

**WIGGENHALL ST. GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 19th September 2016 in Wiggenhall St Germans Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr A Done	Chair
Cllr M Bunkall	
Cllr R Keale	
Cllr J Van Dyke	
Mrs. Elaine Oliver	Clerk
0 Members of the Public	

Cllr Done opened the meeting and informed those present that the meeting is being recorded.

1. **WELCOMING & SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY CLLR DOWE**
Cllr Done welcomed everyone; with special reference to new Councillor John Dowe who duly signed the declaration of office.
Cllr Done reported that Marie Peel has resigned and the process will commence to fill this vacancy
2. **APOLOGIES**
Cllr S Ash
Cllr J Funnell
Cllr R Funnell
Cllr R Rawlings
3. **PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**
No one was present.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
No declaration of interests were declared
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1 **Parish Council Meeting 21st July 2016** The circulated Minutes from the parish council meeting, were proposed for adoption by Cllr R Keale, seconded by Cllr Bunkall and unanimously agreed. Cllr Bunkall, for clarification, commented that Caley's have extended their boundary for parking.
 - 5.2 **Matters Arising**
It was reported that we are still waiting for a response from Highways regarding a village sign for Wiggenhall St Mary the Virgin.
The Clerk reported that the youth team had declined the offer of playing on our field.
6. **To Confirm planings at football field.**
On a proposal by Cllr Van Dyke seconded by Cllr Bunkall, it was agreed to purchase 20 tons of planing for the football field car park.
7. **To discuss purchase of further SAM signs with parish partnership money**
The issue of more SAM signs in the village was discussed at length. It was felt they were effective to a point.
It was also reported that there have been complaints about speeding in Sluice Road in Wiggenhall St Mary. It was thought it was useful to give data to the Police to back up the complaints. They are aware of the issues but this date does help them to build up a bigger picture.
8. **To discuss speed gun provision for parish**

Cllr Done gave a full report on the community speed watch scheme. He had spoken to the organizers and made the following points

- Training is giving to volunteers on this scheme, by the Police.
- The speed radar guns are for use in your own village
- There is no interaction with the drivers of the vehicles.
- A minimum of 6 volunteers are need and there must be 3 on duty at one time.
- 1 uses the gun and 2 others confirm identity of vehicle.
- Each volunteer needs to commit a minimum of 1 hour a week, because the police have to justify the cost of training and equipment.
- Police provide radar gun and all paperwork
- The roads where the radar gun will operate would be risk assessed by police.
- Volunteers are vetted and have to sign before they are allowed to operate.
- They must abide by the law and terms of the scheme.
- Letters, from the Police, are sent to cars doing over 35 in a 30MPH limit
- It can be used anywhere and it is useful to have two teams.
- Constant offenders will be prosecuted.
- Some schemes have started and folded due to lack of volunteers.

After much discussion it was agreed to try and advertise for some more volunteers and put on a future agenda

9. To discuss play area report and work needed

The play area report was discussed at length. There was some vital work that needs to be done. It was felt by Cllr Van Dyke that the playground is used more than the football field but more money is spent on the football field so this work should be done.

The issue was raised about the Memorial Hall owning the land and having a say on what equipment and where but they give no contribution to the upkeep, although it was supplied by the Parish Council.

It was reported that the Memorial hall have got no money.

Cllr Done reminded the meeting that the parish council has already helped with the supply of gravel for the car park.

On a proposal by Cllr Van Dyke, seconded by Cllr Keale it was agreed, by 3 to 2, to do all the work quoted by FLP.

It was reported that the guttering and door needs attention at the football pitch. On a proposal from Cllr Keale, seconded by Cllr, Bunkall it was agreed to go ahead with this work, as it is an emergency, if it does not exceed £50.00

10. FINANCE

Approval of Payment of invoices

Copies of the above had been distributed to Cllrs and payment was proposed by Cllr Bunkall seconded by Cllr Keale, unanimously agreed. The bank reconciliation was duly noted.

10.1 To receive external auditors report

The Clerk reported this had been duly returned with no further comments.

10.2 To discuss pruning of trees at the allotment.

It was agreed to defer this until the allotment holder renews (or not) their lease.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 Snap Mins
 - 11.2 Play area report
 - 11.3 Letter from H Bellingham re devolution
 - 11.4 New Clockwinder
- The council was pleased to hear a new clock winder had been found, and a risk assessment form has been duly completed. The money will no longer be donated back to the Church.
- 11.5 CPRE Opposing new housing targets
 - 11.6 FIT Re Centenary field
 - 11.7 BCKLWN

11. **PLANNING**

10.1 Planning to consider

10.2 Planning Decisions taken since last meeting:

16/01417/O New dwelling at Four winds, Fitton Road

NO OBJECTIONS

16/01581/F Alterations and extension to stables at 104 St Peters Road

NO OBJECTIONS

10.3 Planning Decisions notified by Borough Council

11. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Points as follows

Cllr Bunkall reported that there have been a lot of complaints about speeding traffic, also needles have been found on the river bank. These have been reported and picked up.

She also reported a car/bike was riding around morning and late afternoon with an illegal silencer.

Cllr Keale was also concerned about the needles

Cllr Dowe agreed to be the representative on the Memorial Hall committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21ST November 2016

Meeting closed at 9.45

Signed _____ Date _____