



Minutes of the Wilbarston Parish Council Meeting Held remotely on
Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom, meeting ID 501-736-44

Present:

Councillors: N Richards (Chair), A Smith, K Walkling, S Dalton, D James, R Willatts

Clerk: Becky Jones

Announcement

The Coronavirus Act 2020 received Royal Assent on 25 March 2020 and made provision for the Secretary of State to bring forward regulations on local authority meetings, including the ability to hold them virtually. The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4 April and allow parish and town councils to meet virtually on a platform such as Zoom. They also cancel the requirement to hold an annual meeting in 2020 (although one may be held if the council wishes it).

Minute No.		ACTION								
20/457	Apologies received – Cllr L Dale, Cllr Howes – Welland Ward, Kettering Borough Council RESOLVED: The apologies were accepted									
20/458	Declarations of Interest by Councillors – Cllr Walkling item 20/462a expense claim									
20/459	Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March and the extra-ordinary meeting on 24th March 2020 – RESOLVED: The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting									
20/460	To re-authorise the resolutions made at the extra-ordinary meeting on 24th March 2020 now that regulations have been passed to permit remote meetings RESOLVED: The resolutions made at the extra-ordinary meeting on 24 th March 2020 was AGREED									
	Motion to take agenda item 20/462 next									
20/462	Finance:									
20/462 a	To receive the finance report, bank statements & reconciliation for March Reports received									
	Receipts:									
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10, 17-18/3/20	£2354.00	Cottingham £790, Sutton Basset £100, East Carlton £234, Gretton £1230	Welland Wanderer contribution
Paid into Savings A/C	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment
31/3/20	£4.73	Unity Bank	Bank Interest

Monthly Bank Reconciliation – Current Account Balance £11,440.20 Welland Wanderer Account Balance £3,355.72 Reserve Account Balance £4,751.50

Bank Statement & Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2020

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	Unity Trust Welland Current A/C	Unity Trust Wanderer A/C	Unity Trust Reserve A/c	<u>Bank Rec</u>	31-Mar-20
Balance 1 Apr 19 per statement	£5,060.02	£0.00	£4,751.50	Balance per Statement	£11,607.00
Outstanding Receipt				U/p Cheques	£166.80
Reconciled balance 1 Apr 19	£5,060.02	£4,267.70	£4,732.49		
Receipts	£14,444.52	£6,684.00	£19.01		
Payments	£8,064.34	£7,595.98			
U/p Cheques					
Transfer Current to Reserve a/c					
Closing Balance	£11,440.20	£3,355.72	£4,751.50	Reconciled Balance	£11,440.20

20/462 b

To consider and approve the accounts for payment

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	Statutory Power
300479	£269.62	Clerk	Salary April 2020	s.112 LGA 1972
300480	£79.10	Clerk	Expenses March 2020	s.111 LGA 1972
300481	£18.00	Wilbarston Village Hall	Room Hire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council meeting 5th March '20 	s.111 LGA 1972
300482	£517.56	Northants CALC	Annual Membership	s.143 LGA 1972
300483	£10.00	Keith Walking	Batteries for Defibrillator Alarm	s.111 LGA 1972
300484	£446.84	Came and Company	Annual Insurance Cover 2020-21	s.143 LGA 1972
300485	£700.00	Welland Wanderer	Wilbarston PC Contribution	GPC

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	300486	£112.35	Parish Magazine Printing	Chronicle Newsletter	s.42 LGA 1942	
	300487	£594.00	2commune	Annual Website hosting, support, license, 7 x email addresses	s.111 LGA 1972	
20/462 c	<p>RESOLVED: The above payments were agreed</p> <p>To set a date for a finance group meeting to consider and report to the May meeting on the following: Quarter 4 analysis, End of Year Accounts for 2019/20 Cllr Richards to arrange with the finance group</p>					
20/462 d	<p>To consider and resolve the asset register for 2020/21 Deferred – Clerk to check values against current policy</p>					
20/462 e	<p>To consider and resolve the clerks' overtime of 6 hours RESOLVED: The clerks' overtime of 6 hours was AGREED</p>					
20/461	<p>Covid-19: To identify and resolve how to communicate with vulnerable residents who might be off the radar The suggestion of producing fridge magnets to promote the good neighbour scheme to every household was proposed. RESOLVED: The proposal to produce fridge magnets with a maximum budget of £80 was AGREED. It was AGREED for an amount to be made available to the village shop RESOLVED: Wilbarston Parish Council to thank the village shop and pub for their hard work and support to residents during this pandemic</p>					
20/463	<p>Planning Applications – Consider response to any planning consultations received: None</p>					
20/464	<p>To receive a report from the clerk to update members on existing council business Report received</p>					
20/465	<p>To review arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly on 30th April 2020 Parish Assembly to be carried out remotely via the Parish Council website. A report to be written by the Chairman inviting residents to ask questions remotely.</p>					
20/466	<p>Date of the next Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Thursday 14th May 2020 at 7.30pm remotely via Zoom unless restrictions for all gatherings have been lifted by the Government</p>					
	<p>Meeting Closed: 8.39pm</p>					

