

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th APRIL 2019, 7.15 P.M AT ST LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WIGGINTON

Present: Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Croft, Cllr Gibson.

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk), District Cllr Leytham, Mr Harry Warburton, nominated District Councillor, 14 members of the public.

Open Forum:

A long discussion took place about the merits of the proposed scheme for double yellow lines in Wigginton, following information sent to the residents of nearby properties. Residents of Walrand Close stressed how dangerous it could be for cars driving out of their road when cars were parked to the left on Main Road, there had been near misses and trees knocked down and it was not safe for pedestrians to cross. Residents living opposite found it difficult to see out of their drives when trying to drive out onto Main Road. These problems had worsened since the care home at Wigginton Cottage had opened as there was hardly any parking at the premises. There were also concerns about parking at the Syerscote Lane junction, parents arriving late for school often double parked there and put children at risk, this junction was used for turning manoeuvres. Some residents objected to parking restrictions adjacent to the grassed bank. Others were concerned that vehicles would park elsewhere and cause a problem. Cllr Stevens said that although he would not like to see double yellow lines in the village it seemed to be the best solution to the problems raised by residents.

It was agreed that in the interest of safety double yellow lines would be requested at Syerscote Lane junction, Walrand Close junction, and around the entrance to the garages, and the owners of two properties had requested a white line across their drives. The proposed passing area along the grassed bank would be included in the Traffic Order but not painted unless a need for this later became apparent.

Cllr Stevens and Croft would speak to the care home manager again about the parking problems. Cllr Stevens would speak to the school about encouraging car sharing and asking parents to park further away and walk.

A further query was raised about local children not being able to obtain a school place at St Leonard's. The school was aware of this but there was a limit on numbers.

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllr Shirliff and Cllr Moore had apologised. The apologies were accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7th March 2019.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

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4. To receive the Clerk's report.

Elections – Cllrs Stevens, Croft and Shirtliff had been nominated which left 4 vacancies. New members were urgently needed.

Goal at Hopwas Playing Field – various groups and organisations had been contacted to ask if they wished to take it away, none had replied yet and others would be contacted in due course.

Clerk's Training - 10th April, SLCC Regional Seminar, Leicester.

Garden Club – maintenance of the area next to the playground in Hopwas had been handed over to the Parish Council.

Grassed bank at Wigginton - dog mess had been reported by the mowing contractor and signs would be put up asking owners to clear up after their dogs.

5. To consider any planning matters.

No applications.

Notification of planning appeal; The Forge, Wigginton Fields.

6. To consider parking in Wigginton.

It was RESOLVED that Highways would be contacted to confirm the position of the yellow lines and asked to proceed with the traffic order, although markings to stop parking next to the bank in Main Road would not proceed unless required.

The Clerk would make the application for the Safer Roads Grant; support in writing from the PCSO and Highways would be required.

7. To consider construction traffic in Hopwas.

Cllr Gibson had checked the plans and discussed concerns with a planner at Tamworth Borough Council regarding the route for construction traffic to the Dunstall Lane development and she had requested additional signage at Oak Tree Farm so that HGVs did not access the site from Hints Road. The road between Hopwas and Dunstall Lane would be closed off when the development was built. She had requested 'no construction traffic' signs on the A51. Any residents seeing HGVs using these roads should take photos as evidence and forward them to the Parish Council.

8. To consider the island around the war memorial in Wigginton.

Cllr Stevens reported that a large vehicle had driven across the middle of the island and flattened the plants. He suggested that wooden bollards should be installed around it and it was agreed to contact Highways, the landowners, asking whether this could be done. Photos showing the damage would be sent to them as evidence of the problem.

9. To receive Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Stevens had contacted the Round Table about parking for the bonfire at The Crown. Residents had said that the event would not take place this year.

Cllr Gibson was thanked for her service on the Parish Council as this was her last meeting. She would be much missed for her contribution to Hopwas.

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10. To receive correspondence.

Staffordshire Parish Council Association bulletins
Lichfield District Council; information items
Great British Spring Clean
Staffordshire County Council; road closure and road works information.
Wigginton resident; difficulty of obtaining a place at St Leonard's School.

11. To approve the Financial Report.

The bank reconciliation was noted.
The Internal Audit would take place on 8th April.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

12. To approve the payments as listed on the schedule.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:
M. Jones, salary, pension and expenses £457.34; HMRC £62.40;
Peak Cashflow, M&GB grounds maintenance £120;
A. Robey, handyman work £40;
Lichfield DC, dog waste bin £354;
Andrew Cox, Comberford maintenance £55

13. Items for next meeting.

War Memorial Island
Annual Meeting of the Council
Wigginton Village Hall Trust

14. Dates of future meetings:

Thursday 6th June, St Leonard's Primary School, Wigginton
Thursday 4th July, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

15. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 9th May, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas
Annual Parish Meeting 7.15, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30

The meeting closed at 9 pm.