

**WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st JULY 2021
AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor David Campbell-Kelly (DCK) in the Chair, together with Councillor Emma Clanfield (EC), Councillor Philip Day (PD) and Councillor Arthur Lyons (AL), also in attendance were Neil Bannister (District Councillor) (NB), 1 member of the public and Mrs J Jackson (JJ - Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back to the Village Hall and stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with current Government guidelines.

2021.022 Apologies for Absence:

- Councillor Philip Leech (PL)

2021.023 Declarations of Interest:

- It was noted that DCK, AL, EC and PD were all members of the WWRA

2021.024 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2021

The minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record

Proposed PD; seconded AL

2021.025 Matters Arising:

i)

Helicopter

- PD reported that following investigations it appeared that the village was at the end of the flight path from Stoughton Airfield and as long as planes flew within a set perimeter, flight plans did not have to be submitted.
- It was noted that two planes and a helicopter from the flying school were flying and occasionally hovering over the village whilst training and it was felt unacceptable. Agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Air School suggesting that the route should be changed on a regular basis.

JJ/DCK

ii)

Notice Board

- DCK and PD had erected the new board at Orchard Close and were thanked for doing this on behalf of the Parish Council. One side was lockable and would be used for Parish Council notices, the other was for appropriate notices for parishioners.
- DCK and PD will take down the old notice board within the next two weeks and dispose of it

DCK/PD

iii)

Tree Survey

- Sam Metcalf had provided a quotation in the sum of £425 plus VAT for the removal of the tree to ground level and disposal of same.
- It was agreed that the stump should be ground out too. DCK to confirm that planning permission will also be obtained for this price and to obtain quote for stump grinding which was hoped would be around £100
- Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council was now registered on-line with the DAC as a Faculty user and when planning permission is received, then the on-line form can be completed further
- It was noted that Matt Bates (who had planted the tree in memorial for his daughter following the Tenerife plane crash in the mid 70's) had passed away but it was thought there may be a brother and it was agreed if possible contact should be made, to advise the tree was being removed

DCK

JJ

and a suitable replacement would be planted after advice re size on maturity etc.

DCK

- iv) Tree in verge opposite Longways House
- AL reported that the land was rented and he had spoken to the tenant who had agreed to take down the dead stump that was only being held up by ivy. It was pointed out that it belonged to the Landlord and that the AL would ask the tenant to confirm direct with the Landlord that they were happy before any work commenced.
- v) Payroll
- DCK asked the Clerk to keep an eye out for any national increase which would be backdated to April 2021.
- vi) Church Gate Repair
- PD reported that unfortunately the contractor was now unable to carry out the works so he would investigate someone else and report back.
- vii) The Old Rectory
- DCK confirmed that he had emailed Rupert van der Post for an update about the wall rebuild to the church path
 - In the absence of PL, it was assumed that PL had spoken with Rupert van der Post and explained that he had to apply for a faculty himself regarding other works. DCK will confirm the situation with PL at an early opportunity.

AL

JJ

PD

DCK

2021.026 District/County Councillors Report

DCK congratulated NB on his recent election as a County Councillor for Broughton Astley Division.

NB then reported as follows:

- HDC met on 21 June and agreed their support to the Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground
- Government proposals on housing requirements are still in a state of flux
- Leicester has unmet need but all authorities will work together. DCK commentated that Charnwood Local Plan which is out for consultation, shows an unmet need of zero.
- HDC has received documentation on an amended S106 policy
- HDC are updating their IT systems and using some capital receipts for some forthcoming projects.
- Harborough Local Plan review – new local development scheme for review before September 2021.
- Noted that Harborough Parliamentary Constituency proposals, that South Leicestershire will be split three – Harborough/Blaby/Oadby & Wigston
- Covid hotspots are mainly in schools
- DCK said that Leicester Transport Plan consultation closes in September and NB confirmed that it was only applicable to the City itself.
- Strategic Growth Plan – No new updates to report.
- No report received from Blake Pain

2021.027 Whetstone Pastures:

- DCK reported as expected that we were in a quiet period but was sure that Tritax and Blaby DC would still be moving things along.
- Alberta Costa has written to affected Ward Councillors, informing that the survey was almost ready to be sent out. It will go to 12,000 constituents and has been prepared by conjunction with WWRA and Tritax.

- DCK commented that the recent Amersham by-election results showed genuine concern over the Government's building on greenfield sites and NB said that his colleagues and MPs recognised those concerns.
- WWRA are currently taking legal advice on a wide cross section of points.

2021.028 Parishioners Time

- It was noted that the owner of the General Elliott had indicated that he would be prepared to grant a lease to a villager for Zero rent, provided all costs were covered. Any interested villager should contact Roger Porter direct.

2021.029 Planning Applications:

The following applications had been received:-

- Erection of Rear Conservatory - Church Farm Cottage, 2 Main Street, Reference 21/00861/FUL
 - Prior Notification for the Erection of a Farm Building at Church Farm Church Farm Lane Reference No 21/01012/AGR
 - Erection of a single storey side extension, Lodge Farm, Gilmorton Lane Reference 21/01076/FUL
- Councillors had no objections to the above applications
- Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use of the property as a C3 dwellinghouse to be lawfully occupied without any occupancy restriction, more particularly without compliance with the restrictions set out in condition 6 of consent 81/00309/3P and condition 1 of consent 20/00369/VAC - Meadowlands Farm Bungalow Gilmorton Lane - Refused by HDC but noted that the Parish Council had not objected and were unsure as to why it had been refused.

2021.030 Financial and Legal Matters:

2021.030.1 Finance Report to end May 2021

- Financial reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as correct.

Proposed AL, seconded PD

2021.030.2 Payments for Authorisation:

Clerk	May & June Salary	444.96
Whats On In Willoughby	Magazine	180.00
Water Plus	Cemetery Supply	17.94

2021.031 Correspondence:

- Public Transport Survey
Leicestershire County Council have sent a survey regarding bus services and how to improve public transport. DCK agreed to complete on behalf of the Parish and it was noted that the closing date was 30th July, confirming that the Council would support a bus service for the village. Parishioners could also complete the questionnaire on-line <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations/national-bus-strategy-engagement-survey>
- Non Illuminated signs at Countesthorpe Road – Confirmed that these had now been replaced.

- c) Notification was received that all AGAR forms submitted were correct and the Parish had received exempt status for 2021

2021.032 Any Other Business

- 2021.032.1 Flag** – It was felt that the flag was in need of replacement and PD agreed to contact the original suppliers and obtain a quotation

PD

2021.032.2 Cemetery

- Noted that the cemetery path had been mown but no one knew who had done this.
- DCK and PD to inspect the dead trees on the path, the general state of the Cemetery and the Churchyard and make recommendations.

DCK/PD

2021.032.3 Dead Cherry Tree

- AL reported the Cherry Tree by the on Ashby Road was dead and the Clerk was asked to report to LCC as it was in the highway verge.

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2021.033 Late Items for Next meeting:

- There were no items raised

2021.034 Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday 2nd September 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.23 pm

Signed _____ Dated _____