WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting from 6th September 2023 held at St Peter’s Hall, at 8pm**

**Present:** Cllr Lambert, Cllr Duckworth, Cllr Upton, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Attrill, and Cllr S Morgan

**Also Present:** Cemetery Clerk acting as Clerk (Kara) and 1 members of the public.

**23-052: Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests**

Apologies from Parish Clerk Andy Milne. Cllr Thirston, Cllr Whittle and Cllr Wilson

**23-053: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th July 2023**

Minutes from the meeting held on 5th July were accepted.

**23-054: Public Participation (15 mins) – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest**. (max 3 mins per person)

No public participation

**23-055: Reports from County and District Councillors**

A report from District and County Councillor Bill Hunt attached

**23-056: Business Matters**

1. Update on car park and courts – agree next steps including cricket, dropped kerb & basketball - **Cllr Attrill/SM**

Cllr Attrill updated all Cllrs on the progress at the recreation ground.

1. Outline the details and approve costs for Wilburton Fireworks display - **Cllr Attrill**

Cllr Attrill detailed the costings for items ahead of the fireworks. Food vendors, fairground rides, Social club on the bar, cricket club to run the bbq, other food vendors will be available.

The costs were agreed by Councillors.

1. Update Mobile food vendors - **Cllr Attrill/RH/CC**

There has been much interest, the Social Club are working on creating a list of regular vendors.

1. Report on house at the junction of Twenty Pence Road & A1123 **– Cllr Lambert**

Cllr Lambert shared a letter from a concerned resident, this letter was also sent to Highways. All Cllrs shared their sympathy and support. Contact will be made with the Local Highways team for advice on how best to proceed.

1. Update on heating for St Peters Hall - **Cllr Attrill/Clerk**

Cllr Attrill updated Cllrs on developments with the suggestion being air conditioning units that provide hot and cold.

***It was resolved*** that Cllrs agreed that the clerk can seek quotations for this work. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and Seconded by Cllr Morgan. All Cllrs agreed.

1. Update on the 4 policies and regulations review - **Cllr Attrill/clerk**

To defer to the next meeting.

1. Update on fly tipping cameras on White Cross Road – **Cllr Thirston**

Cllr Attrill was able to update Cllrs on the progress so far.

1. Planning appeal for a travellers site on Pools Road – **Cllr Thirston**

Cllrs briefly discussed this, more to follow once Cllr Thirston returns.

1. Update on 20mph speed limit **– Cllr Attrill**

The original LHI bid has been transferred across to the County wide 20mph. This means it is no longer an LHI bid.

1. Replacement of gate at the recreation field, Boules- pétanque area at recreation field – **Cllr Morgan**

Bringing a variety of recreational activities to the field, quotes are being sought for a Boules - pétanque area.

Cllr Morgan raised concerns about the gate entrance to the recreation field from Station Road. He will make contact with Pell Estate to see the type of gate they prefer and seek costings ahead of the next meeting.

1. Spring bulbs for recreation field & extra benches in the Village **– Cllr Morgan**

Cllr Morgan will purchase bulbs and hire a scarifier to prepare the ground for sowing wildseed. with an agreed cost of £250. Cllr Morgan will cost up 3 benches, fittings and installation and bring costings to the next meeting.

1. Annual cutting grass at the allotments working around new planting – **Clerk**

The annual grass cutting at the allotments is needed. The clerk will contact the previous contractor to see if they are available to complete the works.

1. Further discuss the cottages & Hall/hub and update all/approve approach to architect to get drawings – **Cllr Attrill/Cllr Lambert**

Following the consultation at the Beer Festival and subsequent online survey - Support is high for creating a community hub to include a pub, shop and post office. Community Funds are potentially available in the next round.

Cllrs discussed the idea of architect drawings. Cllr Attrill will make contact with CMP with a view to drawing up plans for a hub space to include the ground floor of the cottage, hall and social club.

1. A paper on the WPC Biodiversity Policy – **submitted by Cllr Whittle read out if required by the Clerk**

Cllrs thanked Cllr Whittle for her work on this.

1. **Planning applications to discuss**

None

**23-059: Agenda items for next meeting (October)**

Beer Festival Beneficiary (possible November)

Bench by St Peters Church broken slats

Tree works at the recreation ground

LHI bid ideas

Recreation Field – car park and courts, including discussion of quotes for the car park

Policy documents

Heating at the hall

Village sign

Fireworks

**23-060: Councillors Questions – To receive any comments or questions from the Councillors**

Speed cameras are in place in three new locations.

Neighbourhood planning with support from ECDC, we are in the system, many Parish Councils are asking for support so there is a waiting list.

**23-061: Date of next meeting - 4th October 2023**

**Report by Councillor Bill Hunt**

District Council

A new chewing gum remover has been purchased to help clean up Ely, Littleport and Soham

£800,000 has been given by East Cambs towards the cost of renovations at St Mary’s Surgery: this will benefit all those in Grunty Fen accessing the surgery

Continued support for the 20mph for the centre of the village – not a blanket 20mph zone. The benefit for areas in Wilburton too, where there is crossing places and more foot traffic crossing- such as at the recreation ground.

Angela Parmit – head of housing at ECDC: policy is ‘don’t just let people be homeless let’s look at the reasons behind it’ the facility is there to help people, do involve Angela.

Supporting breastfeeding across shops and pubs, dog water bowls

Gold Standard, green flag award for our two parks.

Free car parking has been confirmed for four more years. The same is the case for boats mooring.

Black sacks to start arriving in the next two months for 2024 – if not received by Christmas then make contact. 30,000 black wheelie bins are on order.

ECDC have a balanced budget, no increase in council tax, money is being spent on services and improvements.

County Council

A1123 being downgraded from an A to a B road was not successful. Motion has been put in to downgrade the A1421 From Haddenham to Witchford Toll. All support welcomed, email or contact Bill.

The Cambridge Congestion charge is about to collapse