

Wacton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wacton Village Hall.

At 6pm on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Present: - Chair: Ian Mortimer. Councillors: Gary Mulhall, Kat Marshall, Laura Doulton, Felicity Perry

Three members of the public was also present.

Public Participation.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Pete Fraser sent their apologies. All agreed to accept

2. To receive any disclosures of interest.

Gary Mulhall for a payment in item 12

All agreed to accept

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Gary Mulhall

Seconded: Laura Doulton

4. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only).

None reported.

5. To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Councillor Alison Thomas was not in attendance and gave no report.

6. To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Barry sent the following report

Community Action fund is open and up to £10,000 is available but details needs to be in by end of September, SNDC will be moving to Horizon Business Park from Long Stratton and the building is up for sale.

7. To receive the Footpath Wardens report.

Sign on the green has fallen over and has been reported
FP12 Buttles lane handrail fallen off and plank on bridge has fallen off
To be reported Fp11-12 junction way marker broken (to be reported)
RB38 way markers unreadable (to be reported)
The footpath warden is awaiting a knee op and cannot walk the full footpaths and asked if a Councillor could assist

8. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.

We may have a possibility to have someone to take over the role and will report at the next meeting

9. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee.

Village Hall committee gave the following report.

Maintenance: The commissioning of a new boiler is in progress. Preservative has been purchased for the exterior walls. Date for work to be completed is pending.

Accounts: revenue versus running costs is currently breakeven at present

Bookings: have been good so far.

Other Business:

Warm Room Initiative (assistance for vulnerable in Winter months): committee member to take forward with other parishioners through coffee morning and community lunches to assess demand as the committee agreed that it was willing to consider providing facilities.

A question was raised regarding charging for the hire of the hall for a broadband meeting for Wacton. An earlier meeting for the same purpose was provided with no charge on the agreement that future meetings would attract a fee unless the meeting was under the auspices of the Parish Council. Committee members voted that there would be a charge for a requested further meeting.

10. To consider Planning applications.

No Planning Applications received

11. Correspondence.

Invoice from GLS for pond work
Email on NPTS seminar Clerk enrolled
Emails from Gary Mulhall on well work and invoices
Emails on new website and it is now working
Email regarding monies left from Jubilee event from Social Club Treasurer

- **New Parish Website**

This up and running but we are awaiting the finalization of our year end for 2021-2022 to be received from the External Auditors then we will go live on this. There is another cost to get us further up the google listings and the clerk asked if the councillors wished him to investigate this. The costs of the new website will come in under budget by £150

- **Well on the green**

The well is progressing and should be done soon and there have been many good comments around the standard of the work and how it will look once completed and will be an asset to the village green. There will be a few more extras costs for items purchased and the cost of the contractor to do this but these will be paid at the next meeting.

- **Good Neighbour scheme**

The clerk had not been able to attend the coffee morning and will contact the coffee morning organizer's along with Tracey from CAN and we to arrange to attend the next coffee morning to speak to the parishioners attending to be started to gauge the need for the scheme

- **Parish Equipment and Storage**

- There was only three items at Peter Jacques

- The new shed is up and the clerk thanked Gary Mulhall for his work on this and we will be looking at the equipment needed to ensure we have everything in the shed we need in an emergency such as a Portable electric pressure washer, 1 Litre petrol can for carrying essential fuel around. It was agreed to purchase these items. **Proposed: Ian Mortimer**
Seconded: Kat Marshall

14. Matters raised by councillors and members of the public (for information only)

Hedge at the back of Victoria Cottages to be maintained twice a year moving forward and agreed to put on the budget for this year.

Gary congratulated for the work on the well

Cutting the grass on common road. A question was raised on this and could a parishioner approach Ruth Barnes to get the price for this. The parish council owns the land and the ditches that need cutting. The land on common road near Grange farm has been cut to monitor the plant species which they take away and look at the species. This is done with a mobile section of the area taken out.

The area around the Village Hall to be cut down

The area around the pond needs looking at next month.

Play area equipment at play area

15. To receive details of Parish Speed Watch.

The clerk will download the SAM machine for the next meeting and move it to Hall Lane. No report from the speed watch group

16. To discuss the need for New Parish Councillors.

New councillors needed

17. Items for next Agenda.

Play Equipment
Councillor Training
Church annual grant
Tree warden
Victoria Cottages Hedge
Grounds maintenance on common road
Pond area.
Easter Event.

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Next Parish Council Meetings 5th October 2022