

**WIGGENHALL ST. GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Wiggenhall St Germans Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm.

**Present**

Cllr A Done	Chair
Cllr S Ash	
Cllr M Bunkall	
Cllr J Funnell	
Cllr R Funnell	
Cllr R Keale	
Cllr K Lanham	
Cllr R Rawlings	
Cllr J Van Dyke	
Cllr B Long	County Councillor
Mrs. Elaine Oliver	Clerk
3 Members of the Public	

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

1. **WELCOME**

Cllr Done welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY KARL LANHAM**

After officially welcoming Karl Lanham, he duly signed the declaration of office.

3. **APOLOGIES**

4. **PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

The following points were raised by parishioners

- Road Signs for Mill Road  
*Still awaiting delivery but it may only be one*
- Read today that money has been made available for flashing signs in the village.  
Interested if more are going to be purchased as the parishioner does not see anyone taking notice of them.

Cllr Keale entered the meeting

*Cllr Done reported that there is discussion about flashing signs and discussions about getting volunteers to sign up for the Speed watch scheme, which can only operate in a safe area. Members of the parish use a speed gun and the stats are handed to the Police. Unfortunately, we can't get the police speed van in St Germans because they must visit specified sites*

*This does happen in Saddlebow and it works while the van is there.*

*The money available is via a Parish partnership scheme where the Parish pay 50% and NCC pay 50%.*

- Comments about the perimeter fence at football, which needs a post concreting in.
- Pleased to see Parishioners comments were recorded and mins displayed in good time.
- Repeater speed signs were cut off by NCC as they are not needed if street lights are installed.

*Cllr Long reported that this has happened in numerous other places. NCC have adopted a policy of removing unnecessary street furniture.*

- What has happened to the defib training.

*It was confirmed that training is not required to use the defib. The volunteers will not be on a defib rota. The advantage of the defib is that anybody can use it regardless of training. The original training day fell through and Cllr Hopkins is trying to get another date organized.*

- Several other items regarding the defib were discussed and issues repeated.
- Cllr Done reported that the defib has been installed under the BHF conditions and this issue is now closed and not to be discussed further.
- Permission asked for permission to hit golf balls on the football field  
*Permission was given as tees will be used and no damage will be made to the grass surface.*

**5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declaration of interests was declared

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 6.1 **Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** The circulated Minutes were proposed by Cllr Rawlings and Cllr R Funnell, unanimously agreed.

**6.2 Matters Arising**

It was reported that an approx. figure for installing LED lights is £275 per light or to convert existing lantern £95 a light. This will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Cllr Long reported that some Parish councils have taken out PWLB loans which is met by the savings on electricity and the maintenance contract.

**7. To further discuss seat in Churchyard**

The Clerk has contacted the Church warden who is waiting permission from the Diocese. The Church would prefer the plastic wood bench but we need to wait for confirmation from the Diocese.

**8. To discuss future uses of the football field**

The FC is still using the field but it is costing us a lot and it is not getting the use it should.

Cllr Done thought, as a one off, it would be an excellent idea to have a concert as we have the space and room for parking, along with access to electricity and water. It could be a family day with local music talent and food stalls such as hog roast burger vans.

We would need to assess noise pollution for the evening but it would be a one off with lots of notice given. This is something that could be arranged for next year and it might spur on another avenue for events on the field such as archery etc.

In general, the council thought this was an innovative idea and Cllr Done agreed to take the lead on it.

Cllr Ash thought the biggest issue would be parking, it would need carefully planning and maybe use of a farmer's field and it would be essential to make sure it doesn't clash with any regular events in KL.

A subcommittee would need to be formed and item put on next meeting's agenda.

**9. To discuss grass cutting contract**

On a proposal from Cllr Funnell seconded by Cllr Done it was agreed to a 2.5% increase on the grass cutting contract.

**10. To discuss pension provider for the Parish Council**

It was explained that we need to have a pension facility in place if any employees of the council meet automatic enrolment requirements.

Norfolk Pension Fund has agreed to be our pension supplier.

The following was therefore proposed by Cllr Keale, seconded by Cllr Bunkall, unanimously agreed.

