts	
Current Account – Santander (10 th July)	2576.56
Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2021)	1626.85
Total	4203.41
Santander daybook balance @ 10th July 2021	2576.56

RESOLVED: To Approve the Statement.

B. To Ratify and Approve the Payments

None.

Noted that the payment made for the election at the previous meeting (£90) was against a budget of £39.

RESOLVED: To check with Danny Moody at Northants CALC whether WNC had advised of election costs in time for accurate budgetary provision.

Action: the Clerk

C. To Note Receipts

None.

54.21/22

PLANNING:

A. Application WNS/2021/0565/FUL: to note decision

Location: Bloxhams Barn Weedon Lois Road Wappenham NN12 8PH

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

Noted that the application had been refused by WNC on the same grounds upon which the Parish Council had objected.

B. To note that West Northamptonshire Council adopted the Housing Supplementary Planning Document on 29 June 2021. (The Housing Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared to add supporting detail to the existing housing policies contained in the South Northamptonshire Part 2 Local Plan (adopted 22 July 2020)

Noted that this document would form a point of reference in the future when reviewing planning applications.

B. To consider renewing the Village Design Statement

Noted that the Village Design Statement is now 15 years old and should be reviewed every 5 years.

RESOLVED: To review the document to ensure it aligns with the adopted Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

Action: Cllrs Featherstone and Wilkinson

55.21/22 TO NOTE THE NORTHANTSCALC AGM DATE: SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2021

Noted.

56.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence regarding overgrown footpaths was considered.

Noted that one instance had already been cleared; the Clerk had reported the other one.

57.21/22 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

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

RESOLVED: To ask Helen Howard whether there was any reason why more traffic than usual used the Helmdon- Wappenham route for the British Grand Prix.

Action: the Clerk

58.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY INITIATIVE TO "PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE"

RESOLVED: To continue to liaise with the PCC regarding obtaining a suitable tree for planting.

59.20/22 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND STREET AREAS INCLUDING UPDATE ON SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES ON HIGHBRIDGE ROAD

Noted that measures to improve highway safety on Highbridge Road were due to be implemented within three weeks.

Noted that Cllr Featherstone had thanked a parishioner for litter picking efforts and had received an acknowledgment in return.

60.21/22 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Insurance Renewal

Cllr Stewart gave apologies for the September meeting.

61.21/22 TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday 22nd September – Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 27th October – Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 8th December - Ordinary Meeting

62.21/22 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Wilkinson reported that the defibrillator housing was beginning to show signs of wear and tear and required monitoring.

The Meeting ended at 20.29 p.m.

Appendix A - Correspondence Received – 30th June – 24th August 2021

West Northamptonshire Council and Police

- Parish Forum Survey
- Parish Forum Agenda and Minutes: July 2021
- Parish Update July 2021
- Community Street Play Days Information
- Helen Howard: regarding installation of additional highway safety measures
- Planning consultation/Information for application reference WNS/2021/0973/LBC at 6 Beeches Farm Greenside, Wappenham, Northamptonshire, NN12 8SH
- Planning consultation/Information for application reference WNS/2021/0972/FUL at 6 Beeches Farm Greenside, Wappenham, Northamptonshire, NN12 8SH
- Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service CFO Annual Report 2020-21
- Notification Of Essential Maintenance Works A43 Northampton Road Roundabout To Silverstone
- Invoice from West Northamptonshire Council for £90.00 (paid at 14th August meeting)
- WNC Electoral Services: updated casual vacancy and register of interests forms
- Street Trading Information

NCALC

- Friday mini eUpdates
- July/August Update
- Police Liaison Representative - August 2021 Update

Miscellaneous

- HMRC - Successful Receipt of Online Submission
- Came and Company Insurance - Pre-Renewal Message
- BHIB Councils : request to provide quote for insurance
- Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Programme launches new round of funding for community buildings
- ACRE Village Viewpoint Summer Edition, details of 75th birthday events,
- ERTA: Brackmills and Northampton Area Zoom Meeting Details, Northampton Rail Development, Bedford links and associated matters
- PKF Littlejohn LLP: Receipt of documents – notification of exempt status for 2021
- HS2 Liaison Group Information: agenda for September meeting, updates
- Parishioner: F1 traffic query
- Parishioner: footpaths issues