

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.15pm virtually via Zoom.

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

**Guests in Attendance:** Cllr K Stevens attended the public participation section only, District Cllr Warburton attended for items 20/202-20/205

**Public in Attendance:** 1

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

**20/196. Apologies:** Cllr. K. Stevens was unable to attend the full meeting this evening due to ill health and it was RESOLVED to accept his apologies.

**20/197. Public Participation:** The daughter of a resident wished to report to the Parish Councils changes to the flooding patterns in Comberford and the progression in the last decade and particularly the last 5 years of worsening conditions behind Linden House in the paddock and outbuildings and on Comberford Millennium Green. She will be reporting this to the Environment Agency and the Clerk will contact them separately regarding this matter.

**20/198. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None

**20/199. Minutes:** It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record – physical signature to be collected at the next available opportunity.

**20/200. Reports from County and District Councillors if present:** None

**20/201. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk:** Cllr D Shirtliff wrote to Christopher Pincher MP regarding extending the remote meeting regulations.

**20/202. Planning:**

**a) To consider new application/s:**

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
<a href="#">21/00396/PNC</a>	Rawlett Community Sports College Comberford Road Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9AA	Prior Notification: Installation of roof mounted solar PV panels with a system capacity of 189kw, including all associated ancillary infrastructure	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">14/00516/DSCH13</a>	Arkall Farm Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Approval of details under a S106 planning obligation relating to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 3	Clerk to contact planning for further information	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/00239/ABN</a>	Hints Lane Farm Hints Lane Hints Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3DA	Agricultural Determination: Erection of an agricultural building for storage of machinery and produce	None	Decided – prior approval not required
<a href="#">21/00247/PNH</a>	17 Two Trees Close Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3BG	Prior Notification: Single storey rear extension projecting 5.20m from the rear wall of the original dwelling and reaching a maximum height of 3.68m and eaves height of 2.72m	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/00335/FUL</a>	Comberford Lodge Farm Manor Lane Comberford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9BQ	Erection of a wall and gates	None	Pending Consideration

**b) To report decisions on previous applications:**

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
<a href="#">20/00908/REMM</a>	Arkall Farm (Phase 1B) Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Application for approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping of 120 plots and associated works	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">20/01784/FUH</a>	Easdale Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AN	Installation of 2no dormer windows to front elevation		Decided - Approve
<a href="#">20/01686/FUL</a>	Arkall Farm Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Variation of conditions 6 (Approved plans of spine road) and 7 (Visibility splays) of application 19/00777/REMM in relation to provision of access, road, cycleway and drainage infrastructure		Decided - Approve

<a href="#">20/01668/FUH</a>	16 Lichfield Crescent Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AJ	Two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and minor alterations to driveway		Decided - Approve
<a href="#">20/01649/FUH</a>	Oak Tree Manor 34 Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AS	Conversion of existing garage and extension forming a new garage with accommodation above	Consideration to be given to Highway restrictions for construction access	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">20/01380/LBC</a>	Meadow View Wigginton Fields Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9LH	Works to listed building to enable the conversion of existing single dwelling (barn) into two separate dwellings with new openings to the main elevations	None	Decided - Approve
<a href="#">20/01379/FUL</a>	Meadow View Wigginton Fields Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9LH	Conversion of existing single dwelling (barn) into two separate dwellings with new openings to the main elevations	None	Decided - Approve
<a href="#">20/01433/FUH</a>	2 Lichfield Crescent Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AJ	Single storey extension to side and rear		Decided - Approve
<a href="#">20/00772/REMM</a>	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
<a href="#">20/00629/OUT</a>	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
<a href="#">20/00339/REMM</a>	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
<a href="#">20/00338/REMM</a>	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
<a href="#">18/00840/OUTMEI</a>	Land North Of Browns Lane Tamworth Staffordshire	Outline application for up to 210 dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage, access, and associated infrastructure. (All matters reserved except access).	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 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.	Pending Consideration

**20/203. Wigginton Cottage:** Cllr Croft reported resident complaints regarding overflowing commercial waste bins sited permanently on the footpath and an old fridge on the driveway creating an eyesore. Staff parking is still an issue and staff smoking on the footpaths and general litter. District Cllr Warburton will chase up with Environmental Health. Clerk will contact planning to ascertain where the original planning document for this property are now stored as no longer available on the portal.

