

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF WIGGINTON AND HOPWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2019, 7.15 P.M AT ST LEONARDS SCHOOL, WIGGINTON

Present: Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Croft, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Moore.

In attendance: Mrs M Jones (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

Open Forum: Residents raised the issue of speeding through Wigginton. Certain vehicles were ignoring the speed limit signs and risking accidents to the public. Registration numbers had been reported to the Police. It was agreed to contact Safer Roads to ask for a temporary speed recording sign such as the one recently sited in Hopwas, and whether the speed camera van could be used in Wigginton. Other points raised were the trees which needed attention on the grassed bank, these would be trimmed and any dead ones removed. Ivy was obscuring a light near to Walrand Close, Cllr Stevens would enquire who was responsible and report back. Residents regretted that there was no longer a bus through the village and that the nearest stop to Tamworth near the Wigginton pub was difficult for some to access. There had been dog fouling on the grassed bank, dog owners should clear up after their pets or they would be reported to Environmental Health at Lichfield District Council.

1. To receive and approve apologies.

Cllr Shirliff had apologised as he was on holiday. District Cllr Leytham had apologised as he had another meeting.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2019.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. To receive the Clerk's report.

The County Council had decided after consulting the public not to proceed with the plan to stop funding the School Crossing patrol, so the patrol in Hopwas would continue.

Comberford Millennium Green – a further quote for swings had been received but it would be cheaper to have a local installer as previously quoted. Work to repair the slide area would begin soon.

The next election for Parish Councillors would take place on May 2nd and nomination forms should be delivered to the District Council no later than April 3rd. Further information would be given at the next meeting.

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5. To consider any planning matters.

(a) Applications for consideration

19/00003/FUL Hilltop Cottage, three bedroom detached dwelling with associated access, parking and turning area. Amendments to the previous application included repositioning of the access and dwelling. Councillors expressed concerns about the steep access onto the narrow road.

19/00161/FULH 4 Walrand Close, Single storey extension to rear to form sun lounge replacing existing conservatory. The members had no concerns about this proposal, which would have no detrimental effect on neighbours.

18/01285/FUL Cobwebs, Lichfield Road, Hopwas; single storey rear extension to form laundry, WC and family room; amended plans. Councillors remained concerned about construction traffic and the delivery of materials in the dangerous position near the canal bridge, restricted delivery times would be requested. The extension still seemed close to the neighbouring property.

18/01741/FULM Dunnimere Farm, Harlaston, poultry rearing farm; the Parish Council had previously requested a condition that no traffic would be routed through Wigginton. Highways had objected to access via Haselour Lane which had a weight limit, and suggested that traffic could reach the farm via Wigginton to the south or Clifton and Harlaston to the North. If amended plans were submitted which promoted HGV traffic through Wigginton the Parish Council would strongly object. Harlaston Parish Council had strongly objected to the application.

(b) Lichfield District Council Consultations: public drop in session on Local Plan amendments, at St Mary's Lichfield, 14th February, 3 - 6pm. Cllr Stevens hoped to attend. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

6. To consider parking and traffic in Wigginton.

Cllr Stevens gave an update on a meeting with the manager of the care home, when he had explained about parking difficulties and asked for staff to park at the Crown. Cllrs Stevens, Croft and the Clerk had met Highways representatives to discuss double yellow lines around Walrand Close. A plan had been produced and residents would be consulted on this. It was agreed that a passing bay would also be marked out near the grassed bank and lines put around the Syerscote Lane junction.

7. To consider next newsletter.

A draft newsletter was approved. This would be sent to the printers and the Councillors would deliver it in March.

8. To consider maintenance.

Andy Cox had cleared verges at Wigginton and the farmer had cut hedges, it was agreed that the area looked much tidier. Andy had also trimmed bushes at Comberford Millennium Green.

Alan Robey had begun keeping Hopwas Playing Field tidy and the Garden Club had agreed that he would maintain the garden area from March. Bark would be ordered for Alan to spread around the climbing frames. A replacement bolt was required for the rocker.

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9. To receive Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Stevens had not yet been able to contact the Round Table about the Bonfire event, but intended to do so shortly.

10. To receive correspondence.

Staffordshire Parish Council Association bulletins
Lichfield District Council, information items

11. To approve the Financial Report.

The bank reconciliation was noted.

The request for a Precept of £20,000 had been sent to Lichfield District Council.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

12. To approve the payments as listed on the schedule.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

M. Jones, salary, pension and expenses £457.96; HMRC £75.20;

Peak Cashflow, M&GB grounds maintenance £120;

St Leonard's, room hire £30,

Comberford Millennium Green Trust £500

SLCC, Clerk's membership £6568

A. Robey, handyman work £30, A. Cox, maintenance £120.00

13. Items for next meeting.

Election information

Local Plan Consultation

14. Dates of future meetings:

Thursday 4th April, St Leonard's Primary School, Wigginton

Wednesday 8th May, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

15. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 7th March, Thomas Barnes School, Hopwas

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.