

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Wigginton Parish Council

Held on: Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 8pm

Location: Zoom – Online Video Conference

Present: S. Walker (Chair) (SW), D. Wilde (DW), S Fordyce (SF), D Moore (DM), T. Grammenos (TG), T. Axon (TG), J Mitchell, G Turczyn (Clerk), Dacorum Borough Cllr Phil McDowell and 4 members of the public.

Copies: All Councillors and the WPC website

Item	Description	Action by
1.	Chairman's Welcome.	
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.	Note
2.	Apologies for absence to be accepted by the council.	
2.1	None.	Note
3.	Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.	
3.1	None.	Note
4.	Public Participation (max 15 min).	
4.1	<p>To discuss the proposal submitted to the PC ON 21/7/2020 by the Wigginton Community Shop to relocate its internal café on a new external patio.</p> <p>The shop committee spokesperson reported that due to the impact of Covid 19 the Wigginton Shop had to put on hold serving inside the shop. As a result of that the shop committee came up with a proposal to re-establish the café and create an external café by the village shop with social distancing sitting places, parasols and heaters.</p> <p>The shop committee spokesperson highlighted the following aspects of the shop's proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To extend the shop patio area with tables, chairs and 3 anchored fitted parasols. 2) To put energy efficient outdoor heaters for when the weather forecast. <p>There was a long and detailed debate about the merits of the proposal with several differing views expressed from the Council and the shop committee members regarding the choice of the parasols and their fitting and the plans for outdoor seating.</p> <p>The Council discussed whether the proposal should be on a temporary basis, taking into consideration the dynamic of the pandemic and several implications on social distancing policies and guidelines, or whether an extension of the patio should be a permanent change.</p> <p>The Council discussed whether the re-establishment of the café could have a competitive impact on the village pub and how would that affect both businesses.</p>	Note

It was noted that the proposal would permanently increase the covered seating from 31 to 55, which some felt would make the facility much more of a café than a village shop which is outside of the original vision, terms of the lease and original planning permission.

The Parish Council, inclusive of all 7 members, took a vote on the following proposals:

1) Implementing patio heaters:

2 VOTES FOR YES
4 VOTES FOR NO
1 VOTE ABSTAINED

2) Implementing permanent external café with seating arrangement and 3 patio parasols.

3 VOTES FOR YES
4 VOTES FOR NO
0 VOTES ABSTAINED

3) Implementing temporary external café with seating arrangement and 3 patio parasols without the outdoor heaters:

The Parish Council approved this proposal unanimously.

The Chairman suggested discussing this proposal further via email and he thanked the members of the public, specifically the shop committee, for attending the meeting and for putting this proposal before the Parish Council for discussion.

Note

The Parish Council agreed to find a solution to the proposal to help the shop committee run the village shop and the business during this unprecedented time of Covid-19 pandemic.

Note

Hertfordshire Police.

5.

No update.

Note

5.1

Approval and Signing of Minutes.

6.

The minutes of the meeting of Wigginton Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Note

6.1

Clerk's Report/Village Warden's Report.

7.

Note

Warden's Report

7.1

The Chairman said that the play area had been re-opened and that it is in good order.

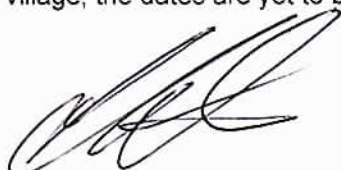
Cllr Axon will inspect the next month and report back at the next Council meeting.

Sunnyside Rural Trust Monthly Report

7.2

The Clerk reported that in the first week of August there will be large litter pick in the village, the dates are yet to be confirmed and report will follow.

Clerk



7.3	The Chairman suggested to keep dog waste bags outside his house for when they need to be filled. Cllr Fordyce will provide details of a supplier and the Clerk will order it.	Note/ SF
7.3.1	Items for Information – Clerk The Clerk reported that a computer anti-virus is due for renewal. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Fordyce and SECONDED BY Cllr Wilde and carried unanimously to purchase a 2-year anti-virus subscription for £64.99.	Clerk
7.3.2	The Council agreed that any donations for using the sports field for fitness classes can be done via bank transfer. The Clerk will provide the details.	Clerk
8.	Play Area and Sports Field	
8.1	To receive an update on the Annual Play Area. Cllr Axon suggested getting quotes for work needed at the play area including fixing the entrance gate. <i>Cllr Axon will contact a local contractor for a quote.</i>	TA
8.2	To receive an update on the proposed pitch works by Berkhamsted Raiders. Cllr Grammenos reported back that he is yet to accept the grant on behalf of Wigginton PC. There is an error message that occurs when Cllr Grammenos tries to submit the application which is not allowing to progress further. The Clerk will email the Football Foundation to see if they will come up with a solution.	Clerk
9.	The Oddy 2020 and Village Survey.	Note
9.1	To discuss an outcome of the Village Survey. The Chair would forward to Cllr Wilde the hard copies posted in the council's letter box and it was agreed to put this item on the next Agenda for discussion at the Council meeting in September.	Note
10.	Community Support Scheme – Covid 19.	
10.1	To receive an update report on the Community Support Scheme. Cllr Moore reported that the prescription delivery will be discontinued end of July but that the support will be still available for 20 most vulnerable residents. The Council thanked Cllr Moore for his commitment in managing the Community Support Scheme.	Note/ DM
11.	Wigginton Support Fund.	
11.1	To receive an update on the progress of the Wigginton Support Fund.	



