

Widdington Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022 at 8.00pm

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

In Attendance 7 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

08.22.01 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

08.22.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllr. Edwards, District Cllr Hargreaves, District Cllr Emanuel.

08.22.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Harris & Cllr Smith re tree felling **08.22.12**

08.22.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Jubilee committee has replaced Wilkinson marquee, WPC to reimburse from the donations received. New entrance has been put in near Hollow road, opposite main entrance to the pit, clerk to investigate landowner. Cllr Southcott to contact T. McCarthy ref. Widdington Recycling.

1 member of public joined the meeting.

New bus services, appears to be extended hours, is it working, but complaints from residents of service not turning up. Therefore, improved timetable but maybe less reliable. Should we be encouraging use. Clerk to put timetable on facebook & website.

Clerk to request update from Cllr Gooding reference speeding survey/actions, after update requested by member of public.

Questions reference the deadline for submitting comments to the Planning inspectorate and UDC reference the applications for Land North of Cornells lane.

The owner of Midsummer house explained that their personal circumstances had changed and necessitated a change in their plans for development of the site.

The owner of Land North of Cornells lane stated that in their eyes the UDC planning committee were incorrect to refuse planning permission counter to the advice of the planning officer and hopes that it will be overturned by the inspectorate.

Building work has started at the Widdington Recycling site on the new workshop and soil is being spread round the site rather than the pits being refilled. The S106 draft is still not available and public feeling is that Widdington Recycling are continuing business as usual without knowing directives of the S106.

08.22.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

08.22.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

08.22.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

08.22.08 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported;

1. Amended Accounting Statement as instructed by External auditors, answered variance query from auditors.
2. Chased Essex County Council legal department reference car in Hamel way
3. Sourced quotes for felling of cherry tree.

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4. Barclays reserve bank account, admin and phone calls.
5. Cleared one draw of council filing cabinets.
6. Meeting with Widdington Recycling.
7. Chased outstanding allotment & garage payments.

08.22.09 PLANNING

To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning applications:

i. [UTT/22/2260/FUL](#)- Midsummer House (demolished) High Street Widdington Essex CB11 3SB
Proposed erection of 2 dwellings including one new access, parking and garaging. **Deadline for comments: 12th September.** Unanimous decision Clerk – to post objection on behalf of WPC due to overcrowding of the plot, landowner feels that to stay in the village they now require two smaller houses (new plans means that the plots is now divided into 3rds).

1 member of the public left the meeting.

ii. [UTT/22/2278/FUL](#) – Land to the north of Cornells Lane Widdington CB11 3SG
Proposed erection of 4 no. detached dwellings and associated works. **Deadline for comments: 14th September.** Member of public – question various dates for submitting comments on the appeal & the new application. Unanimous Decision – to engage consultant.

iii. [UTT/22/2160/HHF](#) - Bishops End Wood End Widdington Essex CB11 3SN
First floor extension, fenestration changes, garage conversion and internal alterations: **Determination deadline: 27th September – no action.**

iv. [UTT/22/2117/DOC](#) - Land to the south of Cornells Lane Widdington Essex
Application to discharge condition 8 (Contamination Assessment) and condition 9 (Remediation Scheme) attached to [UTT/21/0545/FUL](#) (Approved under Appeal APP/C1570/W/21/3281527):
Determination deadline: 21st September

v. [UTT/22/1803/HHF](#) - The Haven Spring Hill Widdington Essex CB11 3SA
Single storey rear extension, new rear canopy roof and replacement of existing living room door and windows with bio-fold doors. **Determination deadline: 7th September**

vi. [UTT/22/1574/LB](#) - Dove House The Green Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SD
Proposed replacement of 5 first floor windows. **Determination deadline: 16th September**

To note the following [Uttlesford District Council](#) planning decisions:

[UTT/22/1415/DOC](#) - Mole Hall Mole Hall Lane Widdington Essex CB11 3SS
Application to discharge condition 2 (CEMP), 3 (Biodiversity enhancement layout) and 4 (lighting design scheme) attached to [UTT/21/2477/FUL](#) – [Discharge, conditions in part.](#)

[UTT/22/2146/TCA](#) - Rectory Cottage High Street Widdington Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3SB
Stika spruce, 1no. red cedar- fell– [Tree, no objections.](#)

1 member of public left the meeting.

