

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

On Wednesday 4th July 2018

at The Sports Club, Wicken at 7.00 pm

40/18 Attendance and apologies; To receive and accept any apologies.

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

41/18 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

42/18 Public Forum

Cllr Loveland updated the council with the information that NCC had asked for voluntary redundancies. At SNC main discussions are about Unitary Authorities, within the parameters that government set. SNC & Cherwell are going through a slow divorce as the partnership will not be possible when SNC is in a unitary with Daventry and NBC

43/18 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on *Thursday 3rd May 2018* Minutes signed. **Resolved.**

44/18 Finance.

a) To receive and approve accounts

Payee	CN	Details	Amount	VAT
Proluidic	753	Deposit playground equipment	15600	2600
Dura-Sport Ltd	754	Cricket Pitch Balance	5035.80	839.30
AH Contracts	755	Bin Emptying	43.20	7.20
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S Willis	757	Clerk June	161.82	0.00
S Willis	758	Clerk July	162.02	0.00
HMRC	759	Tax NI Q1	14.00	0.00
Northants CALC	760	Membership / Internal Audit	408.67	0.00
		TOTAL	21468.71	3453.70

RESOLVED: Accounts approved and signed

b) To receive and approve budget to end June

Resolved.

45/18 To consider those that will be affected by the bus route closure

There are some in the village that relied on the bus, it is thought that his is about 6. It was proposed to have a trial with a taxi service for a period of time to see if this is useful. **Resolved**

Cllr Loveland offered to send information regarding TADD

46/18 To consider extra VAS pole on Wicken Park Road.

It was initially thought that an existing pole opposite Sparrow Lodge Farm could be used but it would be too low. Depending on costs we may be able to install our own pole. **Resolved.**

47/18 To consider what to do about potholes in the curtilage of the village

Street Doctor is not very responsive on pot holes. It was wondered if we could do this ourselves, but anyone who would be able to do it would need permission from NCC. It was agreed to speak to Highways to see what can be done

48/18 to discuss Wicken Wood and possible loss of habitats

There are rare butterflies in Wicken wood. There have been workmen in there and there is concern that the habitat would be destroyed. A meeting is being arranged

49/18 To receive update on Street Lighting

The initial discussion with the consultant suggests that a more formal report would be needed from a party that would be able to do the work. One quote was £2850 + VAT. There is currently investigation into types of lights and whether planning permission would be required. Solar Farm committee to consider and make a recommendation.

50/18 To consider and approve response to consultation on local government reorganization in Northamptonshire

It was proposed that a draft response is circulated by the clerk for comment and response by email by the councillors.

Cllr Loveland leaves

51/18 To receive updates on outstanding items and to consider items for the next meeting

Cllr Ivens advised he had met with Buckingham Landscapes regarding mowing in the village. It as thought that we would need to look at new contract after the summer season.

Pheonix Rising who have a long term let on the Village Hall want to leave. There are still funds outstanding. The lease contract was discussed and that this is before the break period, however we have not yet received an official response to terminate the contract.

There is a member of the public who would be interested in becoming a co-opted member of the council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

Chairman's Signature

Date

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