

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th JULY 2017, 7.15 P.M AT THOMAS BARNES SCHOOL, HOPWAS

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

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

Open Forum: No contributions were made by residents.

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllrs Biggs and Gibson had apologised due to holidays. The apologies were accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 1st June 2017.

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

4. To receive the Clerk's Report.

Hints Road flooding – there had been an update from the drainage team to indicate they would carry out investigations and works over the summer.
Bridleway at Hopwas Woods – there had been a complaint from a member of the public regarding the public bridleway running into Hopwas Woods from the top of Hopwas Hill that the MOD were taping it off and informing walkers that they were trespassing. The Clerk had contacted the MOD for their response.
Scouts Hopwas Fun day – this would be held on Sunday 16th July at Hopwas Playing Field.

5. To consider any planning matters.

- (a) Application 17/00783/COU; Keeper's Cottage, Packington Lane; change of use of land and erection of livery stables. This application was in the neighbouring adjacent parish of Swinfen and Packington. The Clerk had queried whether there would be problems of access for horse boxes at the junction of Packington Lane and Hopwas Hill, but Councillors felt there would not be much additional traffic, ideally the speed limit should be reduced at this point. RESOLVED no objection.
- (b) Application 17/00915/TRCA; 12 Two Trees Close, reduction of holly trees. The Council felt that it lacked the expertise to comment on this application which would be considered by the tree officer.
RESOLVED No objection.



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(c) Proposed development of 220 further houses off Brown's Lane; this was not yet an application, but a public consultation had been attended by representatives of the Parish Council. Outline plans showed that properties could be located near to Wigginton, although some screening between the development and Sill Green was proposed. As with previous applications in the locality there were concerns about the increased traffic, additionally there would be access near a bend in Browns Lane. No school places or community facilities had been proposed. It was thought that no application would be made until the result of the Arkall Farm public inquiry was known.

6. To consider quotes for speed indicator signs at Wigginton.

It was agreed in principle to install two signs at the entrances to Wigginton, to be solar powered, LED, and indicating a smiley face to those complying with the speed limit. The Parish Council would contribute £7000 with the remainder from Wigginton Village Hall Trust funds. The Clerk would arrange for representatives to meet the Wigginton Councillors to discuss the details, and would contact Highways for their advice on siting. RESOLVED

7. To consider maintenance at Hopwas Playing Field and St John's Churchyard.

Les had recently tidied and weeded around the playground and the field continued to be kept tidy. It would be ready for the fun day. The bark around the play equipment would need topping up in the autumn.

The Clerk had spoken to the volunteer who cut the grass in Hints Road and had thanked him for his work there; he had said that he was happy to carry on keeping the churchyard tidy as he had done for some years.

8. To consider PCC consultation on police and fire service governance.

There was a public consultation on a proposal by the Police and Crime Commissioner to combine management of the police and fire services. Councillors felt that if the savings made would be spent on improvements to front line services this would be a good idea in principle. RESOLVED to respond accordingly.

9. To receive Councillors' reports.

Cllr Moore reported that Comberford residents had complained that the Highways maintenance team had spent two days on Tollgate Lane and had only cleared one side of the road and hadn't done any work on Manor Lane. They had not killed the weeds. The Clerk would contact Highways to point this out and ask for the work to be completed.

Cllr Croft said that ivy still needed cutting from around lampposts and signs in Wigginton. Some of the lights could not be seen. The Clerk had previously reported this but would do so again.

Cllr Croft had also been informed that youths had been seen drug dealing on the bridge at Syerscote, this would be reported to PCSO Costas.

Cllr Gibson had asked that grass be cut from around the Hopwas sign near Hopwas bridge.



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10. To receive correspondence.

SPCA bulletins
MOD Firing Times
Armistice day invitation to Parish Council Chairs
First World War event at the Arboretum
Civic Voice war memorials news
Kids save lives campaign
Police and Crime Commissioner information on Cyber crime, Space scheme
Merchant Navy Day
Lichfield District Council; Parish Forum information. Code of conduct/Equalities training, Cllr Stevens would attend.

12. To approve the Financial Report

Bank reconciliation – this was noted.
A transfer of £2,000 would be made from the deposit to current account.
The internal audit report had been circulated and actions taken.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

13. To approve payments as listed on the payment schedule.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:
M. Jones, salary, pension, and expenses June & July £854; HMRC PAYE;
M & GB Ltd, Hopwas Playing Field grass cutting, June & July £240;
Toplis Associates, Audit fee £114;
Comberford Millennium Green, donation £500;
L.Watkins, maintenance, Hopwas Playing Field, Tollgate Lane, Sill Green £
Comberford Millennium Green grass cutting £55.

14. Items for next meeting

To be confirmed

15. Date of future meetings:

Thursday 5th October, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas
Thursday 2nd November, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton
Thursday 7th December, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

16. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 7th September, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton; 7.15

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

