

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 5th November 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: 0

Public in Attendance: 0

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

20/139. Apologies: None

20/140. Public Participation: None

20/141. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

20/142. Minutes: It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record – physical signature to be collected at the next available opportunity.

20/143. Reports from County and District Councillors if present:

20/144. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk: Comberford Paths - Cllr White has arranged a discretionary highways payment from Staffs CC and has asked LDC to complete the work to remove the vegetation from Tollgate Lane / Manor Lane. Cllr Moore has reported this work has been completed and looks good apart from debris remaining; Fly tipping in Comberford reported by Cllr Moore now cleared; Set precept picklist. To keep same income 11% increase (£3.78 per household) or to keep cost to tax payer equal 10% decrease in income; CPRE – White paper briefing, increased housing target numbers, reduced protection for green belt, less say for Parishes & Borough/Districts, NP's defunct; Budget consultation LDC; Signage complaint – Resolved – miscommunication between parties; Fencing compliment – suggestion for speed bump after bridge on Nursery Lane. SCC no longer fund speedbumps due to high cost of ongoing maintenance. Road would not be sufficiently busy to justify costs. There is already a warning sign the other side of the bridge for children playing / crossing so drivers should be aware of the reason for caution. May be worth future consideration for signage to warn pedestrians of the road upon leaving the park.

20/145. Planning:

a) To consider new application/s:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
20/01493/ABN	Hints Lane Farm Hints Lane Hints Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3DA	Agricultural Determination: Erection of an agricultural building for storage of machinery and produce		
20/01433/FUH	2 Lichfield Crescent Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AJ	Single storey extension to side and rear		
20/00758/FUH	19 Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AS	Two storey rear extension to form kitchen and bedroom		
20/00772/REMM	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		

b) To report decisions on previous applications:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
20/01298/FUL	Bodnetts Farm 64 Plantation Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AU	Retention of flue to serve biomass boiler		Pending Consideration
20/01171/CLP	Wingletang, Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AQ	Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed): Installation of 1no pitched roof dormer window to rear		Pending Consideration
20/01059/CLP	Westward Comberford Lane Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DT	Certificate of lawfulness (proposed): Erection of single storey garage outbuilding including workshop and tool store		Withdrawn
20/00853/OUT	Ayrshire Barn Arkall Farm Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire B79 0AA	Outline application for the erection of 1 no dwelling with garage (all matters reserved)		Pending Consideration
20/00968/FUH	Hillside 98 Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DZ	Installation of new vehicular access		Approved
20/00930/FUH	Easdale Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AN	Installation of dormer windows to front elevation		Approved
20/00907/FUH	136 Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DW	Single storey rear extension to form kitchen and family room		Pending Consideration
20/00772/REMI	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
20/00772/REMI	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
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)	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
20/00339/REMI	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/REMI	Arkall Farm (Phase 1) Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Application for approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, layout, scale		Pending Consideration

		and landscaping of 180 plots and associated works		
18/00840/OUT MEI	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
19/00688/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

20/146. St John's Closed Churchyard: 2 quotes for £1200 for 2 days work, Lift and shape trees in graveyard Lift and deadwood lime tree Hedgerow to be cut back and reduced, 1 quote for £650 + VAT (£780) Crown raise all trees 2.5 meters, cut epicormic growth around base of lime, trim all hedges around border including tops, coppice buddleia. It was RESOLVED to go with the 3rd quote of £650+VAT. Clerk to contact supplier to arrange.

20/147. General Maintenance: To discuss small items of general maintenance:

- a) Annual Play Inspection reports – Alan has cleared all weeds and moss from the matting around the roundabout and also the bench near to the entrance to the play area & treated both surfaces with Jeyes Fluid also pruned the trees around the swing LDC will cost a service/maintenance plan for us to consider
- b) Removal of old signage, posts and bin – £75+VAT clerk to arrange with sign technology, no climbing sign being fitted soon £15+VAT
- c) Defibrillator Battery replacement –£160+VAT – Cllr Stevens & Cllr D Shirtliff to re-check and clerk to order necessary parts.
- d) Basketball backboard – now completed. £45+VAT for installation charges to Beacon Street Garages

Andy Cox has removed brambles in the bus shelter at Comberford, he works with a tree surgeon that can quote for CMG – Greens have quoted £600+VAT – CMG trust meeting to be arranged to discuss works and then to approach PC for donation next month, Hedge by Hopwas Bus Shelter to be checked along with replacement panels, clerk to schedule maintenance if required.

20/148. Policy Review: It was RESOLVED to approve the Publication Scheme.

20/149. Parish Council Action Plan: It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Action Plan.

20/150. Correspondence: Wigginton Parking Issues – Resident dealing with through care home complaints procedure; Consultation on Draft Events and Festivals Policy and Procedure, closing date 18th November: <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/custom/consultations/view/39>; TR24/20 A513 Comberford Road, Lichfield consultation closed 5th November – sent out to Councillors; Test & Trace support payments up to £500 if told to self-isolate and income is lost. Residents to contact LDC for more information and to apply; Greener Homes Grant, energy efficiency improvement may be eligible for householders. 2/3 of cost up to £5,000 or for some eligible benefit claimants, 100% up to £10,000. LDC council's Warmer homes, Greener District free energy advice line on 0800 677 1543; The Warm Home Discount scheme offers a £140 energy bill discount to low income households across the UK to apply call LDC council's Warmer homes, Greener District free energy advice line on 0800 677 1543;

