

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2019, 7.15 P.M AT ST LEONARD'S C of E SCHOOL, WIGGINTON

Present: Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Croft, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Shirtliff.

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk).

Open Forum

No members of the public had attended

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllr Moore had apologised due to ill health.

District Cllr Leytham had sent his apologies as he was on holiday, Cllr Warburton had hoped to attend after another meeting but was unable to do so.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2019.

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

4. To receive the Clerk's report.

The Old Crown – a resident had enquired in July whether the field was to be used for camping but nothing further had been heard about this.

Website – an update had been received from the District Council on future changes to the site.

Wigginton double yellow lines – Highways had sent an update on slight changes proposed by their engineer to the position of the lines.

Highways – the blocked drain at Comberford had not yet been inspected. The tree at the island in Hints Road did not require trimming.

5. To consider any planning matters.

(a) Comments (no objections) sent on applications:

South View, Lichfield Road, Hopwas; 19/00978/FUH

Long View, Lichfield Road, Hopwas; 19/00992/FUH

Post Office Farmhouse, Wigginton; 19/01024/FUH,19/01025/LBC

Tigh Na Geata, Wigginton Fields; 19/00688/FUH

(b) Applications for consideration:

19/01193/FUH, Hilgay, Lichfield Road, loft extension; no objection

19/01128/FUL – Waterside Bungalow, Hopwas; no objection.

Amended plans for Arkall Farm, no further comments

(c) Application at J11 of M42; Approved by NW Leicestershire Planning Committee

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6. To consider Hopwas maintenance.

Hopwas Playing Field – the goal had been moved and basketball hoop fitted, the netting would be moved to protect the Scout hut. A roundabout seat had been vandalised and a replacement seat organised.

Hedge and tree work was required along the boundary of the field. Ivy required clearing from the benches around the trees.

The annual play site inspection was due shortly.

The overgrown hedges around the bus shelter had been reported to Highways but there had not yet been a response.

7. To consider litter in Hopwas.

Cllr Pritchard had passed on a request for a dog waste bin near the pill box by the canal at Hopwas Woods but the District Council would be unable to collect from this area as there was no road access. The Canals and Rivers Trust would be asked to assist with this. The Parish Council were pleased to hear that a group of residents had collected several bags full of rubbish from the woods.

Cllr Pritchard reported on the fly tipping problem in Dunstall Lane and Hints Lane; he had reported this several times, there was a variety of types of waste. He would attend a local councils meeting to discuss solutions in October.

8. To consider village sign renewals.

Cllr Pritchard suggested that village signs in Hopwas and possibly the other villages could benefit from renewal. One option was to install sponsored signs which paid for themselves with advertising. Cllr Stevens and Pritchard would identify signs which needed replacement and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

9. To consider Councillor recruitment.

There continued to be two vacancies on the Council and reminders would continue to be placed on the website, Facebook pages and newsletters. Cllrs agreed that it was a misconception that the role was time consuming.

10. To consider staffing matters.

The Clerk wished to leave the post shortly due to family commitments. It was agreed that an experienced replacement, ideally with local knowledge, would be sought via the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and Society of Local Council Clerks. Details of the role would be obtainable from the Clerk.

11. To receive Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Stevens said that he was still attempting to find rocks to place around the war memorial island in Wigginton.

12. To receive correspondence.

Staffordshire Parish Council Association bulletins

LDC; electoral canvass, Friary Grange, Parish Forum

Resident regarding noise from microlights over Comberford

Community Engagement Officer, Transform Trent Valley Landscape Partnership.

Staffordshire Warmer Homes

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13. To approve the Financial Report.

It was agreed to sign the Unity Trust account management forms to add Cllr Pritchard as a new signatory.

The Audit had been advertised in accordance with regulations, no queries were raised.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

M. Jones, salary, pension and expenses £ 458.91; basketball backboard and hoop £182.94; HMRC £64.80;

Peak Cashflow, M&GB grounds maintenance £120;

A. Robey, handyman work £45;

Andrew Cox, Comberford maintenance £55, Wigginton maintenance £80;

St Leonard's School, room hire £30;

Wicksteed, roundabout seat £162.76

15. Items for next meeting.

Village signs, employment of Clerk.

16. Dates of future meetings:

Thursday 7th November, St Leonard's School, Wigginton

Thursday 5th December, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

17. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd October, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.