The Chairman read out the update he received from the school.

It was carried unanimously to keep the Wigginton Support Fund in place until further review.

Note/
SW

12. Finance.

12.1 A resolution was passed to make the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Fordyce and SECONDED BY Cllr Wilde and carried unanimously:

Note/
Clerk

12.1.1 BACs presented for payment at the meeting of Wigginton Parish Council held on 21ST July 2020:

BACS	S Walker -	
	Reimbursement for printer for the Clerk	£169.97
BACS	The Snag Man – weeding at Play area	£90.00
BACS	Stuart Fordyce – Reimbursement for Metro Calls	£12.84
BACS	Fresh Air Fitness – Air Skier	£294.00
BASC	CYAN – Parish Benches	£750.96

Note/
Clerk

The Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the Accounts up to date sent out by Cllr Fordyce prior to this meeting.

SF

13. Planning.

13.1 DBC decisions of planning applications:

Note

08/06/2020 20/00834/FHA Construction of single storey rear extension replacing existing outhouse & front porch. 242 Clayhill Wigginton Bottom Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HR GRANTED

10/06/2020 20/00876/FHA Two storey front extension to replace a single storey garage and an extension of the rear first floor to create a larger dormer window. 6 Fox Close Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6ED GRANTED

12/06/2020 20/00901/FHA Loft Conversion with Rear Dormer and Double Hip To Gable and Two Storey Front Extension. 11 Osborne Way Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6EN GRANTED.

13.2 Planning applications to be considered:

Note

20/01415/TPO Works to Oak tree. Green Hedges Chesham Road Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HH No objection.

20/01577/RES Submission of reserved matters (access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) attached to planning permission 20/00076/OUT (Replacement Dwelling (To replace the existing single-storey bungalow with a 2-storey dwelling). Green Hedges Chesham Road Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HH No objection.



20/01648/FHA New Dormer Window to Rear. White Farm Tinkers Lane Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6JB No objection.

20/00328/FUL Demolition of existing stable block. Construction of new dwelling. Park Farm The Twist Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6DU No objection.

20/01715/LDE Levelling of approximately 400 square meters of ground involving creation of banking. Field Adjacent to Hunters Quay Hemp Lane Wigginton Tring HP23 6HF No objection.

20/01807/FHA First floor side extension over garage and creation of new open carport. Paddockside Tinkers Lane Wigginton Hertfordshire HP23 6JB No objection.

14. Items for discussion:

14.1 Green Spaces

14.1.1 To consider quotes for resurfacing under the gym equipment.

Cllr Grammenos obtained a quote of £1925 plus VAT for resurfacing under the gym equipment. The Council agreed that this quote is too excessive.

TA

Cllr Axon will provide another quote for the next meeting.

Clerk

14.1.2 To further consider proposals for wilding of the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Wilde reported that further development of the Recreation Ground would cost approximately £1000 of which £500 would be donated by the Wigginton Gardeners.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Fordyce and SECONDED BY the Chairman and carried unanimously for the Parish Council to pay £500 towards the development of the Recreation Ground.

14.1.3 To accept a quote for tree work in the recreation ground.

The Clerk will contact a local contractor to obtain a second quote for cutting down the tree.

Clerk

14.2 Highways and Footpaths.

14.2.1 To receive an update on the visibility issue at the junction of Wigginton Bottom and Chesham Road.

Note

Cllr Moore reported the matter to Highways.

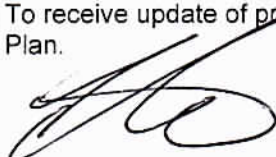
Cllr Wilde will write a letter to the owner of the hedge asking him to cut it back.

DW

14.2.2 **Climate Change Emergency.**

To receive update of progress from Sustainable Wigginton on the Climate Action Plan.

Note



The recreation ground wilding project was being progressed. Progress on other issues would resume when social distancing measures were relaxed.

15. Any Other Business.

Note

15.1 To discuss proposals from Woodlands Weddings.

The Council objected unanimously to the planning application put forward by Woodland Weddings.

Note

15.2 To consider proposal for appointment on new Trustee for the Wigginton Pools Allotment Charity.

The Council agreed unanimously the choice of the new Trustee.

Meeting Closed at 22:15
Gosia Turczyn, Wigginton Parish Clerk

