

# WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Wappenham Village Hall at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Featherstone, Wickham, Wilkinson, Stewart  
**Two members of the public were present.**

Parish Clerk: Liz Hart

		Action
2119	<b>Apologies</b>  Apologies had been received from Cllrs Warren and Supple for a personal commitment; these were accepted by the Council.	
2120	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None declared.	
2121	<b>Approval of minutes of the 24th February 2016</b>  The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Wickham.	
2122	<b>Matters Arising</b>  2103 – The Clerk confirmed that she would pass on the hard drive back up to Cllr Featherstone once the financial year end information was complete.  2105 a ) <i>Financial Statement</i>  The Clerk confirmed that the submission to Santander to change signatories was in hand. Cllrs Sheena Warren and Mark Wilkinson were to be added and Mr Howard James Mordue and Mrs Dianne Walsh were to be removed as signatories.  2107 <i>Planning</i>  The Clerk clarified that the planning conditions for S/2013/10/FUL Poplars Farm – single wind turbine were as determined by the planning inspector and would need to be discharged in the usual way by the applicant. All applications to discharge conditions are now uploaded on to the Planning Portal by SNC so they would be visible online.  2112 <i>Condition of the Telephone Box</i>  The Clerk confirmed that this had been logged with BT and then re-logged due to an input error on their part. She had confirmed the details of the work necessary and had requested a repaint. BT had confirmed that the phone box had been used within the last month.	Clerk
2123	<b>To co-opt to fill the Councillor vacancy</b>  Alan Lauren put himself forward for the vacancy. He introduced himself to the Council and clarified his reasons for wishing to become a Parish Councillor. It was resolved to co-opt Alan Lauren as a Parish Councillor and he signed the declaration of office and consent form to be summonsed electronically.	
2124	<b>Finance</b> <b>a) Financial statement</b>  It was resolved to accept the following statement as submitted:	Clerk

<b>Cash and Investment Accounts</b>	
Current Account – Santander (10 <sup>th</sup> March)	4000.22
Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2016)	1573.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>5574.16</b>

**b) To agree expenditure for payment**

It was resolved to approve expenditure as detailed below.

Requests received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number (start from 530)	Applicable Power	Resolved to approve? Y/N
Northants CALC Subscription	223.33	0.00	223.33	530	LGA 1972 s143	Y
NorthantsCALC Internal Audit	90.00	0.00	90.00	530	LGA 1972 s111	Y
Northamptonshire ACRE	35.00	0.00	35.00	N/A	LGA 1972 s111	N
CPRE	36.00	0.00	36.00	N/A	LGA 1972 s111	N
Wappenham Village Hall (Christmas Dinner)	100.00	0.00	100.00	N/A	LGA 1972 s137	N
Sheena Warren (Queen's Birthday)	100.00	0.00	100.00	N/A	LGA 1972 s137	Y, upon production of receipts

The Council reviewed actual versus budgeted expenditure, noting minor adverse to budget for the internal audit and Northants CALC membership due to fee increases. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Village Hall Committee suggesting they considered applying for a grant.

Clerk

It was noted that the expense for up to £100 to be spent on Queen's Birthday celebrations would be under s137 of the LGA 1972.

The Clerk would present the grant form for sign off at the June meeting.

Clerk

**c) To note income received**

No income had been received since the last financial statement.

**d) To considering alternative bank arrangements**

Item deferred to the next meeting.

**e) To consider acquiring a defibrillator for the village**

The Clerk confirmed that a representative from Heartstart Brackley would be attending the Annual Assembly to provide more information.

2125

**To receive update on the Speed Radar Project and resolve any further actions required**

The production company had advised the Clerk of a delay to the delivery date meaning it was now expected at the end of April. A quote was awaited from Highways for the installation of the poles.

2126

**Planning: - To receive update from the Clerk on planning issues/decisions**

The forthcoming forum to be held at SNC regarding the Local Plan Part 2A Consultation was discussed; Cllr Wickham would be attending for the Council. The item would appear on the next agenda and due to the timescales of the consultation deadline (10<sup>th</sup> June) the Clerk would circulate details on WIZ and asking parishioners who respond to the consultation to copy in the Parish Council on their response.

Clerk

*The Chairman invited public participation.*

Aidan Jones informed the council that, at the time of his original planning application (for a single wind turbine) to SNC, there was an intention on his part to sign a unilateral undertaking by deed of a section 106 agreement which would directly have benefited the village of Wappenham by £20,000 per year for 20 years. (This being linked to the feed in tariff he expected to receive at that time). Mr Jones would be prepared to reinstate this agreement should the village decide to work alongside him to campaign to central government that it was equitable that the higher rates should apply as the original granting of planning permission was fully reinstated.

Mr Lauren informed the meeting that he had contacted Mr Jones seeking clarification of the details of what had been offered to the village. He himself had been involved in the action against Mr Jones; Mr Jones had told him that he felt that he had not been allowed to formally declare the details of the offer at the time by the then Chairman of the Parish Council as it would have been seen as a bribe to the village. Mr Lauren informed the Council that at the time a petition against the application had been submitted. Mr Lauren commented that the Action Group might not have continued to oppose the application with a financial commitment, had they known the details of the offer.

Cllr Featherstone sought clarification from Mr Jones on what was being offered, noting that if the village decided to fight to receive the £20,000 per annum under the agreement, it would in essence also be campaigning for Mr Jones to receive the higher feed in tariff rate applicable at that time.

