

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7.15pm virtually via Zoom.

Present: Cllr. K. Stevens (Chair), Cllr. C. Croft, Cllr. A. Moore, Cllr. D. Shirtliff, Cllr. J. Shirtliff

Guests in Attendance: Cllr D. Leytham

Public in Attendance: 0

Minute Taker & Clerk: Kate Shtrezi, clerk@wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk

20/121. Apologies: None

20/122. Public Participation: None

20/123. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

20/124. Minutes: It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record – physical signature to be collected at the next available opportunity.

20/125. Reports from County and District Councillors if present: Planning white paper to involve Districts and Parishes working closely together to describe the developments they do want. Five interest groups set up within LDC, more details to follow.

20/126. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk: Code of Conduct Training – as the LGA model code is still in draft form we will keep our current Code of Conduct until the new one is ready to adopt. Website Accessibility Requirements came into force 23rd September 2020, liaising with LDC to ensure further improvements are made to reach full compliancy. All details on website accessibility statement. Tarmac have felled a tree that had been damaged in Hopwas Woods, over the next few weeks the Forestry Commission will be inspecting trees and any that are diseased or dying will be felled. Ray Vanstone – Friends of Hopwas Woods to be notified by Clerk. Fly tipping in Comberford reported to LDC, fly tipping in Wigginton not reported by resident to PC, Cllr Stevens & Croft will check if it has cleared.

20/127. Planning:

a) To consider new application/s:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
20/01171/CLP	Wingletang Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AQ	Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed): Installation of 1no pitched roof dormer window to rear		

b) To report decisions on previous applications:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
20/01059/CLP	Westward Comberford Lane Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DT	Certificate of lawfulness (proposed): Erection of single storey garage outbuilding including workshop and tool store		Pending Consideration
20/01160/TRCA	St John's Churchyard (closed) Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire	Lift and shape all trees and reduction of hedgerow	(PC is applicant)	Conservation Area Works Notice Issued
20/00853/OUT	Ayrshire Barn Arkall Farm Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire B79 0AA	Outline application for the erection of 1 no dwelling with garage (all matters reserved)		Pending Consideration

20/00968/FUH	Hillside 98 Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DZ	Installation of new vehicular access		Pending Consideration
20/00930/FUH	Easdale Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AN	Installation of dormer windows to front elevation		Pending Consideration
20/00907/FUH	136 Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DW	Single storey rear extension to form kitchen and family room		Pending Consideration
20/00772/REMM	Arkall Farm Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Reserved Matters application relating to application 14/00516/OUTMEI for the provision of public open space for Phase 2 in the central area of the site including details of access, appearance, scale, layout and landscaping		Pending Consideration
20/00629/OUT	Silver Birches Syerscote Lane Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9ER	Outline application for the erection of up to 9no dwellings (all matters reserved)	The Parish Council consider the highway unsafe for construction traffic to safely manoeuvre and a strong likelihood of obstruction and difficulties to local residents especially during school drop off / pick up times construction work should ideally be mindful of the proximity to the school and plan accordingly. Longer term the exit from silver birches onto Syerscote lane is on a right hand bend and could be hazardous for the residents, given the proximity to the Arkall Farm development could access through Arkall Farm be considered / negotiated for this estate and entrance to Syerscote Lane be closed off to protect Syerscote Lane from additional pressures the two developments will bring to the village.	Pending Consideration
20/00339/REMM	Arkall Farm (Phase 1) Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Application for approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping of 15 plots and associated works		Pending Consideration
20/00338/REMM	Arkall Farm (Phase 1) Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Application for approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping of 180 plots and associated works		Pending Consideration
18/00840/OUTMEI	Land North Of Browns Lane Tamworth Staffordshire	Outline application for up to 210 dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage, access, and associated	This land is not on the SLA for either the existing LDC plan or the new emerging review for 2018-2040. The site is not within the policies of the Wigginton and Hopwas Neighbourhood plan despite their report suggesting that it create no coalescence with Tamworth. The land shows	Pending Consideration

		infrastructure. (All matters reserved except access).	evidence of Medieval farming which would be lost. The Planning enquiry into the Arkle Farm site came to the conclusion that the that development of 1000 houses would put undue and unacceptable pressure on the local infrastructure and required a measured development. This proposed development would simply add to the problems. If accepted it would look like a way of bypassing the conditions laid out the inspector's report. It is obvious to residents that there is already extreme pressure on schools' medical facilities and highways. This will only be increased with the developments already approved despite the improvements proposed.	
19/00688/FUH	Tigh Na Geata Wigginton Fields Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9LH	Retention of timber shed with covered walkway for disabled access and garden shed	None	Pending Consideration

20/128. Ashby Road TRO: No objections recorded to proposed speed reduction on Ashby Road from 60mph to 40mph for new residential estate.