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Appendix A

Report from the clerk on existing council business

Village Awards

Judging of this has been at least deferred. Steering Group has been advised that a meeting will be called if/when this year's competition resumes.

Asset of Community Value status of The Fox Public House

KBC advised shortly before expiry of the original eight weeks deadline that there had been a problem but that the review process was about to start and that the eight weeks would now run from that point. The Fox to remain on the schedule of ACVs in the meantime.

Playing Field

Cllr Richards noticed a few days ago that the damaged 'Rabbit Warren' equipment had been sealed off, presumably to await repairs. The worn slats on the arch of the climbing area had not yet been replaced. This whole area has been closed due to coronavirus restrictions.

Cllr Willatts reports that the wooden lintel of the access hole overlooking the valley is broken. Cllr Willatts suggests that this could be put right by a good DIY person.

Cllr Willatts has checked for obvious hazards, debris, excessive litter, dog fouling etc. Goal posts have been checked also and small amounts of litter have been picked and thrown away.

Local Government Reorganisation

An update is awaited following postponement of steering group elections.

Welland Wanderer

Services suspended in collaboration with Lawsons wed 30 March until further notice for financial and social reasons.

Football Team request for pitch improvements

Cllr Richards emailed them after the March meeting to say that the council were happy to talk to them and offered to meet them informally when circumstances again allow. No response yet received.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The GNS is up and running even though the scheme hasn't got everything completely in place, i.e. Bank Account, DBS checks etc. It was more important to get the scheme launched; the rest will follow eventually. The scheme has over 40 volunteers, but so far demand has not been that high, Cllr James suspects it's because people have their own networks of family and friends to help out, but the scheme is doing what it can. Cllr James is coordinating everything at the moment and is looking after the GNS phone.

Village Green Improvements

Nothing more has happened to the village green improvements due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Co-option Opportunities

Potential interest, Cllr James to approach if needed.

Cllr Willatts suggested publicising co-option opportunities on "Nextdoor Wilbarston" again. Cllr Willatts reported that the present crisis is bringing out a lot of publicly minded people.

Cllr Smith has approached two people who he believes would make excellent Councillors. To date one of them has expressed interest

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Allotments and allotment solar powered irrigation

Allotments chair spoke to the provider on 31 March 2020. Provider said that they were not working at the moment due to Covid-19 - viewing the installation of solar pumps as non-essential travel. Therefore, although the parts for the pump for the allotment had been made and are ready to be installed, this will not be done until the current 'lock down' and prohibition of non-essential travel has been lifted. When the opportunity to install arises, things should be completed quickly.

The outstanding rent that was due for plot 9b has been paid. There are currently two x ½ plots vacant.

VAS sign

The Speed Sign is still installed in Wilbarston and Cllr Smith believes it is working. Batteries have been charged ready for installation, but Cllr Smith cannot install them until his 14 days of isolation, after returning from Thailand, has elapsed.

The clerk has not yet been able to contact the neighbouring parishes regarding the use of the VAS sign. It is on the to do list. Cllr Smith could offer the device to Weston by Welland in April if Weston by Welland identifies which posts and direction they wish to monitor. Cllr Smith noted that when he offered to install and remove the sign from various villages, he intended one installation and one removal per village. If parishes, quite reasonably, wish to monitor several different roads, additional volunteers may be required.

PLANNING REPORT WILBARSTON PARISH COUNCIL – 9th April 2020**Planning Application to be considered at this meeting:****Planning Application considered at the 24th March meeting:**

KET/2020/0154 – 6 Springfield Road, Wilbarston, Full Application: Two storey front extension and canopy porch

RESOLVED: Wilbarston Parish Council SUPPORTS the application

Kettering Borough Council has approved permission for the following applications:

KET/2020/0098 – 1A Church Street, Wilbarston, Full Application: Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

Kettering Borough Council has withdrawn the following applications:

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