

# Widdington Parish Council

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

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

**In Attendance** 5 members of the public, District Cllr. Judy Emanuel and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

### **11.23.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME**

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **11.23.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Lynn Smith

### **11.23.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

*Cllr. Maggs Webb joined the meeting.*

**11.23.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Speed survey question, no data yet, Chair raised opportunity available to attend the speed community check meeting.

Report of skip lorry leaving WR pit Tuesday 31st 6:23 am – to be logged with ECC.

### **11.23.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT – None**

**11.23.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, UDC extraordinary meeting, vote agreed (24 for 11 against) to put the draft Local Plan to public consultation (Regulation 18). 1200 houses at Little Easton was approved by Planning Inspector after the draft plan had been compiled. Bulk of the housing demand is in Takeley by changing airport protection zone to the south. Need a plan to stop speculative development and to plan appropriate infrastructure to support new developments. Public consultation is up to Christmas, all comments will be placed on website and responded to by UDC. No political interference has been put in place to restrict where can be selected within the local plan (reason last 2 local plans were rejected). Intention after adoption of a local plan is that it should be updated every 5 years and be a rolling process.

### **11.23.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

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

### **11.23.08 CLERK`S REPORT**

The Clerk reported;

1. Contacted landowner on Springhill reference clearing drainage ditches as riparian owner.
2. Chased UDC planning department reference acknowledgement of Asset of Community Value (ACV) nomination for Fleur De Lys and its field.
3. Ordered new Christmas Lights
4. E-mailed Allotment Association Chair reference agreement with WPC on cutting the playground.
5. Reported flooding at Hollow Road and Springhill to Essex highways as a safety concern.

### **11.23.09 PLANNING**

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

11.23.09.1i. UTT/23/2651/NMA - Land West Of The Willows Cornells Lane Widdington Essex – Non Material Amendment to UTT/23/2086/FUL - Correct the incorrect time limit Condition 1 on planning permission UTT/23/2086/FUL to the standard 3 year time limit and amend

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wording in conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 so that it relates to the information submitted in application UTT/23/2086/FUL.. [Determination deadline 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.](#)

11.23.09.1ii. UTT/23/2537/ACV - Fleur De Lys High Street Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SG - Nomination of Fleur De Lys public house as an Asset of Community Value.– [Determination deadline 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.](#)

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

11.23.09.2i. UTT/23/2391/DOC - Midsummer House Now Demolished High Street Widdington Essex – Application to discharge condition 6 (Great Crested Newt Method Statement) of UTT/22/2260/FUL. [Discharge conditions in full.](#)

11.23.09.2ii. UTT/23/2363/NMA - Land Rear Of Malt Place Cornells Lane Widdington Essex - Non-material amendment to UTT/21/2649/FUL - Elevational changes to comply with building regulations and to provide conformity between approved plans under UTT/23/2118/NMA – [Split decision.](#)

11.23.09.2.iii. UTT/23/2337/DOC - Land Rear Of Malt Place Cornells Lane Widdington Essex- Application to discharge conditions 3 (external finishes), 4 (surface water drainage), 5 (off site flooding), 6 (maintenance arrangements), 17 (great crested newts), 18 (biodiversity enhancement strategy) and 19 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/21/2649/FUL.– [Discharge conditions in part.](#)

11.23.09.2iv. UTT/23/1569/FUL - Pond Mead High Street Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SB - Proposed subdivision of dwellinghouse to create 2 no. dwellinghouses. Proposed conversion works, demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey extension, and layout changes, including separate accesses for both plots, separate parking areas and ancillary driveways. – [Approve with conditions.](#)

## 11.23.10 FINANCE

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

Allotment land rental	£1200
Clerk Salary + Expenses	£461.27
Christmas Lights (2 sets)	£102.80

They were [approved for payment.](#)

**11.23.10.2** Budget items for 2024/25 – Councillors to submit ideas for budget items to clerk.

**11.23.10.3** Clerk has chased solicitors, still awaiting full advice and statement from solicitors if there are restrictions on how these funds can be used in future.

**11.23.11 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING** – Noise monitoring is not yet agreed and still outstanding. More complaints have been made regarding WR to ECC.

**11.23.12 ALLOTMENTS** – actions to be taken forward into December.

**11.23.13 ELECTRICITY AND GARAGES** – Clerk to pass enquiry onto UDC as landowner, council agreed to not pursue further.

**11.23.14 SPEED SURVEY AND PUBLIC HIGHWAYS ISSUES** – no data received yet.

**11.23.15 OTHER BUSINESS:**

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Clothing bank we don't really have space in the VH car park, but Cllr. Webb has seen one in Elsenham and it does look good. Also doubt whether Widdington would create a tonne in one year.

## **11.23.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **8pm** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 21:00