20/129. St John's Closed Churchyard: Conservation Works Area notice issued, two out of three written quotes received, Clerk to ascertain exactly what quotes cover to adequately make a comparison and ensure value for money. Yew tree not to be touched as it is too young, may need to train branches upwards with twine. Buddleia to be pollarded rather than removed. Young cherry tree may need replacing.

20/130. Memorial Bench, Two Trees Close: HM Land Registry revealed land belongs to crown, Gardening Club have maintained area for a considerable length of time. Memorial Bench now in place by Gardening Club, aesthetically pleasing to the village. No authority to give permission however no objection from PC.

20/131. Hopwas Maintenance: To discuss small items of general maintenance at the Playing Field:

- a) Fencing contract outcome – Work completed, approved & signed off
- b) Addition of 'no climbing' signage to the vehicle gate at Nursery Lane – Clerk to order
- c) Replacement bin – To review bin in Playing Field in the next 12 months

Hopwas - Play equipment painted, Play bark replenished, Dog bags replenished, Litter Bin installed, Signage ordered due to be installed next week, Padlock fixed to both vehicle gates, Spring Rocker out of action, Basketball board still not arrived due end of September, Clerk will continue to chase.

20/132. General Maintenance: Some issues at Comberford, weeds still an issue, pavements have structural damage, no response from County Council on this. Clerk will continue to chase. Comberford Millennium Green in need of maintenance to pathways, benches, play tower and fencing. CMG trust to put together a plan of works for PC to consider.

20/133. Policy Review: It was RESOLVED to approve the existing Code of Conduct for a further 12 months and to adopt the Risk Management schedule for 2020-21

20/134. Correspondence: Complaint from resident re new fencing; no climbing signage to be installed; Staffordshire Playing Field Association AGM minutes, PC not members; PTRO 4205922 19th Oct 2020 – 10th Jan 2021 A513 Croxall Road in Alrewas; FOI request regarding playground inspections & risk management dealt with by Clerk, Defibrillator battery has expired (4yr warranty) to forward to Cllr Stevens & Cllr D Shirtliff for checking, new battery £160+VAT. Parking in Wigginton near care home has been the subject of complaint, this matter has been discussed at length and residents need to contact the Police on 101 for any parking obstructions.

20/135. Budget Monitoring: Half year report received and noted by Councillors.

20/136. Accounts for Payment: RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to end of August, approve the internal transfers of £2000.00 and payment of the accounts below:

Payment Schedule	PAID September					
Payments						
SLCC	CiLCA Fees	Training		£ 350.00		£ 350.00
						£ 350.00
Payment Schedule	Oct					
Payments						
Ms K Shtrezi	June	Salary / Expenses		803.24	46.94	£ 850.18
HMRC	June	PAYE		104.20		£ 104.20
A.Robey	June	HPF Repairs		97.50		£ 97.50
Andy Cox	Comberford 1529	Maintenance		55.00		£ 55.00
Andy Cox	Wigginton 1560	Maintenance		80.00		£ 80.00
M&BG		70755 HPF grass	TBC	120.83	24.17	£ 145.00
Broxap		266406 Litter Bin - HPF		446.00	89.20	£ 535.20
WALC		20829 CiLCA training		30.00	6.00	£ 36.00
Jacksons Fencing	000354130	Fencing - Labour		6670.00	1334.00	£ 8,004.00
						£ 9,907.08

20/137. Items for next meeting. Further policies, i.e. Publication Scheme to be drafted or renewed. Parish Plan for next 12 months to be considered.

20/138. Date time & venue of future meetings.

Thursday 5th November 2020, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

Thursday 3rd December 2020, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

Thursday 7th January 2021, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

NB: Virtual meeting links will be available on the website alongside the meeting agendas. Physical meetings will resume when legally allowed and appropriate safety measures can be put in place.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:28

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