

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2020**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Featherstone (Chairman), I Atkins, A Robbins, M Stewart, H Wickham, M Wilkinson

ABSENT: Cllr S Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Hart (Clerk)

70.20/21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Thompson had submitted apologies.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence as submitted.

71.20/21 TO INVITE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

72.20/21 TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 23RD AND 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 23rd and 30th September 2020

**73.20/21 TO NOTE REPORTS FROM:
A. The Clerk**

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 50.20/21

Insurance

The renewal documents have been received from Came and Company

Minute 52.20/21 C

The battery has been ordered and the invoice is presented for payment.

Minute 55.20/21 Village Directory

The web link has been checked and is working correctly. The amendments will be completed by 9th November.

Minute 57.20/21 – Tree guard

A quote for the guard is awaited.

Noted that this had now been received and total £250 plus £45 to be painted black plus VAT.

RESOLVED: To purchase the tree guard for £295 plus VAT, noting that £250 could be reclaimed from SNC New Homes Bonus Grant as previously advised.

Paul Elcoat has been thanked for his repair of the old tree guard.

Minute 68.20/21 A Application S/2020/1507/FUL Holly Cottage 12 High Street Wappenham NN12 8SN

A comment of support was submitted to SNC; the application has not yet been decided.

Minute 68.20/21 C South Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment Consultation

Comments were submitted (Councillors copied in on the submission)

Minute 68.20/21 D White Paper

Neighbouring Parish Councils were contacted and their responses circulated.

B. The Chairman

Cllr Featherstone confirmed that comments to the South Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment Consultation had been submitted.

Cllr Wickham thanked him on behalf of the remainder of the Councillors.

Cllr Featherstone advised as an update to Minute 69.20/21 that additional trimmings to vegetation had occurred.

74.20/21 FINANCE SCHEDULE:

A. To Approve the Statement

Cash and Investment Accounts		
Current Account – Santander (10 th October)		3317.41
Deposit Account (NS&I) (Jan 2020)		1615.22
Total		4932.63
Santander daybook balance @10th October 2020		3317.41

RESOLVED: To Approve the Statement above.

B. To Ratify and Approve the Payments

Requests received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number	Applicable Power	Resolved to approve? Y/N

E Hart (battery)	22.99	7.97	30.96	22064	Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, s72	Y
E Hart (laptop cable)	14.16	2.83	16.99	22064	LGA 1972 s111	Y

RESOLVED: To Approve the Payments above.

The request from the Wappenham Village Hall Committee asking a contribution towards the £146 installation costs of the projector and screen was considered.

Agreed that it seemed equitable to contribute in the region of £80.

RESOLVED: To Request the Wappenham Village Hall Committee to submit an invoice of £80 to the Parish Council for approval at the next meeting.

C. To Note Receipts

75.20/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS –TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND NOTE DECIDED APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning application consultations requiring consideration.

Noted that a response from Andrea Leadsom regarding an online petition to the recent Government White Paper on Planning Reform highlighted how supportive she is of removing red tape and streamlining the planning process to save costs.

Further **noted** that there would be further consultations on the proposed planning reforms.

76.20/21 **TO DETERMINE ACTIONS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF THE VILLAGE SCROLL AND CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS**

Noted that the scroll was due to be fixed to the wall in the Village Hall.

Noted that Cllr Featherstone intended to submit an application for consideration at the December meeting.

77.20/21 **TO REVIEW PROVISION OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY/UPDATES REQUIRED**

Noted that the Parish Clerk would circulate an updated edition of the handbook prior to uploading it to the website.

78.20/21 **TO CONSIDER PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted that Highways were due to repair the broken barriers on Brookside which a parishioner had reported.

Correspondence regarding a suggestion of a memorial bench or tree was discussed.

Agreed that it might be preferable to repair and refurbish an old bench rather than erect a new bench.

RESOLVED: To contact Helen Howard to ascertain whether a new tree could be planted on the Knob.

Action: the Clerk

Agreed that Cllr Wickham would contact the parishioner to discuss the bench.

79.20/21 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Noted that Cllrs Wickham and Featherstone would lay a wreath for Remembrance at 10:15. The service was being held on Zoom.

80.20/21 **TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND STREET AREAS**

Communications regarding the A43 closures were **noted**.

Noted that recent rain had not resulted in any flooding.

81.20/21 **TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Freedom of the Village Nomination

Budget setting 2021/22

82.20/21 **TO SET FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Wednesday 27th January 2021

83.20/21 **COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

None.

The Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.