

# Widdington Parish Council

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## **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 8.00pm**

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

**In Attendance** 4 members of the public, District Cllr. Judy Emanuel and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

### **02.24.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME**

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

**02.24.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - District Cllr. Neil Hargreaves

**02.24.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**02.24.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Question asked ref. recent activity on land, the chair replied matter was outside of WPC role and member of public should raise matter with relevant bodies. Speed survey – no further progress from ECC, Chair has spoken to County Cllr. Will keep residents updates as WPC know more.

**02.24.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT** – None

**02.24.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT** – Apologies from UDC reference waste collection. Responses for local plan are being worked through, significant response from ECC reference school capacity, roads, and other infrastructure. District Cllr. Emanuel has been appointed to the local plan panel, neighbourhood plan is being reviewed for Newport area, to raise alternatives to those proposed in the local plan, that could potentially be deemed less harmful to local roads etc. Looking at possibilities of new surgery and early years setting.

Cllr. Southcott – asked if there would be a discount applied for garden waste collection next year as it is an extra paid for service and been delayed since before Christmas.

### **02.24.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

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

### **02.24.08 CLERK`S REPORT**

The Clerk reported;

1. Contacted various companies regarding moving to gov.uk website and email addresses.
2. Attended Citizens Advice AGM on behalf of WPC.
3. Invited foodbank and citizens advice to present at the Annual Parish Meeting.
4. Chased quotes for village sign restoration.
5. Looked into Microsoft office account for WPC use only.
6. Sent Precept demand to UDC.

### **02.24.09 PLANNING**

02.24.09.1 Land North of Cornell's lane, Appeal – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024 last date for submission of papers and then planning inspector will decide how the appeals will proceed.

02.24.09.2 To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning application matters arising since January 2023 meeting.

02.24.9.2i. UTT/24/0064/LB - The Old Rectory Church Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SF- Replacement of cement render for lime plaster and lime render repairs. [Deadline for comments – 13th February 2024.](#)

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02.24.9.2ii. UTT/24/0154/HHF- Redwood Church Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SF - Single storey side extension and changes to boundary treatments.- [Deadline for comments – 21st February 2024](#)

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

02.24.9.3i. UTT/23/3123/DOC - Ringers Debden Road Newport Essex CB11 3RY- Application to discharge condition 3 (landscaping) attached to UTT/20/0530/FUL – [Discharge conditions in Full](#).

02.24.9.3ii. UTT/23/3026/CLP- Laurels Church Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SF- Proposed Single-Storey Rear Extension– [Approved](#).

02.24.9.3iii. UTT/23/3188/DOC- Pond Mead High Street Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SB - Application to discharge conditions 3 (materials), 4 (noise protection scheme), 5 (written scheme of investigation for historic building recording), 6 (programme of historic building recording), 7 (Construction Method Statement), 9 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout) and 13 (Lighting Scheme for Biodiversity) attached to UTT/23/1569/FUL). [Discharge conditions in part](#).

## 02.24.10 FINANCE

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

Clerk Salary + Expenses	£497.14
Appeal – Legal advice, filings (Barrister)	£4020.00

They were [approved for payment](#).

**02.24.10.2 GREENS CUTTING** – WPC agreed to extend cutting contract with existing contractor.

**02.24.11 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING** – Drainage engineer has drawn up a plan of works and problems are more extensive than expected. More will be known after public liaison meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## 02.24.12 I.T –

**02.24.12.1** – WPC resolved new domain name should be [widdingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://widdingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**02.24.12.2** – Microsoft Office – to be put on hold until new email addresses.

**02.24.13 CLERK TRAINING** – Clerk attending greens and PROW training – WPC resolved Clerk to attend.

**02.24.14 OTHER BUSINESS:** Agenda item for March – King’s help out day in June. WPC would like to thank guides for arranging the commemorative trees plaque. Italian night going ahead. Village hall, one grant not relevant, still awaiting to hear from another grant. Agenda item for March – WPC fund rental of speed gun.

## 02.24.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **8pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 21:02