

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.15pm at Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas.

**Present:** Cllr. D. Shirtliff (Chair), Cllr. C. Croft, Cllr. A Moore, Cllr. J. Shirtliff, Cllr. K. Stevens.

**Guests in Attendance:** 0

**Public in Attendance:** 2

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

**21/038. Apologies:** None

**21/039. Public Participation:** Representatives from Glover Homes attended to present a site plan and artist impressions of a potential small development of sustainable homes at the former nursery site on Nursery Lane, Hopwas. The developers wished to seek feedback from the Parish Council on the type of development needed in this area prior to submitting any planning application for the site. The developers mentioned the potential to add a few parking spaces near to the scout hut which could be used as overspill parking. The Neighbourhood Plan states that the Council will generally support the provision of affordable and/or retirement accommodation, and several Councillors encouraged developers to consider this in their plans, it was felt Hopwas already had an abundance of large family homes.

**21/040. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None

**21/041. Minutes:** It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed as a correct record.

**21/042. Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present:**

**21/043. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk (for information only):** Cllr Croft had spoken to residents and landowners to discuss the potential purchase of a suitable piece of land in Wigginton for community use. Chair and Clerk had been invited by LDC to a Remembrance and Recovery Event on September 26th however are unable to attend due to prior engagements. Clerk's CiLCA portfolio is near completion.

**21/044. Planning:**

a) To consider new application/s:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
<a href="#">21/01421/FUH</a>	Wigginton Village Hall Main Road Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DZ	Erection of a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling	None	

b) To report decisions on previous applications:

Reference	Address	Details	W&H comment	LDC decision
<a href="#">21/01377/FUH</a>	Shepherds Standing Lichfield Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AN	Conversion of attic space with new gabled dormer to frontage and new dormer to rear	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/01277/FUL</a>	17 Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AS	Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 20/00313/COU relating to minor alterations to front gable and windows added	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/01238/ADV</a>	Arkall Farm (Phase 1B) Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Display of 6No sales flags, 1No advertising board, 3No leader boards and 1No hanging sales sign	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/01161/FUH</a>	Oak Tree Manor 34 Nursery Lane Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AS	Erection of a single storey extension to living room with balcony over and erection of dormers	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/00657/FUH</a>	19 Hints Road Hopwas Tamworth Staffordshire B78 3AB	Erection of a single storey rear extension	None	Pending Consideration
<a href="#">21/00926/REMM</a>	Land North Of Ashby Road Tamworth Staffordshire	Section 73 application for variation of conditions 6 (Approved plans of spine road) and 7 (Visibility splays) of application 19/00777/REMM in relation to changes made	None	Pending Consideration

		to the site infrastructure as a result of the technical approval process		
<a href="#">21/00473/FUH</a>	New Brookside Cottage Manor Lane Comberford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9BQ	Single storey extensions to side and two storey extension to side, conversion of garage and installation of 4no roof lights	No objections	Approved
<a href="#">21/00380/FUL</a>	Post Office Farm House Syerscote Lane Wigginton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DX	Section 73: Variation of condition 8 (Occupation) of application 19/01024/FUH relating to the use of accommodation as ancillary only	Recommend refusal: Condition remains valid due to parking and highway issues outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan (policy W4) and the Local Plan Strategy (policy BE1 & ST1 & core policies 3&5) the site plan regarding parking is not workable & the bus service in Wigginton ceased in 2017/18. Full comments available on the LDC website.	Approved
<a href="#">20/00772/REMM</a>	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	None	Approved
<a href="#">20/00629/OUT</a>	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
<a href="#">20/00339/REMM</a>	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	None	Approved
<a href="#">18/00840/OUTMEI</a>	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

**21/045: Proposed Road names for the Arkall Farm development:** The Council discussed the ideas from Appendix 2c, and a list of suggestions from Tamworth District and Civic Society received earlier in the day. It was AGREED that suffixes would be preferred over single road names and a that the preferred themes were farming terms and notable local figures. Due to the time sensitive nature of this matter it was RESOLVED for the Clerk to compile a list of the preferred names from both documents to submit to LDC after circulating with Councillors.

**21/046: Tollgate Lane footway:** It was RESOLVED to liaise with the County Council enforcement team regarding the damage to the footway caused by the overgrown vegetation and a fallen tree some years prior.

**21/047. Hopwas Playing Field goalposts:** A resident had expressed concern regarding stray footballs from the Playing Field landing in Nursery Lane and the gardens of neighbouring properties, it was RESOLVED to allow the hedges to grow in height over the next few years to help prevent this. It was RESOLVED to remove the existing goalpost, the increased risk of injury posed to the Public due to the extensive damage and weakening of the goalpost (including the destruction of the D Rings through vandalism) and the continued erosion of the surrounding natural surfacing and uneven, compacted ground. The Council will ask the existing contractors to soil and seed the goal at the end of the grass cutting season and attempt to keep users out of the treated area to allow the ground to recover. The Council will endeavour to seek a more sustainable, long-term solution for the provision of football equipment.

