

WIGGENHALL ST. GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 15 July 2019 in Wiggenhall St Germans Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm.

		ACTION
	PRESENT Cllrs Done (Chair), Blackburn, J Funnell, R Funnell, Keale, Rust Elaine Oliver Clerk 5 Members of the Public	
1	WELCOME Cllr Done opened the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.	
2	APOLOGIES Cllrs Ash & Bunkall	
3	PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME The following points were made:- • The pavement at School Road is breaking up, opposite Village Hall • A resident's dog got snagged in barbed wire, on the river bank, in March. Not happy with the PC response she contacted the EA who wrote with an apology and it was removed. • Miffed that the PC didn't think it was important. • NCC have left a lot of rubbish around after they did drainage work on Mill Road/Lynn Road • This is not a good advert for people visiting St Germans • Came to a meeting many months ago and enquired if Surrey Street was a private road, now we see that a Surrey Street sign is on the bus shelter. We believe that Surrey Street is private, and the PC knew nothing about the sign on the bus shelter. We will check out if Surrey Street is private with Highways. • Asked if there is a reason the village hall doesn't come under the P C Cllr Blackstone will look at the constitution. The Village Hall committee acts independently of the PC, the PC maintains the play field adjacent to the Memorial Hall and own the play equipment. Cllr Done said all comments would be noted.	
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS No declarations of interests Cllr Keale reported that he has shares in the Electricians who are doing the work at the FC pavilion, but he is paying for this, so no money is being paid by the PC.	
5	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Annual Parish Council 20 May 2019 5.1 Approval Cllr Rust asked if the Financial Regs had been updated. It was agreed he would email the Clerk with the details so that this could be investigated and then on a proposal by Cllr Rust, seconded by Cllr R Funnell these were agreed and unanimously agreed. Annual Assembly 5.2 Approval On a proposal by Cllr Keale, seconded by Cllr J Funnell these were approved and unanimously agreed. 5.3 Matters Arising (for items not already on agenda) Cllr Blackstone asked if the defib training had ever taken place. Cllr Done reported that Marcus Hopkins did try to arrange this but has since backed off. He reported using the defibs is straight forward and simple and it will not work if not followed correctly as there are built in safeguards. Cllr Blackstone asked if the Memorial Committee wanted to do some training would that be acceptable, the meeting agreed in principle.	
6	TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL CO OPTIONS There has been no applicants and it was agreed to leave this until September and re advertise, we will need to check with BCKLWN what notice should be displayed then.	

7	TO DISCUSS ELECTRICAL WORK AT THE FOOTBALL PAVILION Cllr Keale reported that he visited with an electrician and looked at security lights which appear straight forward to replace. The electrician was concerned if the lights or the PIR were situated lower they could be at risk of vandalism. However, he agreed to look at the most suitable for this location He looked at the heaters and will change them to a switch fuse. The general wiring all looks fine, but this will be fully certified. It was reported that Cllr Keale will pay for this work personally. Cllr Done on behalf of the council thanked him for this contribution.	
8	TO DISCUSS WOODEN FENCING AT SADDLEBOW Cllr Done reported that a section of wooden fencing has gone into the dyke on the corner of Willow Farm. We will report this to Highways	
9	TO DISCUSS WIGGSTOCK After much discussion and comments, on a proposal by Cllr Blackstone, seconded by Cllr Rust, it was agreed to see if the Council can stir up some interest and some volunteers and then discuss this at the September meeting.	
10	FINANCE 10.1 Propose & Second approval of Payment of invoices Copies of the above had been distributed to all, there was an addition of £23 payable to Cllr Funnell for the flower festival flowers, and it was agreed on account of the Clerk resigning to pay her ½ year expenses early, on a proposal by Cllr J Funnell seconded by Cllr Rust, these were agreed and unanimously agreed. The bank reconciliation was noted. A letter was also signed for the last direct debit payment to be paid to the Clerk on 31st August and then DD to the Clerk be stopped. Cllr Rust enquired about the donations from the FC and Cllr Done will speak to Artus to see how much more they will pay this year. It was reported that in error a cheque was not sent to the Internal Auditor although it was listed, a cheque will be signed and sent this month	
11	CORRESPONDENCE 11.1 Liz Truss Newsletter 11.2 NCC Mill Road temp closure LATE CORRESPONDENCE 11.3 BCKLWN Planning Sessions Cllr Rust requested sight of this. 11.4 Play Insp It was agreed that there was nothing urgent to be done on the play field inspection and the Council will continue to monitor it, with Cllr Keale monitoring it weekly and noting this down for the Insurance company	
11	PLANNING 11.1 Planning to consider 11.2 Decision taken since last meeting 11.3 Planning Decisions notified by BCKLWN 19/00644/F Land adjacent 64 Mill Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and to build a new detached 3 bedroom replacement dwelling. Application permitted. 19/00236/LDE Fitton Hall Farm 55 Fitton Road St Germans <i>Certificate of Lawfulness: The occupation of the dwelling in breach of DM4247 occupancy condition (No 3) has been continuing for in excess of ten years</i>	

12	Councillors reports including signing of risk assessments Items reported as follows • Cllrs Keale and Done tightened up the swings after they were reported as loose. • They didn't feel this was vandalism just that they had worked loose. • Cllr Keale has spoken with some young people about the vandalism at the FC and has told them that it is their parents who pay for the damage. • There has been more ASB at the play field, including new fencing set on fire and damage to the plastic windows, this is an ongoing problem • Rubbish is still at bottom of the dyke in Hastings Lane • Once fly tipping is reported the EA or BCKLWN react promptly and it is removed. • Will the Council investigate extending 30MPH to Hastings lane and St Peters Road with the reduction in verge maintenance this has meant an increased danger. It was asked if the we could be sent the criteria on which speed limits are judged • Parishioner asked about the dredging of the river Great Ouse, as in their opinion it is the worse it has been in living memory. They were concerned about the new pumping station working 24/7 and pumping additional water. This will be reported but has been many times in the past. • There are new finger posts in the village but there is one that points over to the PO and then no further direction. • Thanked for maintenance of the FP from St Peters road to the churchyard, the overhanging tree branches have been trimmed et • Cllr J Funnell asked if a photographer had contacted the Clerk The Clerk will forward the email received • The hole in the road opposite One Acre in saddlebow has still not been repaired. Cllr Done announced sad news that the Clerk had handed in her resignation, she has agreed to cover up until the last day of August and involved in any handover, but this will be her last meeting. He asked for it to be put on record massive thanks to the Clerk.	
	Meeting closed	
	Next meeting 16 September 2019	
	Signed	Date