**20/204. General Maintenance:** To discuss small items of general maintenance:

- a) Spring Rocker has now been fixed, Alan plans to repaint the toddler climbing frame and slide at HPF, It was AGREED that Alan Robey may carry out additional items of necessary maintenance throughout the month and be reimbursed for materials and labours
- b) It was RESOLVED that Andy Cox will take over the maintenance of grass around the War Memorial in Wigginton for an additional £10 per month

The football goal net at HPF needs replacing, clerk has seen a net, hooks & pegs for approx. £100 and it was AGREED this should be purchased.

Slide Tower at CMG has been cordoned off with barrier tape and signage due to nail exposed on platform before slide & ladder rung twisting and splitting, platform is also brittle. Cllr Moore will look at the tower to see whether he may be able to carry out any necessary repairs. Bark will also need replenishing before area can re-open.

**20/205. Newsletter:** Leaflet distribution company has quoted £75-100 to deliver newsletters. Scouts in Fradley have delivered the Parish newsletter for a similar amount in donations so Hopwas scouts could be approached unless councillors decide to deliver them as usual. Clerk to draft newsletter and look to include, councillor vacancies, PC projects completed this year, condensed version of Parish Plan, CMG Trust project, details of how to sign up for LDC News. Perhaps try and gather subscriptions for a parish e-newsletter.

**20/206. Policies:** It was RESOLVED to adopt the Grant Awarding Policy and ratify the changes to the Financial Regulations regarding the de minimus provision increasing from £100 to £500.

**20/207. Correspondence:** Empty homes week; Car parking consultation <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/lichfieldparking/>; Libraries –new services telephone reading friends & IT support; [Home - Everyone Health Staffordshire](#); Request for a litter bin – Dunstall Lane (Hopwas end) Fazeley TC have got permission from LDC and sited one the other end; Clerk to look at costs and put on agenda next month. Hints Road parking issues on weekends, exacerbated by pub car park closures and warm weather, people in wheelchairs forced into the road due to pavement parking, clerk to email County Cllr White. Thomas Barnes wanted ideas for reducing school run traffic on school lane. Pub car parks will hopefully re-open on 12<sup>th</sup> April. Staggered start and finish times had been implemented. Clerk had emailed re possibility of a ‘walking bus’ Councillors to contact Clerk with any further suggestions.

**20/208. Accounts for Payment:** RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to the end of February and approve payment of the accounts below:

Payment Schedule	March					
Ms K Shtrezi	February	Salary / Expenses		£ 559.62	£ 1.68	£ 561.30
HMRC	February	PAYE		£ 110.20		£ 110.20
NEST	February	Pensions	DD	£ 97.20		£ 97.20
A. Robey	February	HPF Repairs		£ 50.00		£ 50.00
M&BG	74310	HPF grass		£ 120.83	£ 24.17	£ 145.00
SPCA	SI-9	Training		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
SPCA	SI-184	Subscription		£ 290.00		£ 290.00
						£ 1283.70

**20/209. Earmarked Reserves:** Approximately £20,000 will be left in reserves at year-end. It was RESOLVED that £5,000 would be earmarked for contingency and £15,000 earmarked for asset replacement as bus shelters, play equipment and noticeboards nearing the end of their expected life in the next few years so we need to build reserves for this.

**20/210. Items for next meeting.** Newsletter, Dunstall Lane Bin, Potential delegation to Clerk – legislation updates pending.

**20/211. Date time & venue of future meetings.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

June date and venue to be confirmed based upon Coronavirus (Remote Meetings Regulations) and national guidance.

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 21:06

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