

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Of**  
**Wicken Parish Council**  
**Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 7.00pm**  
**Venue: The Sports Club Wicken**

**43/19 Attendance and apologies:** To receive and accept any apologies.

Cllr Philip Ivens- Chairman

Cllr Celina Francklin

Cllr Alan Cartwright

Cllr Ian Howett

Cllr Andrew Edmondson

Cllr Marcus Rixon

Cllr Richard Forman- Apologies Received

District Cllr Dennis Loveland – Apologies Received

County & District Cllr Allen Walker – Apologies Received

6 members of the public

**44/19 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 Localism Act 2011  
None Declared.

**45/19 Public Forum.**

There were 6 members of the public present.

**46/19 Approval of Minutes:** To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Sports Club on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 signed. **Resolved**

**47/19 Village Lighting:** A discussion on the proposed new village lighting.

The following points were raised:

Not necessary to complete the project in 1 year, maybe 3 years.

Standalone poles with lights.

Lights on existing poles.

Moving of some of the lighting that is in situ at present.

Replacement of all 22 lights.

Funding of project from the sol fund .

Light pollution.

Same style lighting where possible within the village.

Heritage light costing in comparison to standard lighting full installation quotes are to be obtained.

Cllr Francklin showed a survey carried out in the village with regard to the type of lighting that is sympathetic to the village.

Western Power who own and maintain the wooden electricity poles in the village have been asked if there was any indication on whether the poles would be removed and the answer was "*not in the conceivable future*"

Trial of a new heritage style light and new pole to be placed on the corner of the entrance to the Sports Club.

**48/19 To receive internal audit report and approve actions required – c/f to next meeting**

**49/19 Finance – c/f to next meeting**

**50/19 Updates on outstanding items and consider items for next meeting**

**Village Maintenance:** It was felt that the village was looking better after Cll.Ivens had asked a new contractor to look after the village. The cost so far £227.92 (inc VAT).

Cllr. Howett raised the situation regarding the grass along side the Church wall on the Whittlebury Road, it was agreed that the contractor who cuts the Churchyard to be asked to add this area to his schedule. The PC may look favourably to paying the Church a grant to cover the costs.

**Village Hall:** The village Hall (VH) tenant is leaving on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and the VH will be re let asap.

The VH accounts were presented and the total current balance £25,889.01

Cllr Francklin arranged for a EPC on the VH and the results gave a F performance.

Replacement windows quote £16,443.35(incVAT)

Outside paint work needs a report.

The hedge along the back wall will need to be removed.

### **Vehicle Monitoring System (VMS)**

It was agreed that the VMS will be relocated to Leckhampstead Road and that data to be extracted and discussed. Proposal of sighting the VMS on Cross Tree Road junction with Deanshanger Road.

**Additional Points:**

1. Obtain quotes (including installation); A. heritage lights on lampposts throughout village. B. Mix of heritage lampposts were existing lampposts are (plus two new ones) rest being contemporary lamps on telegraph poles throughout village. C. A trial light at the Sports club at an agreed cost of £985. Alan to get quotes from EON (done). Note the contemporary lamps throughout village was obtained some time ago of course.
2. Concern that heritage lights will be more light polluting due to diffraction through the polycarbonate housing, could be a particular problem were lampposts are near houses.
3. Same style throughout village.
4. If heritage lampposts are placed throughout village concern over street clutter, SNC planning advise against this idea.
5. The ad-hoc survey of different lamp styles has never been approved by the PC.
6. We also agreed to hold a meeting ASAP to resolve what to do on the lighting issue.

**Meeting Closed at 8.40pm**

**Chairman's Signature**

**Date**

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