

WICKHAM ST PAULS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WICKHAM ST PAULS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2019, AT 7.30pm IN THE PAVILION OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Stokes
Present Cllrs: Cllr, M. Cooper, Cllr. D. Sear, Cllr. Cllr. B. Trew
Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob
Also present: Two members of the public

19/101 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. W. Scattergood (due to work commitments).

19/102 Declaration of Interests.
None.

19/103 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public gave concerns regarding item number 19/107 village gates as she did not think that they would add any benefit to the village whilst spending a conservable amount of money speeding would still be problem. Also, additional tree planting who would pay for the trees. Chairman explained these items would be discussed later in the meeting.

19/104 Ward and County Councillors to address the members, if present.

County Cllr D. Finch reported that micro-grants up to £500.00 are available possibly for signage, speeding through villages is a big problem, a speed watch scheme has moved forward and they are now able to issues penalty notices relating to speeding to maybe consider organising a speed watch group for Wickham St Pauls. Essex successful over highways infrastructure they have achieved grants for Chelmsford, Braintree and the tendering area. Special educational needs funding will help support Essex for about 2 years. Funding per pupil for both primary and secondary education has risen. The planning ministry for housing and local government have contingency plans in place for Brexit.

19/105 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th July 2019.
Proposed by Cllr. B. Trew, seconded by Cllr. D. Sear in favour, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/106 Planning Matters

Ref: 19/01698/FUL

DESCRIPTION

New 4-bedroom detached dwelling.

LOCATION

Adjacent Kingsmead School road, Wickham St Pauls

Objection

Permission was granted by BDC back in 2017 for a 3-bedroom detached dwelling – the Parish Council object as per our original comments as follows:

Parish Council – Object to the proposal due to inadequate access for construction vehicles; impact on neighbours due to increased use of existing vehicle access; no evidence of ‘low-cost ecological building’; cramped development; no declaration of affordable housing.

Addition - The Parish Council request that as a condition to any planning approval, the owner of the property / contractors carry out any repairs necessary to the road and keep it clean during the building operation.

Proposed by Cllr. B. Trew, seconded by Cllr. D. Sear, all in favour, resolution passed.

Signed (Chairman).....

26th November 2019

19/107 Matters Arising – Updates

Previous Minute Number 18/042 Item 1. A proposal for Beryl's legacy, a booklet at a cost of £150.00 – ongoing.
Previous Minute Number 18/042 Item 2. Village Pump –The pump has been dismantled currently sourcing parts, ongoing.

Previous Minute Number 18/161 Church Road additional parking and traffic calming – update, to consider the purchase of 'village gates', as per the Glasdon quotation. Item 1. 960mm width at a cost of £544.73 Plus VAT and Item 2. 640mm width at a cost of £444.47 Plus VAT. These are a pair of gates proposed for the North and South of the village. Total costs per set £1978.40 Plus VAT. (Subject to receipt of Highway approval).

Council members decided not to go ahead with the gates but to look at alternative items. So, this item deferred until November, to be on the next agenda.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. B. Trew, Cllr D. Sear in favour, Cllr D. Stokes abstained, resolution passed.

Previous Minute Number 19/092 Tree Planting it was agreed to plant several trees, to the rear of the village green beyond the play equipment, nearby residents to be consulted. To order several trees from the Woodland Trust free of charge.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Stokes, seconded by Cllr. B. Trew all in favour resolution passed.

Previous Minute Number 19/093 Painting the telephone box, BT only paint the box every 5/7 years to reapply to BT in 2 years.

Previous Minute Number 19/094 Website – further information required, to be deferred until November to be on the next agenda. Cllr. M. Cooper to submit proposals to then go out to tender.

19/108 Village Fete Working Group.

Item 1. No update as no working group meetings have taken place, but first meeting is set for the 23rd October in the Village Hall.

Item 2. V.E. Day – 75th Anniversary 8th May 2020.

To consider holding an event to mark the occasion on the weekend of 8th-10th May 2020 which will be an international celebration of peace. Flyers to be sent out. This item deferred until November and to be on the next agenda.

19/109 Nature Trail.

New bird boxes, wildlife bug houses are in place, funding for some plants has been received and spent on waterlilies. Created art work and maps created, walks have been finalised. Awaiting delivery of the noticeboard hopefully to be installed in October.

Thanks, expressed to Cllr. B. Trew.

19/110 Village Hall Report.

Bookings continue to cover the running costs of the village hall. Funding raising continues a Race night organised for the 5th October, tickets £5.00 each. Currently working on the plans for the refurbishment of the disabled toilets.

19/111 Wickham St Pauls Consolidated Trust – formally known as The Herrington Trust.

No contracts have been exchanged of the field. Registration of the trustees still in progress.

19/112 Council Documents.

Item 1. Financial Regulations re-adopted as per advised by the EALC.

Proposed Cllr. M. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. B. Trew, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 2. Grant Funding Policy – adopted.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Stokes, seconded by Cllr. M Cooper, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/113 Green Recycling Bin.

To consider having a Green recycling bin for grass cutting BDC will provide a 240-ltr bin (standard domestic is 180-ltr), for a charge of £142.50 per year, collections as per the domestic schedule. The rate would go up each year as the council rates increase.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Stokes, seconded by Cllr D. Sear, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/114 Ponds.

Item 1. To set up a working party to clear the vegetation around the ponds.

Proposed by Cllr. B. Trew, seconded by Cllr. D. Stokes, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 2. To consider going out to get quotes to desilt and clear the ponds, further information required, to be on the November agenda.

19/115 Financial Matters.

- 1) Financial Statement for August/September (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).

	CHEQUE No.	TOTAL
EALC (inv.No. 11717, 11759 & credit note 11652)	002147	108.00
D. Jacob (Salary for September)	SO	518.00
D. Jacob (Adjustment to Salary for September)	002148	1.50
HM Revenue & Customs (For September)	002149	6.20
B. Rippingale (Salary for September)	002150	84.67
D. Jacob (Salary for October)	SO	518.00
D. Jacob (Adjustment to Salary for October)	002151	1.50
HM Revenue & Customs (For October)	002152	6.20
B. Rippingale (Salary for October)	002153	84.67
D. Jacob (Expenses for August/September)	002154	38.10
D. Stokes (Reimbursement for new noticeboard, etc)	002155	18.99
PKF Littlejohn LLP Inv. No. SB20191420	002156	240.00
James Todd & Co Ltd Inv. No. 34050	002157	108.00
Dynamic Fireworks Ltd In.No. 27774	000001	375.36

Proposed by Cllr. B. Trew, seconded by Cllr. M. Cooper, all in favour resolution passed.

- 2) Monthly Budget Statement– received and noted.
- 3) Accounts 2018/2019 – To confirm that the Notice of Conclusion and Certificate has been displayed on the noticeboard. Comments received from the external auditor noted. All accounts are published and can be viewed on our website.

19/116 Vacancy on Wickham St Pauls Parish Council.

We currently have two vacancies on Wickham St Pauls Parish Council.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact the Clerk for an application form.

Flyers to be sent out to every household.

19/117 Items for next agenda.

Oak Road – Repairs to the road and the village green verges.

19/118 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 26 November 2019 (7.30pm)

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed (Chairman).....

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