

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th APRIL 2016, 7.15 P.M AT THOMAS BARNES SCHOOL, HOPWAS

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

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk), one member of the public

OPEN FORUM

A concern had been raised about the condition of a memorial bench at the end of Church Drive, Hopwas. A quote would be obtained for sanding and varnishing this.

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllr Maines-Blatherwick had apologised as she was on maternity leave. The apology was approved.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th March 2016.

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

4. To receive the Clerk's Report.

Defibrillators – A defibrillator and cabinet had been delivered to the Red Lion, and would be available for use soon, installation was shortly to be arranged at the Crown. Training in CPR would also be arranged.

Road naming – the suggestions had been publicised locally.

Trees at St John's churchyard – a tree surgeon had been asked to trim dead wood and clear fallen branches from two trees at the churchyard.

Scouts – they had asked parents to be more considerate when parking.

Hopwas Playing Field – Greenlands had been asked to replace a fence post, to put down more bark in due course and to put up signs indicating that dogs were not allowed on the field.

5. To consider any planning matters.

(a) Application: Staffordshire County Council L.16/01 Holding 64 Bodnetts Farm, Plantation Lane; Construction of new steel portal frame building for use as farm shop, provision of 35 space car park, 10 loading/handling bays, alterations to improve existing access.

Discussion took place regarding the green belt, access and improved signage required. RESOLVED not to object to the application

(b) Land North of Tamworth; many objections had been made to the application. No information was available as to whether it would go to planning committee; Councillors would be informed of any date.



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6. To consider traffic calming in Wigginton.

RESOLVED to invite residents to the next meeting to discuss how they could get involved in volunteering in traffic calming schemes. The Clerk would prepare a draft leaflet for distribution.

Following the provision of a 'NO HGVs' sign at Wigginton Lane a request would also be made to Highways for a replacement sign near the war memorial.

7. To consider planting a tree to commemorate HM The Queen's 90th birthday.

RESOLVED to discuss this further at the September meeting for planting in the autumn, Councillors would investigate whether a suitable site could be found at the old churchyard.

8. To consider purchase of office equipment.

RESOLVED to obtain prices for a notebook computer for consideration at the next meeting.

9. To consider year-end audit arrangements

The Clerk reported on audit changes.

10. To receive Councillors' Reports

None received.

11. To receive correspondence.

SPCA bulletins

Resident regarding HGVs in Wigginton Lane.

Play Inspection Co. – stock valuation of play equipment

Staffordshire County Council Ironman update

12. To receive the Financial Report

(a) Bank reconciliation – this was noted.

(b) Banking – Unity Trust Bank had announced charging for current accounts. It was agreed that accounts would be opened with Cooperative Bank, and the Clerk would prepare the forms.

(c) Pension – a direct debit form was signed.

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 and expenses £446.29;

Peak Cashflow, M & GB Ltd, Hopwas grass cutting £120;

Wel Medical, defibrillators and cabinets £3280.80;

HMRC, PAYE £2.25

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, subs £286;

L. Watkins, Greenlands, Hopwas playground maintenance £16.80;

L. Watkins, Greenlands, Comberford maintenance £55.



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14. Items for next meeting

Wigginton traffic calming
Neighbourhood Plan update
Local Council Award Scheme

15. Date of next and future Meetings:

- (a) 12th May, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton.
- (b) 9th June, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas
- (c) 7th July, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton.

16. Date of next meeting.

12th May, St Leonard's Church Hall, Wigginton;
Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical stroke on the left and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.