**21/048. General Maintenance:** The Clerk contacted Collis' to obtain the Bus Shelter repair quote & insurance valuation but was unsuccessful, further suitable companies would be contacted in due course. Clerk would contact MB&G regarding cutting the hedge at HPF adjacent to Nursery Lane and ensure this was carried out on both sides (as agreed top to remain long as council

wish to encourage the growth) Clerk would check if MB&G usually strim weeds and vegetation along Nursery Lane (adjacent to the playing field) if this is not included under their contract to ask Andy Cox to complete work at his quoted price. It was RESOLVED to ask Andy Cox to carry out the following maintenance work at the quoted prices:

- Hedge Cutting at the Bus Shelter in Hopwas (nr Tame Otter) & strim surrounding grass
- St John's annual hedge cutting & trimming back of the epicormic growth at the bottom of the lime tree
- Tollgate Lane clear weeds and vegetation to restore the width of the pathway, removing any debris created, strim the triangle and clear away vegetation and debris from the drop kerb

It was RESOLVED to allow Alan Robey additional hours to clear the weeds in the Hopwas Playing Field footpath and trim the hedges and vegetation overhanging from the houses backing onto the path from the Red Lion to Nursery Lane and to request if he could clean and re-stain the noticeboard in Hopwas. Clerk to obtain further quotations from joiners for the replacement of the noticeboard doors at Comberford. Clerk to contact farmer to request cutting of the boundary hedge adjacent to Main Road, Wigginton. Cllr J Shirtliff reported the bin next to the bus shelter on the A51 nr Hints Rd was sloping, Clerk to report this to SCC/LDC.

**21/049. Policies:** It was RESOLVED to adopt the amended Standing Orders. Cllr J Shirtliff proposed to reduce the minimum requirement of Councillors on a working party to one and to remove the quorum of 2 councillors, this was seconded by Cllr Moore and with these amendments made it was RESOLVED to adopt the Working Party Terms of Reference.

**21/050. CIL Working Party:** It was RESOLVED to set up a Working Party to discuss potential projects for the spending of the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Croft to define the proposed objectives, scope, work priorities and outcomes of the Working Party prior to its appointment by the Council.

**21/051. Correspondence:** Resident complaint alleging problems relating to planning, licensing, noise and food safety issues with the Public House in Wigginton – signposted to LDC with the relevant forms

**21/052. Financial Matters:**

- It was RESOLVED to approve the revised explanation of variances for 2020-21
- It was RESOLVED to approve the revised asset register
- The External Auditor report for 2020-21 was noted.
- It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedules for August / September, the internal transfer of £2000 and the bank reconciliation to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Payment Schedule	July / August	PAID				
A.Cox	1819	Wigginton grass cutting		£ 90.00		£ 90.00
MB&G	77300	HPF grass cutting		£ 120.83	£ 24.17	£ 145.00
A.Cox	1842	St Johns grass cutting		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
EON	Q1	Church Drive Lighting		£ 9.70	£ 0.49	£ 10.19
A.Robey	July	HPF Repairs		£ 50.00		£ 50.00
MB&G	78007	HPF grass cutting		£ 120.83	£ 24.17	£ 145.00
A.Cox	1867	St Johns grass cutting		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
A.Cox	1868	Wigginton grass cutting		£ 90.00		£ 90.00
NEST	July	Pensions	DD	£ 97.20		£ 97.20
Ms K Clover	July	Salary / Expenses		£ 561.08	£ 0.58	£ 561.66
HMRC	July	PAYE		£ 114.40		£ 114.40
						£ 1,363.45
Payment Schedule	September	To Pay				
Ms K Clover	August	Salary / Expenses		£ 554.60	£ 0.58	£ 555.18
HMRC	August	PAYE		£ 114.40		£ 114.40
NEST	August	Pensions	DD	£ 97.20		£ 97.20
A.Cox	1890	St John's grass cutting		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
MB&G	78669	HPF grass cutting		£ 120.83	£ 24.17	£ 145.00
A.Cox	1918	Wigginton grass cutting		£ 90.00		£ 90.00
A.Cox	1919	St John's grass cutting		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
A.Robey	August	HPF Repairs		£ 62.50		£ 62.50
						£ 1,124.28

**21/053. Items for next meeting.** Volunteer policy, Newsletter, CIL Working Party, Action Plan

**21/054. Date time & venue of future meetings.** It was proposed by Cllr D Shirtliff to meet every other month on a trial basis as had been successful managed since May, it was RESOLVED to continue meeting bi-monthly until such time as the Council wish to review this. The next two meetings were provisionally set as follows:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7:15pm, St Leonards C of E School, Syerscote Lane, Wigginton.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7:15pm, Thomas Barnes Primary School, School Lane, Hopwas.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:28

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