*The Council resolves under regulation 3(1) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 that Elaine Oliver should be designated as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from the date they meet the automatic enrolment requirements.*

**11. To discuss Parish Newsletter**

After much discussion and on a proposal by Cllr Van Dyke, seconded by Cllr Rawlings, it was agreed to issue 3 copies of the village newsletter. The Councillors agreed to provide copy with an Easter deadline.

**12. FINANCE**

**10.1 Approval of Payment of invoices**

Copies of the above had been distributed to Cllrs and payment was proposed by Cllr Ash seconded by Cllr R Funnell unanimously agreed. The contract was duly signed for adoption of the St. Mary's phone box.  
The bank reconciliation was noted.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 M Peel Possible donation to play equipment  
In principle, it was agreed this was a good idea, but before going ahead more information would be needed and the equipment to be supplied discussed

11.2 UK Power Sign up for vulnerable people

11.3 BCKLWN Statement of Community Consultation

11.4 SNAP 5<sup>TH</sup> April 2017

11.5 D Press Re pulley wheel on church clock.

This had been reported by David Press, the Clerk contacted Smiths of Derby who have a maintenance contract with us, they looked at the last inspection and saw no evidence of a problem. They felt this could be left until their next visit. Due to insurance implications, etc. the Council agreed.

**12. PLANNING**

**10.1 Planning to consider**

**17/00328/F** Office space, garaging and open trailer space at The Chestnuts, 69 Lynn Road  
**Unanimously agreed no objections**

**17/00151/O** Demolition of outbuildings and erection of detached house and separate garage at land north of level banks 50 Common Road.

**4 to 3 voted for no objections**

**17/00365/LDE** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing standing of three residential caravans and development of buildings for the keeping of horses and agriculture including hard standing at Spriggs Hollow Magdalen High Road Wiggshall St Mary Magdalen. This was unanimously **objected** as the Council gave the original application a limit of 12 months, and this stay had been exceeded against direct legal ruling.

**10.2 Planning Decisions taken since last meeting:**

16/01245 The Old Vicarage, 3 dwellings and detached garages. **NO OBJECTION**

**10.3 Planning Decisions notified by Borough Council**

16/00564/F Land to the south 1 Common Road development of a pair of semi detached houses. **PERMITTED**

Planning appeal for APP/V2635 land West of Mayfield House  
**DISMISSED**

**11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Points as follows

Cllr R Funnell commented on the following

Access blocked again at the Spar shop. This was mentioned to A Wallace and he could reinstate the line but it is legal to park here as it is highway

Attended the Police commissioners meeting in Kings Lynn who reported there is a contact available to come to meetings.

*The Clerk explained that she had requested a visit but she can't make the dates of our meeting, for various reasons.*

They found this a useful meeting, run very efficiently and nothing was allowed to slip.

Next one is planned for early April at Park Farm in Snettisham.

Cllr Van Dyke commented on the following: -

The bus shelter needs an end as it doesn't protect people well enough, as the weather comes in from the far end. It was agreed to ask if Stuart could design something for this and then put on the next agenda.

He also asked about the Youth Parish Council

*The BC has no money or appetite for this, the Clerk suggested that we link up with the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). We will try and get a speaker to the next meeting*

Cllr Keale reported there had been vandalism to the dog bins and dog bags thrown at a property. They had rung 101 but had no answer.

Cllr J Funnell reported the sign for Low Road has been knocked down propped up by the chevron She was also concerned about the speeding traffic at risk of going into the water at Saddlebow bridge as there is only a fence held together by two pieces of rope stopping cars. It was thought if the reflectors were replaced on the triangle, which has been reported after the grass cutter knocked it down, this may help. There is a village sign entering Saddlebow from KL but not from the other direction.

Cllr Long was asked to take note of these issues but he said it wasn't his job and he wasn't a paid officer and to email all issues both County and Borough to his borough email address.

Cllr Bunkall reported ankle deep water in front of the Spar shop, it appears the drains are blocked. She also reported a pot hole in St Peters Road outside Church Farm house.

Meeting closed at 9.40

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_