*Public participation ended.*

It was resolved that the Parish Council should consult with the village on the proposal put forward by Mr Jones, namely that he would be prepared to honour the original amount of £20,000 as intended at the time of his original application in the s106 agreement if the corresponding feed in tariff applicable at that time also was applied to his development. Therefore the Parish Council would seek the village's view on whether they felt that the Parish Council should work alongside the applicant to have the tariff applicable at that time applied by the Government. The Parish Council would provide a detailed summary of the proposal to the village prior to the Annual Meeting where it would be discussed fully on the agenda.

Clerk

**General Correspondence Review**

2127

Correspondence as per Appendix A was noted. No further issues

**To consider ongoing maintenance of the village website**

2128

The Clerk gave an estimate that it would take 10 hours to transfer to a template site for the PC information not including collating additional information, photos etc. She would ask Cllr Supple for the outcome of her discussions with a company and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk

2129	<p><b>Dog fouling</b></p> <p><b>a) To review work to date regarding information leaflet</b></p> <p>Cllr Wickham thanked Cllr Featherstone for his efforts in putting together the draft leaflet. Cllr Featherstone would produce a final version and circulate it.</p> <p><b>b) To considering other issues relating to dog fouling including provision of dog bins</b></p> <p>Cllr Featherstone noting that the landowners were committed to marking the footpaths</p>	Cllr Featherstone
2130	<p><b>To receive update on highways issues</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to re-submit on Street Doctor the issue of the collapsing verge where the reflective posts are.</p> <p>It was noted that a log on Street Doctor regarding large stones set in the verge on Syresham Road had been updated to reflect the fact that it was the responsibility of the landowner to remove them.</p> <p>It was noted that a number of properties in the parish have stones outside them placed on verges on highways land and that landowners would be responsible for any damage inflicted on vehicles by the stones.</p>	Clerk
2131	<p><b>To consider Enhancement Gang request</b></p> <p>Cllr Wickham would forward the requests to Highways.</p>	Cllr Wickham
2132	<p><b>To receive update from the Village Hall Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr Wickham confirmed that there was to be a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the proposals for the Rose Window.</p>	
2133	<p><b>To review arrangements for the Annual Assembly</b></p> <p>Cllrs Wickham and Featherstone would make preparations regarding an information flyers, invitations and refreshments.</p>	Cllrs Wickham and Featherstone
2134	<p><b>To consider preparations for the Queen's birthday</b></p> <p>No further update.</p>	
2135	<p><b>To consider Footpaths issues</b></p> <p>A sign is missing on a bridleway and would be reported on Street Doctor by Cllr Wickham. Cllr Featherstone noted that paths required marking out.</p>	Cllr Wickham
2136	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> May – 7:30pm – Annual Assembly Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> May – 7:30pm – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council &amp; Ordinary Meeting Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June – Ordinary Meeting</p>	
2137	<p><b>Councillors' Questions</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

**The meeting closed at 9:52pm**

**Appendix A – 24<sup>th</sup>February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**South Northamptonshire Council**

- Weekly Planning Application listings
- Press releases: Important new charge on developments comes into force 1 April, Grants help ensure safe passage for village residents, Countdown is on until voter registration deadline, Council encourages healthy habits for children over Easter, Bin collections unaffected by Easter Bank Holidays, The wrong type of tip during Cheltenham Festival, Long serving council workers rewarded with Royal Garden Party, Statement regarding Unitary Council, For information - Consultation on the proposal by Northamptonshire County Council to amend the 2015 roadworks permit scheme, Nominations open for 2016 elections, Ever thought that development takes place without you getting a say?, New homes lay the foundations for the next generation of table tennis players, A gold win for local café's healthy food menu, Polling cards begin distribution, Free event could help relaunch popular youth club, Green light for next stage of Moat Lane development, Responses sought on the review of Tiffield's conservation area
- Electoral Register Monthly Changes
- South Northants Local Plan Part 2a Consultation – details of information evening, and other publications
- SNC Parking Study - DRAFT Phase 2 Report
- Clarification from Katie Arnold of New Homes Bonus conditions

**Northamptonshire County Council**

- Highways' Newsletter
- Community Enhancement Gang Programme information
- County Council Newsletter
- Steve Barber – communications of quote for installing poles

- Superfast Broadband Newsletter
- Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps E-Bulletin
- Policing updates, monthly report and alerts, press release from Commissioner, confirmation that a Police rep will attend Annual Assembly
- Children's Centre Services Consultation 2016
- Details of works at Abthorpe roundabout

## **NCALC**

- Update March/April 2016, invoice for membership, internal audit
- Various clerking vacancies
- Surveys for Parish Councillors and Clerks
- Internal Auditor – date confirmation

## **Miscellaneous**

- HMRC – confirmation of online submissions for Real time PAYE, webinar details
- Santander – March statement
- David Bradshaw – response to Parish Clerk correspondence regarding wind turbine construction
- Jane Mordue – regarding possible water leak outside the church
- SNVB – newsletters, funding fair details, job vacancies, South Northants VCS Forum
- ACRE -, Best Village Competition update, membership renewal
- Thermotor – advising further delay to delivery of speed radar
- BDO Audit Pack
- Programme at Northampton Museums & Art Gallery
- Alan Lauren – regarding PC vacancy
- Came and Company – confirmation that the laptop is insured under standard cover, newsletter
- CPRE – membership renewal, Outlook March 2016
- Jane Mordue – regarding church grant cheque and water leak at the church
- Pensions Regulator – confirmation of automatic enrolment
- Grand Union Housing Press Releases- Grants help ensure safe passage for village residents, Gold award for South Northants Homes
- Chris Millington – query regarding dissemination of information from the Parish Council
- Pippa Geddes – concerning land change of use
- Paul Elcoat – hazardous tree on Weedon Lois Rd
- Wappenham Village Hall – request for PC to fund Christmas Lunch
- Sheena Warren – request for PC to contribute to Queen's birthday celebration