08.22.10 FINANCE

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

08.22.10.1 Invoices;

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| Railton TPC Ltd., (Bruce Bamber Land North Cornells lane appeal) | -£800.00 |
| EALC New Councillor Training - 2 day - Smith, Harris & Petchey - invoice nos. 15829, 15830, 15840 | -£324.00 |
| Gardner Planning _ Tees Application_ Cornell lane | -£6,811.25 |

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| KL Clerk Salary (Paye £84.20) | -£336.68 |
| KL Clerk Expenses | -£50.01 |

They were [approved for payment](#).

08.22.10.2 Jubilee donations distribution – WPC to pay S. Whalley £68.95, approved. Cllr Southcott proposed that remaining donations go towards a event later in the year, supported and approved unanimously.

08.22.10.3 External auditor SAAA agreement – Unanimous decision to opt-in.

08.22.10.4 Reserve Bank Account – complaint and raise with ombudsman.

08.22.11 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE – book of remembrance; purchase now. To discuss in more detail at next October meeting. Cllr Webb to discuss with village hall committee.

08.22.12 TREE FELLING QUOTES– Cllr Harris, Smith, Petchey declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting. Quotes received from 2 out of 4 tree surgeons/land scaping companies. Maskall quote £480, Steve’s Gardening Services quoted £675, both companies were able to clear the site and provide public liability insurance.

Decision - Remaining Cllrs. unanimously voted for Maskall’s to carry out the work.

08.22.13.1 GARAGES – erection of new garages, Clerk to ask EALC for advice & check old minutes reference decision previously.

08.22.13.2 GARAGES – Clerk, check when WPC last paid for site to be maintained.

08.22.14 DOCUMENT ARCHIVING – Organise day for Cllrs to work together to continue the archive clearing.

08.22.15 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING – Main topic of meeting on 11th July was the earlier starting time. Have at this time not chosen to address the WPC meeting. S106 still with Essex Legal Services, behind scheduled 1st draft date 31/08/2022, consultation when final draft probably towards end Nov. The plant has been starting before 7am, need to communicate T. McCarthy’s contact details and complaint procedure.

Clerk/Council and council will continue to log complaints, for pressure on the S106 draft process.

08.22.16 PLAYGROUND – Cllr Smith, can do minor jobs. 2 major jobs, the surface under the swings needs digging out & resurfacing. Basket swing – decision to remove as it’s dangerous Cllr Smith, Cllr Southcott to speak to resident reference sleepers. Clerk to source quotes for resurfacing under the swings. Ask Allotment association if they can look at the hedge to cut it.

08.22.17 PARISH LIAISON MEETING – 12TH September, 7pm – Little Canfield – Clerk to attend.

08.22.18 REVITALISING POND NEAR POND MEAD - Cllr Webb – the pond not viable, too close to road, for grant.

08.22.19 PROPOSAL OF RAISED FLOWER BEDS – Cllr Smith, need update from Cllr Gooding 1st on what speed restrictions proposals. Then can revisit this idea. Cllr Webb also suggested that we could look at replacing the village sign as it is looking tired.

08.22.20 OTHER BUSINESS – Next Agenda, Budget.

Cllr Firmin, Cllr Southcott fire station visit – 22nd September.

Cllr Southcott – Virtual parish meeting 20th September.

Cllr Firmin – vegetation now causing a hazard on the road at Spring Hill. New pictures & what 3 word locations.

Cllr Firmin – next agenda, litter pick – for after spring hill cut backed.

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Christmas event – next agenda, with singer Mark Salmon.

Village hall have decided not to have solar panels fixed.

Quiet lane – next agenda item.

Cllr Edwards to investigate community asset protection – report back at next meeting.

08.22.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **8pm** on **6TH Thursday October 2022**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:47