

# Widdington Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 8.00pm

**Present** Cllr. Chris Firmin, Cllr Teresa Petchey, Cllr. Lynn Harris, Cllr. Steve Smith,

**In Attendance** District Cllr. Judy Emanuel, 2 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

### **02.23.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME**

Vice-Chair Chris Firmin welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **02.23.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr Maggs Webb, Cllr Albert Edwards, County Cllr Ray Gooding apologies were received.

### **02.23.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

**02.23.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Widdington Recycling, MOP, formal complaint to ECC, reply received refuting the complaints. Also issues with verge collapse on Spring Hill due to passing trucks for Newport chalk quarry – clerk to report to Essex highways.

*Member of public joined the meeting.*

Update requested from youth centre to Widdington Parish Council – Clerk to contact.

### **02.23.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT - None**

**02.23.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT** – Greater and Little Chesterford neighbourhood plan has been approved. Changes to planning rules, mean spatial part of neighbourhood plan has been extended from 2 years to 5 years in being considered by planning departments. Newport has found theirs very useful in refusing inappropriate planning applications.

Planning committee – new employment site – brown field site, near long stay parking at Stansted airport – logistic warehouses, plus smaller units for business use (hopefully life sciences and biotech) – Threadneedle Investment Group. Some of the existing units will remain and others will move on the airport. Estimated employment figure ~2500 jobs.

Cllr Emanuel has been speaking to food bank about local need and how people are accessing their needs. Largest issue is the middle ground and need help with budgeting.

### **02.23.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and Vice-Chair Firmin signed the minutes.

### **02.23.08 CLERK`S REPORT**

The Clerk reported;

1. Chased Essex Highways ref. the salt bins needing filling, Cllr. Smith has gained bags from another parish and put in salt bins.
2. Paperwork completion for Judicial Review as needed.
3. Started supporting ACV application paperwork.
4. Chased EALC bursary payment for clerk training.
5. Submitted precept demand to UDC.
6. Notice that Ash Tree on Cornell's lane is undergoing coppicing work on 15/02/2023 – this is due to disease and will be carried out by Mercer Tree Services on behalf of Essex Places.
7. Please note, Anglia Water has removed blockage near Elmstead, organised due to Cllr. Firmin & Cllr. Smith efforts.
8. Cllr. Edwards requested Anglia Water investigate the regular flooding near the pumping station, this has been carried out and no blockage was found.

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9. Submitted objection for planning application ESS/111/22/UTT (Newport Chalk Quarry) as agreed 01.23.09.2i.
10. New savings account set-up completed and funds transferred.

## 02.23.09 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) – Judicial review judge has granted that WPC have an arguable case and granted our liabilities reference UDC to £10K, UDC cap set at £35K. The appeal has accepted these documents and the TPO for the trees making up the green tunnel effect
2. To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning application matters arising since January 2022 meeting.
  - 9.2i. UTT/23/0031/DOC - Dove House The Green Widdington Essex CB11 3SD - Application to discharge condition 3 (window details) attached to UTT/22/1574/LB. [Determination deadline – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 \(decision made to discharge conditions in full\)](#)
  - 9.2ii. UTT/23/0033/DOC - Ringers Debden Road Newport Essex CB11 3RY - Application to discharge condition 2 (materials) attached to UTT/20/0530/FUL.- [Determination deadline – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.](#)
3. To note [Uttlesford District Council](#) planning decisions, decided since January Parish Council meeting.
  - 9.3i. UTT/22/3031/DOC - Dove House The Green Widdington Essex CB11 3SD - Application to discharge condition 3 (window details) attached to UTT/22/1574/LB. [Discharged conditions in full.](#)
  - 9.3ii. UTT/22/3111/HHF- High Ridge House Spring Hill Widdington Essex CB11 3SB - Two storey and single storey rear and side extensions, replacement windows, insulated render to the existing house and landscaping to the rear. [Decision – Approve with Conditions](#)

## 02.23.10 FINANCE

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

KL Clerk Salary	-£418.50
KL Clerk Expenses	-£59.60
Landmark Chambers, Appeal Hearing Representation	-£4,800

They were [approved for payment](#).

**02.23.11 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING** – 8 months were taken to produce S106 draft, new licence is dependent upon the conditions of the S106 that are not yet determined. Trucks to and from site continue to damage Hollow Road including verges & drainage as noted previously. S106 states scheme for repair now & at end of 10 year period, but nothing in between. Clerk to contact Cllr. Scott to highlight effect of this decision for Essex Highways.

**02.23.12 CORONATION VILLAGE EVENT** – village committee has lots of volunteers, more guidance has been received from palace suggesting a big lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Therefore, committee

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need to more time to review plans. Cllr. Harris to update council & revert with firmer cost estimation and celebration proposals.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – The Big Help – Cllr. Harris and Smith considering community projects, Clerk to promote and request volunteers.

**02.23.13 WIDDINGTON VILLAGE SIGN** – Cllr. Smith – oak post needs staining, sign paint is peeling on Widdington part of the sign. Other side is very mossy and not able to be cleaned as will remove paint. Clerk to investigate restoration companies.

**02.23.14 PLANNING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT** - Working party has reported back their recommendations for updating the Widdington Planning Guidance document. Voted – unanimous to accept changes.

**02.23.15 OTHER BUSINESS** –

Food bank/Parish Council contact volunteer – clerk to check which foodbank asking as some residents already co-ordinating with local foodbanks.

Parish Forum – planning – 28<sup>th</sup> March 7-8:30pm online – volunteer needed.

**02.23.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Meeting closed at 20:48