

WIGGENHALL ST GERMANS PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2024 at 7.00PM, CONVENED IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, WIGGENHALL ST GERMANS.

Present:

Parish Councillors: David Rust (Chair), Robert Ward, Scilla Ash, Tony Park, David Johnson, David Harrison.

Parish Clerk: Mike Inder.

Borough & County Councillors: None.

Apologies: Bob Rawlings, Memmi Cowan

Public: None.

1. **Introduction and Welcome:** Cllr Rust welcomed everyone present.
2. **Selection of Chairman:** Cllr Rust welcomed everyone, invited nominations to Chair the Meeting, there were no nominations or volunteers, so he offered to continue as Chair, and it was agreed.
3. **Apologies** were received as noted above with reports submitted in advance.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 10 May 2023 were reviewed and Cllr Ash proposed them as true reflection, seconded by Cllr Park. Those present at the previous meeting agreed.
5. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council:**

Acknowledgments

I'd like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their support, hard work and commitment both as individuals and as a team.

I'd like to thank Mike Inder, our Parish Clerk. Mike has said on a number of occasion that we are his favourite Council however over the past twelve months I believe his experience, patience and resilience have been tested to the full on one particular matter. Mike your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

I'd like to thank Borough Councillors Long and Ayers for their support and assistance.

Last May, Margaret Bunkall and Margaret Blackburn decided not to apply for re-election, I would therefore like to thank them for their efforts whilst Councillors.

Rob Keal also decided to not seek re-election; however, Rob still supports the Council by facilitating the positional rotation of the SAM2 (Speed Awareness Monitor) and download of the data collected by the unit, which in turn is uploaded to the Council website. Thank you, Rob.

Last but by no means least I'd like to thank those Parishioners who have attended our meetings over the past twelve months, whilst we, as a Council have not always been able to provide the answers you were hoping for, I hope you feel we've listened to your input and acted/supported where possible and appropriate.

Projects completed

The 'permitted path' has been completed providing a much need safe pedestrian access between Wiggenhall St. Germans and Wiggenhall St. Mary. Permission and help from the Internal Drainage Board has been crucial in enabling the completion of this project

Installation of Advisory 20 MPH flashing "wig wag" signs on Sluice Road and School Road. It is hoped these signs will increase drivers' awareness of the dangers within the area and thereby improve safety for all concerned.

Installation of two new swings at the play park adjacent to the Memorial Hall. One of the new swings is of a different design which it is hoped will provide a more inclusive play facility.

Installation of bollards to prevent anti-social driving at the junction of Lynn Road and School Road.

Completing and submitting a request to turn the Crown and Anchor into an Asset of Community Value. The application was successful however events have moved on, and we now have a new team running the pub which would appear to be a great success.

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Ongoing projects

Phase two of the play park improvement is underway. Two Parishioners and a Councillor have formed a working group and produced a survey to enable them to develop a “shopping list” of the preferred equipment. The survey was well received with around 100 replies received. The project is off to a flying start with some £1500.00 already received in donations.

Having failed to secure funding for the current financial year we will be re submitting our bid for Parish Partnership Funding to allow the installation of “white gates” on Eau Brink Road and Lynn Road, these being the two locations highlighted as an issue with speeding traffic.

Installation of bollards at the junction of School Road and Sluice Road. We continue to work with Norfolk County Council to provide a solution to anti-social driving on the area adjacent to the village flagpole.

Improvement of road signage and/or road improvements to Lynn Road/Fitton Road “S” bend. We continue to work with NCC and local Councillors to provide a solution to the ongoing problem.

Woodland Creation Scheme, we continue to work with NCC on delivering the scheme to provide three areas of woodland within the village. One of our Councillors is working closely with the team assigned to the project.

Wildflower Areas, a group of Councillors are researching the possibility of turning some of the grassed areas within the Parish into Wildflower Areas in order to enhance the environment and reduce the need for grass cutting. This is an ongoing project and if you have any area, you believe would benefit from this initiative then please contact us. We already have an offer of help and support from a local company to supply the seed deliver the project.

Conclusion

We still have vacancies on the Parish Council so please join us and help support and improve our Parish.

6. **Reports from County and Borough Councillors:** none received.
7. **Reports from Local Organisations:** None.
8. **Public Forum:** No-one present.
9. **Meeting Closed** at 7.08pm

Signature:

Chairman

Date

Prepared by Mike Inder, Clerk to Wighenhall St Germans Parish Council.

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