

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

On Monday 29th October 2018

at Wicken House, Cross Tree Road, Wicken at 7.00 pm

68/18 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
Cllr Ian Howett
District Cllr. Dennis Loveland
County & District Cllr. Allen Walker - Apologies received
Sally Willis - Clerk
2 members of the public

Cllr Franklin was thanked for hosting the meeting

69/18 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

70/18 Public Forum

Member of the public was welcomed as an observer

71/18 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on *Tuesday 11th September 2018* Minutes signed. **Resolved.**

72/18 To consider meeting dates for 2019

It was proposed that meetings continue to be the 1st Wednesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) with the exception of January. This will be 9th January.

73/18 To receive recommendations from solar farm committee

Solar farm committee had met and had considered all grant requests and had made recommendations to the council based on requests and the amount available. Each item was discussed at length and some changes made to the recommendations. It was proposed that the funds for the next year are spent as follows:

Street Lighting upgrade - £9000
Website hosting - £500
Church Heating - £8000
Defibrillator - £118 for new pads
Deanshanger Primary School kitchen - £1000
Signs at village Entrance - £750 for one this year, others to follow in following years
Memorial Benches - £700
Village Maintenance - £600
Taxi service to Stony Stratford once a week - £600
Wicken Village Community - £800

74/18 To receive street light improvement update

The council have been looking at LEDS as they last longer and are more efficient but since their introduction there have been studies that show there are associated health issues due to disturbed sleep from too much blue light as such we need to ensure the colour of the light is correct.

It may be worth speaking to the manufacturers to ask them to do a complete plan. They may most likely do this free if we purchase their lights. There may also be the chance of a trial for the price of an electrician to set up the light.

As most of the village is conservation area South Northants Council will need to understand and approve our plans.

Abthorpe have recently had new lights and it was suggested these are similar to what we may be looking for. Councillors to take a look.

There was a discussion about needing lights for safety, but also that some residents do not want lights near their property.

It was proposed that discussions take place with the conservation officer at SNC and legalities of changing the lighting from what we currently have.

75/18 To consider issues with rented bungalow and actions to be taken.

There had been concern over the anti social behavior of a resident. These concerns had also been put to District Councillor Loveland. He has asked neighbours for diary of events for evidence. Main concern is for the children at the property. Cllr Loveland to speak to housing officer and to feedback.

Cllr Loveland leaves

76/18 To consider if Neighbourhood Watch signs need refreshing

There is an offer for new signs. It was proposed that the clerk contact the neighbourhood watch coordinator and to order signs as needed.

77/18 To receive update on local plan and approve response to SNC

Thanks were given to Neil Gordon-Lee for attending the meeting at SNC. Most of the housing requirements have been met so the plan focusses on other things. Once approved by inspector this will be set until the introduction of the new unitary authority.

There is concern that they have suggested that our playing field cannot be deemed green space as it is covered under other legislation, yet there are other villages that have similar spaces being designated as such. It was proposed that the question is posed to SNC as to why there is this anomaly.

78/18 To consider actions regarding increased dog fouling in the village

This appears to have gotten worse on verges and pavements recently. It was proposed that a letter is sent out with the newsletter to each house and onto the website asking dog owners to be considerate and to pick up.

79/18 Finance

a) To receive and approve accounts

Payee	CN	Details	Amount	VAT
DNH Contracts	773	Bin Emptying	43.20	7.20
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Eon	775	Street Lighting	408.65	19.46
EON	776	Street Lighting - maintenance	72.34	12.06
S Willis	777	Clerk October	162.02	0.00
S Willis	778	Clerk November	162.02	0.00
G Butterfield	779	charging pads for Defib	118.80	19.80
J Robson	780	Taxi service	60.00	0.00
Conservation Society	781	Grant	400.00	0.00
Total			1470.23	65.72

b) To receive and approve budget to September

VAT refund has been requested and should be paid soon. **Resolved.**

80/18 To receive update on village hall

Tenants are paying on time at the moment, 3 months of arrears are historic. Meeting still to be arranged to discuss terms of contract

81/18 To receive updates on outstanding items and to consider items for the next meeting

There was flytipping near A422 / Akeley school, details have been found within the rubbish to allow SNC to prosecute.

There appears to be a fault with the Speed monitor that needs looking into.

Gates and fences are being put up at Wicken Wood but this is all OK and looks good

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Chairman's Signature

Date

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