

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**at The Sports Club, Wicken at 7.00 pm**

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Cllr Ivens had sent apologies, he would be late, Vice Chair Cllr Cartwright opened the meeting at 7.05pm

**60/17 Attendance and apologies;** To receive and accept any apologies.

Cllr. Philip Ivens – Chairman  
Cllr. Celina Francklin,  
Cllr. Richard Forman,  
Cllr. Alan Cartwright,  
Cllr Andrew Edmondson  
Cllr Marcus Rixon  
Cllr Ian Howett – apologies received  
District Cllr. Dennis Loveland – apologies received  
County & District Cllr. Allen Walker – apologies received  
Sally Willis - Clerk  
3 members of public

**61/17 Members Interests;** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Wicken Parish Council Code of Conduct to Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None to declare

**62/17 Public Forum**

Member of public present to give update from Conservation Society, it was agreed this could be done later in the meeting.

**63/17 Approval of Minutes;** To agree the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on *Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017* Minutes signed. **Resolved.**

**64/17 Finance.**

**a) To receive and approve accounts to end of September**

Payee	CN	Details	Amount	VAT
Eon	704	Street Light power	355.66	16.94
Aon	705	Insurance	557.85	0.00
AH Contracts	706	Bin Emptying July	43.20	7.20
Buckingham Landscapes	707	Village Maintenance	800.00	0.00
Morelock Signs	708	Speed monitor sign	2817.60	469.60
AH Contracts	709	bin emptying august	64.80	10.80
Mrs S Willis	710	Clerk August	160.16	0.00
Mrs S Willis	711	Clerk September	160.16	0.00
HMRC	712	Tax/NI	12.80	0.00

Receipts

Solar Farm Funding 10,510.64

RESOLVED: Accounts approved and signed

**b) To receive payments and receipts to end September**

Accounts forwarded including solar farm accounts. Approved.

**65/17 To consider and approve next steps with street light in Pound Close that is not working.**

1 light in Pound Close has not been working for a long time. It appears that this needs more than a new bulb and that there will be extra works required. It had been thought that lights in the village may be replaced and updated with the solar farm funding.

Cllr Ivens joins the meeting and takes over the chair.

Investigation into new lighting is still early stages so it was proposed that the light is fixed, with back plate to prevent light to resident's house. **Resolved.**

**66/17 To update on speed monitor and approve wording for faceplate**

Speed monitor has been ordered as per discussions. Clerk to chase Highways for license and quote for new posts. Cllr Edmondson has hi-vis jackets to there is no need to purchase any.

The Device has a faceplate which can be personalized. It was proposed that this is kept blank to as not to distract drivers. **Resolved**

**67/17 To consider and approve projects from solar farm funding**

Cllrs Forman and Rixon are councillor link on the committee. There has been a lack of communication recently but it hoped this will now improve.

Maintenance of village was approved up to £2500 but probably less (half year £800), but contract to be reviewed after 1 year.

Funds towards Printing of Wicken News was approved for £400. Conservation Society would like to put on more events but details need to be forwarded.

Cllr Edmondson to look at trees on village green that have died and will look to replace.

Funding to assist Pheonix Rising still needs firm proposal, but must benefit residents of the village.

Replacement street lighting is being investigated and proposal will be forwarded once compiled.

**Resolved.**

**68/17 To receive an update on Local Plan**

Committee have been looking at history of Green Spaces to help protect the village green and sports field to add to the plan. There is a new consultation just opened and Member of committee is attending briefing meeting later this month.

**69/17 To receive update on Wicken Park Road culvert repair**

Cllr Ivens thanked Cllr Cartwright for chasing this up and the original company admitted fault and have now made the repairs. Hopefully this will prove to be working in the heavy rain.

**70/17 To receive Village Hall finances**

Phoenix Rising are behind on the rent, It was suggested that a standing order be set up to prevent this happening ongoing.

**71/17 To receive updates on outstanding items and to consider items for the next meeting**

Works on Whittlebury Road are being monitored and after problems with Western Power on Wicken Park Road, Highways are aware they need to ensure a proper job.

Cllr Cartwright met with Community Enhancement Gang and they cut verges and cleaned signs. They will need to close part of the road to paint the bridge so will be back later in the month.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

**Chairman's Signature**

**Date**

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