

Widdington Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 8.00pm

Present Chair Maria Orr, Cllr Maggs Webb, Cllr Chris Firmin, Cllr Lynn Harris, Cllr Steve Smith

In Attendance County Cllr Ray Gooding, District Cllr Neil Hargreaves, 4 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

03.22.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME

Chair Maria Orr welcomed those present to the meeting.

03.22.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Vice-Chair Ian Southcott and District Cllr Judy Emanuel.

03.22.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

03.22.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speeding on SpringHill, when, where and impact. County Cllr Gooding - Will request one to be done lower down on SpringHill. Highway meetings occur quarterly. Results will be made publicly available. (28th March, 2022). – Request Cllr Gooding puts Springhill Speed test on agenda.

03.22.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT

Breach of planning permission, starting work at 6am at the Widdington recycling site and they are being prosecuted. Hopefully this will reassure the village that Essex are taking oversight of this facility with more rigour. Cllr Gooding hoping to be present at the D&R meeting on the 25th March and will be making a submission, to support enforcement regime is present if planning is approved.

03.22.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT

Cllr Hargreaves Planning - whilst Central Govt has assumed planning authority, UDC's planning department had only just fallen foul of Govt targets. Delays tend to be due to outside forces not planning department in Uttlesford and for 85% of appeals, the original decision is upheld.

Bus Depot planning application – Cllr Hargreaves visited site prior to application put together, they are under financial pressure and needs more efficiency within their business plan. Feels that the plan doesn't contain enough screening or access improvement, lighting isn't required and shouldn't be given permission. Cllr Hargreaves has called into meeting.

Planning enforcement – Team has been given extra resource.

Still recruiting new head of Planning, interviewing next week after 1st panel interview screen.

New planning set-up – mainly monetary penalty, decisions that go straight to inspectorate will pay fees to inspectorate and Uttlesford planning will need to prepare report with no recompense.

03.22.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

03.22.08 CLERK`S REPORT

The Clerk reported;

1. Defibrillator has been installed at the village and registered with the circuit. The code has been circulated to all councillors.

2. New Clerk attended – Introduction to Planning Training.

3. Peter Holt will be holding further liaison meetings and the minutes have been requested for the last one. No new dates yet published and no response per minute request.

4. Widdington Recycling plant. ESS/67, 68, 80/21/UTT – now scheduled to be heard at the Development & Regulation committee meeting, 25th March 2022,

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5. Quarterly council update forwarded to the Widdington Village Magazine.

03.22.10 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR – no applications

03.22.10 PLANNING

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

- i. [UTT/22/0452/DOC](#)- Camfield Hollow Road Widdington Essex CB11 3SL
Application to discharge condition 2 (gate details) attached to UTT/21/2669/HHF – [Discharge conditions in full](#).
- ii. [UTT/22/0285/DOC](#)- Midsummer House High Street Widdington Essex CB11 3SB
Application to discharge condition 15 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/20/1213/FUL – [Discharge conditions in full](#).
- iii. [UTT/21/2477/FUL](#) - Three Pines High Street Widdington CB11 3SB
3m reduction and crown lift up to 4m 1no. London Plane - [Allowed](#).
- iv. [UTT/21/3724/DOC](#) - Pond Mead High Street Widdington CB11 3SB
Application to discharge conditions 2 (materials), 4 (tree protection) and 11 (landscaping) attached to UTT/18/3279/FU – [Discharge conditions in full](#).

03.22.11 FINANCE

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

Invoices;

Railton TPC Limited - Invoice 2201 ref. Shipton Farm, Bus Depot	£949.90
Peter Radmall Associates Limited - Invoice 2207 ref. Shipton Farm, Bus Depot	£2,700.00
EALC - Clerk Training courses - Invoices 15216, 15217, 15221, 15233	£336.00
KL Clerk salary February 2022(PAYE £74.20)	£297.04
KL Clerk's expenses February 2022	£48.45
AL Clerk salary February 2022 (PAYE £136.80)	£547.93
AL Clerk's expenses February 2022	£18.00
Tim Harding - cutting village green 2021	£1,250.00

They were [approved for payment](#).

03.22.12 TREE HEALTH SURVEY – Agreed – [Clerk to organise](#) tree survey of all trees on green, including Cherry tree near green.

03.22.13 PLATINUM CELEBRATION TREE PLANTING – Yes, location & timing to be decided after tree survey.

03.22.14 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE EVENT - 2nd- 5th June

Thursday –Time will be 2115 for lighting of beacon. Trying to arrange transport from main village to beacon site. Food and refreshments, x30 Prosecco - £6.30 per bottle with glass hire. Toast master will be present on the evening.

Cllr Smith to investigate cost for fire service attendance.

Cllr Smith has scheduled an appointment with landowner ref. beacon/fireworks and to address concerns with fire officer.

Saturday – dance in village hall, catered £8 pp, aiming for 100 people, BYO. Budget £800. With singer £200, again with toast master speech. – [Payment for caterer deposit approved. Agreed this event should be paid, ticketed event](#).

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Sunday – Village photograph and photos during the day. Church service, teddies go off tower, behind pub field, food trucks, bar, pony rides, dog show, bouncy castle, village hall for afternoon tea - [Clerk to investigate public liability insurance](#).

Chairman Orr thanked committee for all their hard work.

03.22.15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING [Clerk to enquire](#) if Peter Holt may be available for presentation (new Uttlesford CEO), [date agreed 5th May](#). [Cllrs](#) please make suggestions of other speakers to Clerk.

03.22.16 MEMORIAL SIGN GREEN LANE – No update from Cllr Southgate.

03.22.17 LITTER PICK– [Clerk order some grabbers 10 – 15 plus orange bags](#). Social media message to return to village hall. [Agreed 20th March – 10am meet at Village Hall](#).

03.22.18 HEDGE TRIMMINGS NEAR PLAYGROUND – Resident volunteered to clear.

03.22.19 ROAD CLEANING OUTSIDE PONDMEAD – Cllr Webb reported that the area now swept.

03.22.20 OTHER BUSINESS

Concrete post – knocked over into path. [Cllr Harris](#) to send picture.

03.22.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 8pm on Thursday 7th April 2022, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:27