

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 4th June 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: None

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

20/70. Apologies: None

20/71. Public Participation: None

20/72. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

20/73. Minutes: With an amendment to the total payments figure to £858.99 it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record – physical signature to be collected at the next available opportunity.

20/74. Reports from County and District Councillors if present: LDC in top quartile of Councils for paying out COVID19 grants to businesses and residents, one of the only Councils to continue with all waste collections. We are now in recovery stage of the coronavirus crisis and looking to the future. A district-wide recovery plan including encouraging tourism and visitors is being drafted.

20/75. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk:

- a) Comberford Maintenance: Cllr Moore advised to contact BT if Cherry Tree affects phone line, Highways notified of issues with pavements and drains, they advised highways are routinely inspected for safety defects and require more detailed information to action (photographs still needed) – asked to check when this was last done as tree damaged pavement 3 years ago.
- b) Fly-tipping in Comberford reported by Cllr Moore to Clerk. LDC informed. 70 tyres were recovered and press coverage linking to 2 other local tyre-tipping incidents in neighbouring authorities. LDC have identified a vehicle involved.
- c) Anti-social behaviour reported at Hopwas Playing Fields including littering and vandalism reported to 101. Staffs Police asked PCSO to patrol HPF on their rounds. PCSO called and confirmed her presence at the field and gave her direct contact details. Scout Hut have also had bottles thrown over HPF Fence and ground littered with broken glass.
- d) There has been a fire at Hopwas Woods which has now been extinguished.

20/76. Planning

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
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)	Construction traffic is likely to cause obstruction and difficulties to local residents especially during school drop off / pick up times. Could access through Arkall Farm be considered for this estate and entrance to Syerscote Lane be closed off.	
20/00332/FUL	Spion Kop Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AQ	Erection of 1no replacement dwelling	Objected to the Planning Application on the following grounds: Access, Disruption during construction, Impact on Landscaping, Loss of privacy	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
20/00313/COU	17 Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AS	Change of use to allow demolition of commercial building and subsequent erection of 1no three-bedroom dwelling house with associated parking		Pending Consideration
20/00327/FUH	New Crown House 140 Main Road, Wigginton, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 9DW	Single storey extension to side	No objections to application; comment to keep construction traffic and contractor parking to a minimum; protect amenity of the public footpath.	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 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
19/01457/ADV	The Tame Otter Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AF	Installation of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs including free standing, fascia and hanging	No comment	Pending Consideration
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

20/77. Wigginton Parking Issues: Wigginton Cottage: No parking restrictions on the original planning application for Wigginton Cottage so Planning cannot enforce. Advised resident to report illegal / obstructive parking to Staffs Police

and SCC and gave information on how to apply for an Access Protection Marking. A suspected abandoned car has been noticed on Main Road and will be reported to LDC when the tax runs out. Some vehicles have been seen parked on the new double yellow lines on Main Road, vehicles to be reported to SCC & Staffs Police.

20/78. Fencing: It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council replace the fencing at Hopwas Playing Field due to it reaching the end of its useful life. The Parish Council opted for powder coated bow-top fencing along the entire path with 2 gates. Clerk to request tenders as per the financial regulations.

20/79. Hopwas Maintenance:

a) Basketball Stand / Hoop has been vandalised; it was RESOLVED to replace the backboard.

b) Bin capacity. Extra bin emptying can be carried out by LDC at a charge of £10+ VAT for both bins which Clerk will request as a one-off if it is reported that bins are overflowing. Clerk to look at price of a replacement bin in the play area with increased capacity.

c) Resident contacted Council regarding families ignoring signage and using play equipment and the difficulties she faced advising her children they area was closed. It was requested the area was taped off. As the fences are failing in that area it is not advisable to tape off and there is no responsibility to do so. Alan asked to check Annual Playground Inspection from September and see if there is any outstanding work to be done. Family who own bench in the playground have asked if they can sand and stain bench it was RESOLVED that this be allowed.

d) Signage and play area rules. Listening to resident views the majority were in favour of allowing dogs onto the grass area of the playing field. Rules to be updated disregarding those that are implied by law – e.g. Damage / Hours / Motorbikes. Removing the age limit of the playground and organised ball games as a written rule (the area is too small for a pitch) Clerk to look for nearby and modern examples of reasonable rules. The rules on No Alcohol / Drugs to remain. Sign to encourage use of bins.

e) St John’s Churchyard requires some tree work to keep the closed churchyard in decent order. Clerk to take photographs and obtain quotations.

20/80. Correspondence: Letter from resident in Comberford who has reported a neighbour frequently taking her dog into CMG (3 times per day) despite no dogs being allowed and also feeding Foxes and causing them to venture into people gardens she is aware of other residents unhappy by the neighbours behaviour and she would like the Parish Council to write to her it was RESOLVED not to write to the resident until further proof received. Cllr Moore will follow up. Compliment received from Tamworth District Civic Society regarding the new logo. Resident complaint regarding Rawletts school, PC have no jurisdiction so signposted to school complaints procedure. LDC received £92k for re-opening high street / towns safely due to COVID19; no use of the funds is necessary in the villages. [PTTRO 4195902 Main Road, near Tamworth](#)

20/81. Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2020 The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

20/82. Statement of Accounts and Certificate of Exemption for the year ending 31st March 2020 The Statement of Accounts and Certificate of Exemption for 2019/20 were approved.

20/83. Internal Auditors report for year ending 31st March 2020 and appoint the Internal Auditor RESOLVED to approve the Internal Auditors Report for 2019/20 and appoint Toplis Associates Ltd as the Internal Auditor for the next year.

20/84. Accounts for Payment: RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation to end of May, approve the internal transfer of £2000.00 for June and payment of the accounts below:

Payee	Nature of payment	Amount	VAT
Came & Co	Insurance	£926.17	£926.17
Total Paid in May	£926.17	£926.17	-

Payee	Nature of payment	Amount	VAT
Kate Shtrezi	Salary / Expenses	£625.12	
HMRC	PAYE	£113.40	
A. Robey	HPF Repairs	£40.00	
Andy Cox	Comberford Maintenance	£55.00	
Andy Cox	Wigginton Maintenance	£80.00	
Toplis Associates	Audit Fees	£112.77	£22.55
Total to be paid:	£1048.84	£ 1026.29	£22.55

20/85. Items for next meeting: Policy & Risk Assessment Review; Defib batteries / pads replacement.

20/86. Date time & venue of future meetings.

Thursday 2nd July 2020, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

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

Thursday 1st October 2020, 7:15pm, virtual meeting via Zoom

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There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:05.

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