

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2021 at 7:30pm
at Legge House Conference Centre, Church Hill

- Present**
- Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
 - Cllr L Campisano (Vice Chair)
 - Cllr C Clark
 - Cllr H Dosanjh
 - Cllr G Overbury
 - Cllr N Hooper
 - Cllr D Hooper
 - Cllr J Kemble
 - Cllr J King
 - Cllr D Martyn
 - Cllr P Bhardwaj
- Clerk**
- Emma Freemantle
 - Amanda Woodhead - Community Projects and Grants Officer
- FC/029** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr L Gough
Apologies also received from Ward Councillors, Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford.
- FC/030** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no Declarations of Interest or Applications for Dispensations required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 1 July 2012.
- FC/031** **Public Questions**
There were no members of the public present.
- FC/032** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 24 May 2021.
- FC/033** **Ward Councillor Update**
Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford submitted written reports for this meeting, a copy of which appear as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr D Martyn who was also present provided a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.
- FC/034** **Parish Council Representatives' Report**
Cllr L Campisano provided an update regarding the Carnival plans, all present **NOTED** that volunteers are still required.

It was **NOTED** that this year's event will be free to the public to help assist with Covid restrictions and money handling by volunteers. Donations will be welcomed in replace of the usual entry fee.

FC/035 **Chairs Report**

The Chair advised that all staff members are now working back in the office however the Ellendune Community Centre remains closed to the public for the time being. All present **NOTED** that an appointment will be required before visiting the parish office.

FC/036 **Final Accounts 2020/21**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the final accounts for year ending 31 March 2021, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/037 **Annual Governance Statement(AGAR)2020/21**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/038 **Carnival**

Members considered a request from the Carnival Committee to allow the operation of the fair rides and food stalls over the Friday 02, Saturday 03 and Sunday 04 July. A copy of the communication is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that DanTERS can operate over the weekend in question ensuring that the following criteria is met:

- Risk assessments are provided to the parish council from DanTERS
- A copy of public liability insurance is provided to the parish council
- The Weir Field is left in a good clean condition and all rubbish removed after each evening.
- Approved hours for operation are Friday 02 July until 10pm, Saturday 03 July until 10pm and then Sunday 04 July until 4pm.

FC/039 **Red Barn Lane**

Members considered a request from Ward Councillor B Ford for the closure of the small road which leads to the reservoir off of Red Barn Lane. A copy of the request appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The request via a local resident has been made to help assist with crime prevention/ anti-social behaviour.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the road can be closed to vehicular access ensuring that access is still made available to Thames Water staff, pedestrians, cyclists and for other specified users such as contractors.

FC/040 **Community Forests Project**

Members received a report of the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding the "Trees for Climate" initiative with Swindon Borough Council. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the various locations listed within the report for future tree planting.

Cllr D Martyn raised the suggestion of the Queens Green Canopy as a further incentive to provide further tree work in the parish. The Community Projects and Grants Officer advised that she would look into this idea further and report back to the Council accordingly.

Members **NOTED** that the Joint Venture Team are also working with Swindon Borough Council to plant trees within specific areas of Wichelstowe.

It was also **NOTED** that the Churchyard Working Party needs to meet again before certain areas within the report are considered further for tree planting.

FC/041

Thorney Park Play Area

Members received a verbal update from the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding the lease agreement between Stonewater, the management company and the parish council.

The deed of easement regarding the new footpath installation (x2) is still not complete however once received this will cost a fee of £1,000.

Construction works will begin on Monday 28 June 2021.

Phase one will take 3-4 weeks including the removal of existing fencing and groundwork.

Phase two will cover the Installation of equipment.

Phase three is the resurfacing of the play area and graphics.

The play area completion is currently still on track for the end of July 2021.

Members **NOTED** that construction works have been requested to take place between 8am and 5pm Mon – Fri only.

The Community Projects and Grants Officer advised that she is trying to arrange an open event / play area launch after the installation is complete alongside the parish councils Youth Workers. More information will follow after the next Youth Working Party.

FC/042

Community Outbreak Management Fund Grant Application

Members **NOTED** that a grant application has been submitted to Voluntary Action Swindon (VAS) working in partnership with Swindon Borough Council. A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

All present **NOTED** that the purpose of the grant application is to help support and reduce the inequalities affecting COVID safety and infection management within the community.

More information can be found here <https://vas-swindon.org/comf/>

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council

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