

Wacton Parish Council

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

At 6pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

Present: - Chair: Ian Mortimer. Councillors: Peter Fraser, Gary Mulhall, Kat Marshall, Laura Doulton

3 members of the public was also present.

Public Participation.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Peter Jacques and Felicity Perry 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 8th June 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Pete Fraser

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 commented that she had spoken to Gary Overland regarding the repeater signs and getting a proposal for the signs and once agreed these would be funded out of Alison Thomas highway budget. Alison said it could take a while but will be done from her budget. The area on Stratton Road where the lorry went into the field is programmed to be done. The Chairman thanked Alison for her help in these issues.

6. To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Barry was not in attendance and sent no report.

7. To receive the Footpath Wardens report.

No Report as Felicity was not in attendance

8. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.

Peter Jacques emailed the clerk to ask him to get Terry Cheesman to action his report and conduct the work asap.

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

Village Hall committee gave no report.

10. To consider Planning applications.

Planning Application

2022/1181 Wacton Hall, Sallow Lane, Wacton

Tree work on Lime tree to reduce to 4m in height

Ash Tree along moat side to remove deadwood. Ash Tree along pond side remove two lower bows. 2 x Ash Trees along moat side remove to ground level as dead

Cherry Tree at rear of property remove to ground level and reduce conifer hedge (seasonal cut)

The Parish Council made no comment

11. Correspondence.

Invoice from GLS for the works in Woodland area completed

Insurance details confirmed and we are in a 3-year agreement with our insurer which will make it easier to budget

Shaping the future seminar notes

Agreement from Councillors to purchase shed

Confirmation shed purchased

Pension report for the clerk

Road Closure in Wacton

Agreement to purchase the cordless drill for helping with Sam relocation

Operation London Bridge report details

Good Neighbour scheme details

Training booked for Felicity and Kat

Wacton FP 25 order made for diversion in October 2021 but never forwarded to the council but has now been and an objection has been raised and its now going to planning
Email from Alison Thomas on repeater signs and working with highways on these but Alison advised to wait till the work on common road estimate came in as this may take preference

Details to apply for a grant for the play area fencing

Interest in Free EV charging points sent to SNDC

12. Authorisation of Cheques.

1. Finance

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| Payment of Clerks monthly salary and expenses | £602.99 |
| Payment to Norfolk Pension Service | |
| For Clerks pension | £220.40 |
| Payment to Gary Mulhall for Shed work | £15.99 |
| Payment to NPTS for New Councillor training | £88.00 |
| Payment to Taylored Investments for new shed | £589.98 |
| Payment to Tharston and Hapton PC for shared clerks training costs for conference | £125.00 |
| Payment to 02 for Clerks Mobile | £93.84 |
| Plusnet broadband service D/D | £32.28 |

Proposed: Pete Fraser

Seconded: Kat Marshall

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was in good financial health and produced an up-to-date financial report. The current balance after the payments are made at today's meeting is £26,709.48

The clerk also reported he had submitted a Vat Refund for £484.51 and this should be in soon.

13. Report of ongoing matters.

- **Woodland Project**
Still awaiting GLS regarding the estimate for the works on the pond and Clerk will chase, Peter reported that he would like a meeting with the clerk and Gary Mulhall next week at a mutual time to discuss the maintenance of the woodland project moving forward.
- **Councillor and Clerk Training**
The clerk has undertaken the Planning Training, Excel Training and Operation London Bridge Training. The clerk has also booked Kat and Felicity on New Councillor Training.
- **To discuss Broadband Proposals**
The clerk reported that County Broadband had put an article in the sextons wheel that they are starting work on the new superfast broadband but have not stipulated a start date which is worrying and had still not answered any emails from The Clerk.
- **Operation London Bridge**
The clerk reported that he had attended the training for this and produced a report for all councillors that he had emailed round and it was agreed to adopt the report as policy moving forward
- **New Parish Website**
This is almost ready to go and the clerk needs to set a date with Steve Jackman to get this moving asap

- **Well on the green**

It was agreed that we should get estimates to get the well looking nice. Gary Mulhall commented that he had costed the scheme and it came around £100 except for the roof and it was agreed that the council would put a budget of £300 in place to get the work done. A parishioner offered to donate the tiles for the roof and was thanked by the council for his kind donation.

Proposed Ian Mortimer

Seconded Kat Marshall

- **Good Neighbour scheme**

The clerk again had attended this meeting and produced a report emailed to all councillors. After a short discussion it was agreed to preserve with and speak to the coffee morning with Tracey

- **Parish Equipment and Storage**

Peter Jacques has asked that the equipment he has at his home needs removing in the next 10 days without fail they include generator, Hedge cutter, Strimmer, and other items. A new shed has been purchased and should be with us in the next 7 days but must be erected by councillors. Gary Mulhall has started the groundwork for this but still needs. It was agreed that we purchase these items to enable the shed to be erected asap. It was also agreed that once the shed was erected the council would look at what other equipment we need to purchase.

Proposed Gary Mulhall

Seconder Pete Fraser

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

Common Road the verges and Highways cut them soon and it was reported that the nettles have regrown and it was owned by the Parish Council. Gary Mulhall commented that it is nature and needs to be left at present. The clerk will look at the issues and see if we can get highways to cut it.

The fence on apple orchard being taken down it was a worry that traffic could park on the land so it was asked if we really need to take the fence down.

Market lane there are some fly tipping with tyres and clerk to report

Dog bin on the green needs emptying better and it was asked if we could look at purchase a new bin. The clerk would investigate this

Safety post next to the well with 30 mph sign on it and again we would look at this on Tuesday

Play area fencing is still damaged and needs replacing. The clerk is looking at grant funding for this asap.

Orchard Fence to be removed

Benches need replacing on the green and a new bench halfway up common road.

Long Stratton Surgery feedback and ideas are welcome from parishioners and they are looking at ways to make the surgery easier to use and are looking for Health champions to help and if any parishioners come forward can give their details to the clerk or the chairman. A talk will be on holding a wellbeing surgery in the village moving forward.

15. To receive details of Parish Speed Watch.

The clerk produced the report from the latest download the SAM machine and the clerk took the meeting through the data and commented that the data will be sent to the police

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.

Shaping the future
Equipment Needed
Benches repair or replacement
The Well on the Green
Common Road Verges
New Dog Bin costings

Meeting closed at 7.09 pm.

Next Parish Council Meetings 7th September 2022