

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2017, 7.15 P.M AT ST LEONARDS CHURCH HALL, WIGGINTON

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

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

Open Forum

A member of the public commented on the poor weight limit information signs on the A51 in Hopwas before the Plantation Lane junction when coming from Lichfield. Highways would be contacted again to ask for improved signage.

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllr Moore had apologised as he was on holiday. The apology was accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 5th January 2017.

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

4. To receive the Clerk's Report.

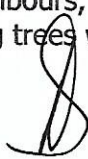
(a) Flooding in Hints Road; a response to the Council's enquiry made in November had been received from a Highways Inspector who said that work would be done to clear and jet the drainage system. This had been delayed due to a shortage of equipment and a large number of locations where such work was required, it was hoped to do this within two weeks. There had been no response to other correspondence, this would be monitored.

(b) Training event; The Clerk had attended a regional training seminar run by the Society of Local Council Clerks. Training included the use of social media for community communications, and also financial and legal updates.

5. To consider any planning matters.

(a) 16/01309/FUL 12 Hints Road, amended plans had been made available for consideration. These had addressed previous concerns, and the Council no longer objected to the application, planning would be informed.

(b) 17/00009/FUL Sandgate Lodge, Elford Road, Comberford; Single storey rear extension and creation of new first floor to form kitchen, breakfast room, bathroom, 4 bedrooms and associated en suites and erection of a two storey detached double garage / workshop. Although this would be a large building there were no near neighbours, and no highway access issues. A condition to safeguard surrounding trees would be requested. RESOLVED no objection.



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- (c) Approved applications; 16/01190/FUL Kilndown, Lichfield Road; single storey rear extension. Cllr Shirliff commented that the extension at Percival House seemed bigger than expected, care should be taken to assess applications.
- (d) Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan consultation; details would be sent to Councillors.
- (e) Arkall Farm; nothing further had been heard on the application.

6. To consider goal post installation at Hopwas Playing Field.

A quote had been received from the grounds maintenance contractors to concrete in the sockets. The Clerk would arrange for this to be done. Cllrs Shirliff and Biggs would visit the Playing Field to choose the most appropriate location for the goal. The goal would then be ordered.

7. To consider parking in Hints Road, Hopwas.

There had only been feedback to the consultation from one resident who had phoned to object that there were no alternative sites for visitors to park. Cllr Biggs said that he had not yet been able to talk to other residents to hear their views. Although the yellow lines had already been painted the consultation was still ongoing and residents should still send in their views.

8. To consider traffic calming in Wigginton.

Cllr Stevens and the Clerk had met representatives of Highways and Amey to discuss the location of a chicane to slow traffic in Main Road. They had proposed a site at 50 Main Road and produced an indication of costs. This proposal was approved in principle. £7000 would be provided from precept funds and the remainder from Wigginton Village Hall Trust funds. RESOLVED. Local people would be consulted on the scheme before proceeding, and a draft letter was agreed, to be delivered by Cllrs Stevens and Croft. Cllr Croft would also visit the resident most affected by the scheme.

9. To consider parking in Main Road, Wigginton.

Correspondence had been received from a local resident complaining about parked cars obstructing his property. PCSO Costas would be contacted to ask if there was safety issue for vehicles exiting Walrand Close. The Parish Council would write to the care home at Wigginton Cottage to tell them that there had been complaints, and to ask if their staff could park considerately.

10. To consider a Welcome letter for new residents.

A draft letter had been prepared for residents of the new houses in Memorial Drive to give them information about their local council. This would be printed and Cllr Stevens would deliver copies.

11. To consider quotes for grass cutting.

Quotes had been received for grass cutting at Sill Green, Wigginton; it was RESOLVED to ask Greenlands to do this work from March, and to inform the District Council that the Parish Council would take over the responsibility. It was also RESOLVED that Greenlands would keep Tollgate Lane in Comberford tidy.

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12. To receive Councillors' reports.

Cllr Biggs explained that he had been unable so far to discuss the double yellow line proposal with residents of Hints Road.

13. To receive correspondence.

SPCA bulletins, Information on Councillor training and on a workshop regarding Staffordshire County Council's plans for shared working.

Community Council, requesting information for a diary of Village Events. Best Kept Village competition information

Whittinton Ranges and Hopwas Woods, Firing Times

Lichfield District Council Parish Forum information

Mr Steggles, regarding unsatisfactory internet connections, the information would be passed to other local communities.

14. To approve the Financial Report

Bank reconciliation – this was noted.

A transfer from the deposit to current account was agreed.

The District Council had notified the Council of a charge for the 2015 Election.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

M. Jones, salary, pension, and expenses including software £526.27;

Peak Cashflow, M & GB Ltd, Hopwas grass cutting, £12;

Eon, electricity, £6.71;

Society of Local Clerks, training fee £41.40, membership fee £63;

K.Stevens, tree plaque £81.30, S.Biggs, tree purchase £40.99;

Wigginton PCC, room rental £60

L.Watkins, tree planting and hedge trimming £40.20

16. Items for next meeting

Various issues including flooding, parking and traffic

CMG Trust AGM

17. Date of future Meetings:

6th April, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton

4th May, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

1st June, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton

18. Date of next meeting.

2nd March, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m

