

## WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 IN WAPPENHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

**ABSENT:** Cllr I Atkins, A Robbins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs E Hart (Clerk)

**78.21/22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Atkins and Robbins

**RESOLVED:** To approve the reasons for absence as submitted.

**Noted** that Cllr Bambridge had also submitted apologies.

**79.21/22 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**80.21/22 TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

**81.21/22 TO RECIEVE REPORTS FROM:**

**A. The Clerk:**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 66.21/22 D – queries to Helen Howard

Helen's response has been circulated.

Minute 66.21/22 D – Highways Budget

A response is awaited from Cllr Bambridge.

#### **OTHER**

Northants CALC has advised that no agreement has been reached regarding the pay offer of 1.75%.

The Clerk intends to attend the November WNC Forum.

**B. The Chairman:**

No further update on work done to compare Wappenham VDS with the WNC Housing Supplementary Planning Doc 29.6.21

The Village Footpath Minder continues to walk paths and report any issues found.

Fibre Optic Update – as at 1st November 2021: 86 properties connected with 34 to go. There is a big push now to get completed before the Grant Money expires at the end January 2022. Colder weather will start to give problems with installations, as fibre splicing should not be done below 10 degrees.

Queens Green Canopy - I spoke at length with Edwin King at the Oct21 Coffee Morning. They are happy to proceed with tree planning and have asked that we submit a list of three tree varieties to them that we might like so that the PCC can agree on one. Once agreed by the PCC they will confirm the planning location in the Churchyard.

Varieties for the PC's consideration:  
Spindleberry, wild cherry, whitebeam, silver birch, rowan

**RESOLVED:** To submit an order of preference as follows:

1. Rowan
2. Spindleberry
3. Whitebeam
4. Wild Cherry

**Action:** Cllr Featherstone

David Gill memorial tree – churchyard. While discussing trees, it has become clear that the tree planted some time ago in the rear churchyard is dying and will probably not make it through another winter. It was thought, subject to family agreement, that this location could be used for the PC's Queen's Green Canopy tree but the family has indicated that they would like to replace the dying tree themselves. No further action by the Parish Council.

ARC consultation: a response was submitted.

Remembrance Service: the PCC has asked for a PC Representative: Cllr Wickham will attend.

### **C. Councillor Bambridge: nil report**

**82.21/22**

### **FINANCE SCHEDULE:**

#### **A. To Approve the Statement**

<b>Cash and Investment Accounts</b>	
Current Account – Santander (10 <sup>th</sup> October)	3288.95
Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2021)	1626.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>4915.80</b>
Santander daybook balance @ 10th October 2021	3288.95

**RESOLVED:** To approve the statement.

#### **B. To Ratify and Approve the Payments**

No payments due.

## B. To Note Receipts

Details	Date and account credited	Amount
Precept (2 of 2 payments)	29 <sup>th</sup> September: Santander	1545.00

**Noted.**

**83.21/22 PLANNING:**

**A. To consider any correspondence/decisions**

**None.**

**84.21/22 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRATEGIC PLAN – SPATIAL OPTIONS:  
TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION**

Noted that the plan extended up to 2050 and that the new Government direction on planning was likely to mean it would need amended.

**Agreed:** not to respond to the consultation

**85.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**86.21/22 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

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

**RESOLVED:** To highlight the Healthy Communities: Community Funding Grants 2021/22 and 2022/23 information to the Village Hall Committee

**Action:** Clerk

The update on the Brackley Community Hospital was **noted**.

**Noted** that it might be appropriate to consider supporting the charity in the future since the facility was a considerable benefit to the community.

**87.21/22 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY  
INITIATIVE TO "PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE"**

Item covered under Chairman's report

**88.20/22 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND  
STREET AREAS INCLUDING UPDATE ON SPEED REDUCTION  
MEASURES ON HIGHBRIDGE ROAD**

Helen Howard's response was **noted**.

The efforts of the Paths Minder in clearing bridges on footpaths were **noted** and appreciated by the Council.

The forthcoming road closures were **noted**.

**89.21/22 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Budget setting, policy reviews

**90.21/22 TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Ordinary Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Ordinary Meeting**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Ordinary Meeting**

The Clerk would send out electronic meeting requests, book the hall and alert the Committee to a trip hazard.

**91.21/22 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

It was commented that the village fete had appeared to be well attended and that it would be nice to know the final total raised.

The Meeting ended at 20.13 p.m.

**Appendix A - Correspondence Received – 22nd September – 2nd November 2021****West Northamptonshire Council and Police**

- Healthy Communities: Community Funding Grants 2021/22 and 2022/23
- Healthy Communities: Town & Parish Council WNC Forums 'SAVE THE DATE'
- Healthy Communities: September 2021 Parish Update - amendment
- Police: team information
- Police: regarding hall hire: forwarded to Hall Committee
- Fire and Rescue: Bonfire safety advice
- Cllr Dermot Bambridge: undertaking to respond regarding the Highways budget query
- Consultation on draft Police, Fire and Crime Plan (public)
- Highways: TTRO(21/22) W325 - Weedon Lois Road, Wappenham
- Highways: TTRO(21/22) W319 - Highbridge Road, Wappenham
- Highways: Helen Howard – relating to queries raised by the Parish Council
- West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation

**NCALC**

- Friday mini eUpdates
- Northants CALC eUpdate September/October
- Regarding Election Costs
- Northants CALC Training Schedule: Anti Bullying Week

**Miscellaneous**

- HMRC - Successful Receipt of Online Submission

- Came and Company Insurance - insurance renewal confirmation
- BHIB Councils quote for insurance: follow up
- HS2 Liaison Group Information: slides, minutes, agenda, updates
- Brackley Community Hospital: update
- Tarmac: A43 NB Northampton Rd Roundabout to Silverstone Pavement Scheme Update
- ACRE Event: Parish Council Network Event - 10/11/21
- Towcester Area Door to Door - request to promote service and appeal for drivers to your community: sent to Jane Harries