

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Council: Mr R Jarrett (Chairman), Mr M Patterson, Mr G Page, Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson.

Present: Mr R Jarrett (Chairman), Mr G Page, Mr M Patterson, Mrs A Gordon-Finlayson.

In attendance: Clerk, 0 members of the public.

1.Apologies for absence – Apologies received from - Cllr N Bankes. Apologies accepted – None. Apologies also received from District Cllr Chapman.

2.Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr George Page declared an interest in planning application 24/00807/F.

3.Public participation session – None.

4.To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 12th March 2024 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

5.Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 5.1 HS2 update – HS2 have advised that from April to October Monday to Saturdays will be working from 6am to 10pm.
- 5.2 Defibrillator/CPR training session – Defer to next meeting due to Cllr Burnett's absence.
- 5.3 Maintenance/repairs to the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village – No update.
- 5.4 Update re concerns raised by parishioners about the state of the grass outside Post Office Cottage, Mount Pleasant, due to vehicle access – Planning application still in progress.

6.Play Area

- 6.1 Play equipment safety inspection – Cllr A Gordon-Finlayson has completed the inspection and advised there are no issues to report.
- 6.2 Proposal to get the equipment pressure washed at a cost of £375 – It was proposed and agreed to go ahead with this. **Cllr M Patterson to instruct contractor.** Cllr G Page asked that it be minuted that he does not support this proposal based on the cost.
- 6.3 To consider repairs and possible relocation of the dog bin near the play area behind the village hall – A parishioner has requested that the bin be moved away from their property. A parishioner has offered to provide the post and complete the repair but as the bin is sited on land owned by the Memorial Hall their committee will need to agree the location. It was noted that the new location must not be further away from the Highway as there are limits as to how far from the Highway Cherwell District Council (CDC) will go to empty the bins. **Cllr M Patterson to inform the Memorial Hall Committee that they should decide on the new location for the bin and inform the parishioner who will fit the bin when they have made their decision.**
- 6.4 Proposal to arrange repairs to the post on the gate nearest the football field due to the existing post being rotten – Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to contact a contractor who lives in the village to ask if he can quote to provide a replacement post and fit it.**

7.Request from parishioner for the PC to publish maps of the village including house names on the noticeboards – After some discussion it was agreed to put the relevant map of the village in each noticeboard. **Clerk to print copies of the maps and laminate.**

8.Planning applications received

24/00807/F - OS Parcel 0927 East Of And Adjoining, Wardington Road, Wardington. New offices and agricultural buildings for a new agricultural seed. **The Parish Council supports this application as a permanent building for the business will help to keep this employer in the area.**

9.Planning decisions received

23/03428/OUT - OS Parcel 7921 South Of Huscote Farm And North West Of County Boundary, Daventry Road, Banbury. Outline planning application for the construction of up to 140,000 sqm of employment floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices and facilities and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses. Internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse. **Refused on appeal.**

24/00482/TCA – Judges, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington. T1 x Cedar - Remove major deadwood over garden side. Remove Major and Minor deadwood roadside. Reduction of larger lateral limbs by up to 2 metres where possible to reduce loading on limbs with altered wind loading from historic failures. Reduce limbs above included union by up to 2 metres to reduce weight on union. **Approved.**

10.Finance

10.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 06.03.2024 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£6,414.59
PC Savings	£24,428.69
Uncashed cheques	£0
Total	£30,843.28

	WPC Main	Williamscott	Total
Cashbook balances as at 10.04.24	£23,585.83	£7,257.45	£30,843.28

10.2 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

18.03.24	Kirsty Buttle	Salary March	£453.81
18.03.24	HMRC	Tax March	£5.80
28.03.24	NEST	Pension March	£17.61
18.03.24	Brent Harris	Bench installation	£79.00
31.03.24	Unity Bank	Account fee	£18.00
08.04.24	Wardington Memorial Hall	Room bookings from Apr to Nov 24	£142.08

10.3 To note the following receipts: Noted.

31.03.24	Unity Bank	Interest	£174.38
10.04.24	CDC	Precept	£6,300.00

10.4 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

CDC	6 month charge for dog bin emptying - 7 bins	£432.43
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10.5 To confirm completion of the final quarterly internal financial check for 2023-24 – Cllr Jarrett confirmed the check has taken place and all was found to be in order.

10.6 Proposal to add 7 dog bins to the asset register at a value of £1 each – Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to make the update to the register. Cllr M Patterson to send the clerk a list of the bin locations.**

11.Information exchange – None.

12.To review the Clerk’s payscale for the 2024-25 financial year – current payscale is SCP 24 – Defer to next meeting

Meeting closed @ 8:32pm

Date of next meeting – 21st May 2024

Signed..... Date.....