

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WICKEN PARISH MEETING

at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023

in Wicken Sports Club

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## 1. Attendance

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Cllr. Neil Gordon-Lee: Chair

Cllr. Philip Ivens

Cllr. Petra Spencer-Jones

Cllr. Ian Howett

John Westlake: Clerk

Three members of the public

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Andrew Stockbridge and Cllr. Rachel Sithole

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## 2. Reports

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The following reports had been received from:

- The Chair
- Cllr. Ken Pritchard, West Northamptonshire Council
- Wicken Village Community
- Wicken Sports Club

In addition the Village Hall accounts had been submitted.

These documents were appended to the agenda.

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## 3. Open Forum

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Members of the public commented on the damage to footpaths, caused by horse traffic. This makes walking, particularly in muddy conditions difficult. In addition overhanging branches and parked cars are a problem in some areas. The Chair explained that parking on pavements is only illegal in London. He added that cars parked in Deanshanger Road and St. John's Lane are a particular problem, and potentially dangerous, referring to two incidents where a fire appliance was obstructed by parked cars. He added, however, that the Parish Council had no powers in this respect. He asked for suggestions on how people can be persuaded not to park in areas which could be dangerous or cause inconvenience to others. An item will be included in the agenda for the Parish Council meeting in July to further discuss car parking in the village, which is of concern to residents, and endeavor to agree appropriate action. Mr. Fenlon Dunphy, the Chair of Wicken Sports Club stated that he was aware that activity at the club is the cause of increased parking nearby and is working to address any issues arising from this.

**The meeting was closed at 7.20pm**

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Councillor Neil Gordon-Lee  
Chair, Wicken Parish Council

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