

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

On Tuesday 11th September 2018

at The Sports Club, Wicken at 7.00 pm

52/18 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 – Apologies Recieved
Cllr Ian Howett
District Cllr. Dennis Loveland – Apologies Received
County & District Cllr. Allen Walker - Apologies received
Sally Willis - Clerk
1 member of the public

53/18 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

54/18 Public Forum

Member of the public was welcomed as an observer

55/18 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on *Wednesday 4th July 2018* Minutes signed. **Resolved.**

56/18 To receive update on pothole status

Cllr Cartwright had met Highways and toured village showing potholes. Wicken Park Road has potholes filled but 3 others on Whittlebury Road are not considered large enough. If they do get bigger we are to get in touch and Highways will reassess. Highways have been thanked for work on Wicken Park Road.

57/18 To consider co-opting a member of the public to the council.

Member of the public is interested in joining the council however as all seats are taken the council cannot co-opt her. If the council had committees she could be co-opted to those as member of the public, but not to a full council. It was agreed that she could be involved in any projects she was interested in and was invited to come to meetings

58/18 To receive data from Speed Monitor

Data from the speed monitor was circulated showing data since first installed on Deanshanger Road last November. It has been in several locations since. On the whole cars are sticking to speed limit though there are a few that are well above it. It is not known if this is normal behavior or if the monitors are slowing the cars down. There is now a timetable to have it moved every 6 weeks.

59/18 To receive update on butterflies in Wicken Wood

All is OK. There is a dialogue between the new owners gamekeeper and the butterfly association to ensure that the habitat is not destroyed.

60/18 To consider BACS / online banking

It was thought that this would make the clerks job easier and would help if payments were required between meetings. Clerk to set up. Once online access is granted monthly statements to be forwarded to councillors by email.

61/18 To receive update on Taxi service and approve next steps

This is going well and there have been 2 or 3 people each week who used to regularly use the bus. This needs further advertisement. If this was to continue this would be approx. £600 per year which it was thought could be taken from the solar farm funds. It was agreed to continue with the trial and consider at next meeting.

62/18 To consider new website and any feedback

All agreed the new website was a big improvement. Clerk has own login to post items on behalf of the Parish Council. The key to success will be for all village groups to keep it updated to keep it fresh.

63/18 Finance

a) To receive and approve accounts

Payee	CN	Details	Amount	VAT
Proludic	762	Playground Equipment	14600.00	2433.33
AH Contracts	763	Bin Emptying	64.80	10.80
BHIB Ltd	764	Insurance	507.14	0.00
DNH Contracts	765	Bin Emptying	43.20	7.20
Eon	766	Street Lighting	399.95	19.05
S Willis	767	Clerk August	162.02	0.00
S Willis	768	Clerk September	161.82	0.00
HMRC	769	Tax / NI Q2	14.00	0.00
Pixel Creation	770	Website design	2520.00	420.00
C Francklin	771	Taxi service	96.00	0.00
A Edmondson	772	pole for VAS	92.94	15.49
			18661.87	2905.87

b) To receive and approve budget to September

Grant for the rest of the play equipment to be applied for and Solar Farm funds to be chased.

64/18 To receive update on village hall

Termination of lease notice from leasee has been received. Details of the lease were discussed to ensure the lease is abided by to termination date. Letter to be sent to ensure that they are aware of the terms

65/18 To receive update on street lights

Light near entrance to sports club needs replacing so it is important to get this replaced. Could this be a sample? Issue is that lights are not standard across the village and we need to find a lamp that could be fixed to all sorts of posts.

It was proposed that a replacement could be approved via email to ensure fitting before nights draw in if needed.

66/18 To discuss fireworks let off on Bridleway

There had been a complaint about fireworks being set off on the bridleway. The person in question had been given permission to do so on the land, but not near the bridleway. Cllr Ivens has now given permission on land away from the bridleway.

67/18 To receive updates on outstanding items and to consider items for the next meeting

There are 3 salt bins in the village which Highways have said they will remove unless we ask them to leave them and fill them ourselves. It was proposed that the council take over the filling of these salt bins.

Cllr Franklin asked about solar farm funds being used for the church heating. This will be discussed at next meeting and then recommended to council. Until grants come in there is not the funds in the account anyway.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Chairman's Signature

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