

# Widdington Parish Council

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## **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.00pm**

**Present** Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr Maggs Webb, Cllr Chris Firmin, Cllr Teresa Petchey, Cllr. Lynn Harris, Cllr. Steve Smith, Cllr. Albert Edwards

**In Attendance** District Cllr. Neil Hargreaves, 6 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

### **01.23.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME**

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **01.23.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were not received.

### **01.23.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

*County Cllr Ray Gooding joined the meeting.*

**01.23.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Member of public has helped source quote for new tree to plant and raised concern over protection.

Widdington Recycling – a complaint made to Essex County Council, more update in item **01.23.11**.

### **01.23.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT**

Widdington Recycling – Cllr Gooding arranged a meeting with D&R committee chair (Cllr. Guglielmi) and T. McCarthy, the delay in S106 is the biggest sticking point. Expects it will be referred back to the committee and will be update WPC mid next week.

Members pothole scheme, Cllr. Gooding has reported those on Spring Hill and in other locations in the village. The large ones on Hollow Road are a real problem and the lack of S106 is also an issue for fixing these.

Spring Hill speed & traffic survey should happen in this quarter, LHP meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January so further update should be available after the meeting.

Resident also raised the wearing away of the road edges in Spring Hill.

Chair agreed to support letter from County Cllr Gooding to highlight issues with soil fly tipping being sent on behalf of local parishes.

### **01.23.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT**

Working on 2023/2024 budget currently, inflation pressure and increasing cost base over a raft of measures, £5 per month for Band D. Rent increase for council houses is still to be set, this is ring fenced money for increasing housing stock etc. Grants £310K have been awarded for 2023/2024, the largest to citizen`s advice bureau. Overall, UDC will allocate £750K grant monies across different sectors in 2023/2024.

### **01.23.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and Chair Southcott signed the minutes.

### **01.23.08 CLERK`S REPORT**

The Clerk reported;

1. Responded to FOI request
2. Reported potholes on hollow road and other locations around the village.
3. Paperwork pertaining to judicial review.
4. Reported empty salt bins to Essex Highways.
5. Quotes requested for the commemorative tree.
6. Applied for Bursary towards cost of election process training.
7. Approached Littlebury clerk for more information on their green project, awaiting response.

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## 01.23.09 PLANNING

1. Update on planning applications for Land North Cornell's Lane - Appeal and Judiciary review actions and finances (applications UTT/21/2137/FUL (APP/C1570/W/22/3296928), UTT/22/2278/FUL and UTT/22/3191/FUL) – due to legal privilege this was discussed in closed session. Council agreed to continue with current decisions and continue to review.
2. To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning application matters arising since December 2022 meeting.

9.2i. ESS/111/22/UTT- Newport Chalk Quarry, Chalk Farm Lane, Newport - Continuation of the importation of inert material, installation and use of recycling plant and the final disposal of inert residues to facilitate restoration of the site to calcareous grassland, together with the continued extraction of chalk reserve (application ref: ESS/42/18/UTT) without compliance with condition 6 (HGV movements) to allow an increase in the permitted number of daily HGV movements. Lorry movements to increase from 80 (40 in 40 out) to 120 daily 5 days per week. [Deadline for comments: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023. WPC to object due to Newport congestion early morning, the condition of the road \(mud\) and that in March D&R meeting it was stated that no further traffic would be required.](#)

9.2ii. UTT/22/3465/HHF- Ringers Farmhouse Debden Road Newport Essex CB11 3RY - New swimming pool and outbuilding - [Deadline for comments: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023. No objections.](#)

3. To note [Uttlesford District Council](#) planning decisions, decided since December Parish Council meeting.

9.3i. UTT/22/2825/OP - Land to The South Of Cornells Lane Widdington Essex - Outline application with all matters reserved except access for demolition of existing buildings and for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and garage - Decision – [Refused](#).

9.3ii. UTT/22/3050/DOC - Mole Hall Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SS - Discharge of condition 3 (bio diversity enhancement layout) 4 (wildlife sensitive lighting scheme) attached to UTT/21/2477/FUL - Decision – [Discharge conditions in full](#).

9.3iii. UTT/22/3003/NMA - Land To The North Of Cornells Lane Widdington Essex- Non material amendment to UTT/22/2278/FUL- Variation of condition 3 (construction management) 4 (Archaeology) 5 (Post Excavation Assessment) 8 (Ecological Area) 13 (Renewable Energy/climate change mitigation)- Decision – [Approved](#).

## 01.23.10 FINANCE

**01.23.10.1** Invoices; The clerk presented a statement of accounts and reconciliation to cash books which were agreed and approved for signature.

EALC Clerk Training Law & Procedures - Invoice no. 16062	-£108.00
EALC Clerk Training - Code of Conduct - Invoice no. 16061	-£84.00
Solicitors UTT/22/3191/FUL – submission to planning department	-£1,015.20
Gardner Planning - Judicial review & UTT/22/3191/FUL	-£1,050.00
KL Clerk Salary	-£432.45
KL Clerk Expenses	-£50.01

They were [approved for payment](#).

**01.23.10.2 PRECEPT** – To be deferred to an extra ordinary meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

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**01.23.11 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING** – S106 is still outstanding, Cllr Guglielmi has been contacted (Chair of D&R committee), see comments in **01.23.05**.

**01.23.12 CORONATION VILLAGE EVENT** – Cllr Harris to report back in February meeting with ideas for village event. Clerk to post on facebook.

**01.23.13 COMMEMORATIVE TREE** – Cllr Smith to get written quote and decide on tree purchase.

**01.23.14 COMMUNITY ASSET PROTECTION** Also known as Asset of Community Value – UDC website is available. Cllr Edwards reported research ongoing.

**01.23.15 OTHER BUSINESS** –

Drainage of Hollow road by the railway bridge, needs to be investigated and raised as an issue that needs to be investigated further.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Planning - Working party recommendations

Cllr Smith – Village sign work done and any other recommendations

**01.23.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **8pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:05