

Wacton Parish Council

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

At 6pm on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

Present: - Chair Pete Fraser. Councillors: Peter Fraser, Gary Mulhall, Kat Marshall, Laura Doulton, Felicity Perry

9 members of the public was also present.

Public Participation.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Ian Mortimer sent his apologies. All agreed to accept Vice Chair Pete Fraser chaired the meeting.

2. To receive any disclosures of interest.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Felicity Perry

Seconded: Gary Mulhall

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 reported the following

County Council budget due any time with a consultation due and parishioners were urged to make their comments known especially on the Mobile library service

Dentist in Long Stratton has gone into Liquidation and Alison is trying to help get a new service in. Due to the liquidation issues and not reported correctly it could be done sooner than the 12month date mentioned

The long Stratton bypass is being accelerated and you can now see the start from the A140 at the Tivetshall end

Finally, Alison reported that the mental health trust and NNUH is really under the cosh at present and are at full capacity.

6. To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Barry gave the following report

SNDC and BDC are moving to Horizon House with the staff moving out of Swan house and will move to Thorpe Lodge in early November

Octagon Centre in diss to be a satellite office for SNDC and they are hoping to purchase a mobile office to go round the parishes

Nutrient Neutrality is still ongoing and planning applications are really being held up with a huge back log due to any new planning applications with overnight accommodation planned to fall under this category.

It is hoped that a solution will be found by the end of the year,

Warm rooms grants up to £150 are available for parishioners and it is an online application for all to access as hardship grants

Finally, Barry reported that our Community Action Fund grant application is in front of the board on Friday and that he will be putting £1000 of his members ward grant to the application if it is successful to allow us to update the play area.

7. To receive the Footpath Wardens report.

No report

8. To agree to appoint the Tree Warden.

Nothing on this yet and a sign will be put on the noticeboards

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

Village Hall committee gave no report.

10. To discuss the payment of the Annual Churchyard grant

The clerk reported to the meeting that the Parish Council had a budget line for the annual churchyard maintenance grant of £700 and would councillors continue to honour that

It was agreed that this figure is acceptable after a short discussion and £700 would be paid to Wacton Church for the annual maintenance of the churchyard

Proposed Gary Mulhall

Seconded Kat Marshall

11. To consider Planning applications.

Planning Application for Wacton House Variance of condition two for old planning applications 2020/0480 and 2020/0481

2022/1882 No comment

2022/1893 No comment

12. Correspondence.

County broadband have still not replied to the clerks email and it was noted that discussions on B4RN to provide a service with ongoing discussion moving forward

- **Pond Area**
Strimmer string needs ordering and clerk will do this
- **Well on the green**
Looks amazing great work by all involved
- **Good Neighbour scheme**
The clerk reported that Tracey Allen had left CAN and the clerk will contact her replacement asap to move this forward
- **Play Equipment**
The CAF fund has gone in and a decision is due soon on this and then we will look at adding the equipment if we are successful
- **Easter Event**
Needs events to be put in the budget and it was agreed to investigate this moving forward

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

Parishioners have commented on how good the well looks
Events Need adding to the budget
Fireworks
Dog bin on sallow lane needs replacing but is under Insurance responsibility at present.
Extra payment for the churchyard maintenance costs to £900
A question was asked on the pond area and the work already done
Hunt supporters issues again reported.

16. To receive details of Parish Speed Watch.

The clerk produced the report from the latest download the SAM machine and the only concern was one speeder on 18/8 at 65 miles an hour at 23.15pm
The report has been sent to the police today for their attention

18. To discuss the need for New Parish Councillors.

Although we have a suitable number of councillors, we will be losing Peter Jacques
Soon. We need to remain on the lookout for potential councillors going forward.

19. Items for next Agenda.

Hunt Issues
Budget
Events
Play equipment

Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Next Parish Council Meetings 9th November 2022

