**Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen** **Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 11 July 2019**

**Present - Cllrs:** R Bone (Chairman), P Heyes, P Koczerzat, J Morton

Clerk – S Goodwin 2 members of the public and Cllr B Ayres (BC) present

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Dent

1. **Minutes of Meetings**

 13 June and 4 July. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

1. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Cllr Ayres (BC) declared interest in 58/19d as he is a member of the Conservancy Board and the Internal Drainage Board

1. **Public Speaking**

 Explanation of Reserved Matters requested and location of land south 85 Stow Road

1. **Co-option**

No applications received

1. **Matters arising (for information only)**

42.19a Clerk had written to 2 properties in Mill Road/Stow Road, requesting overgrown hedges and shrubs be trimmed back. By co-incidence, NCC also wrote to these properties requesting that hedges and shrubs be trimmed back. Concern was expressed about householders leaving trimmings on pavements causing inconvenience to pedestrians.

1. **Correspondence (for information only)**

a Borough Council Planning Department invitation to attend Planning Update Session 25 September at the Town Hall, King’s Lynn at either 2pm or 6pm. Clerk is unable to attend. Cllrs to contact clerk if they wish to attend

b Request for donation from Magpas.

c Volunteers sought for Shakespeare’s Guildhall Trust, to help give visitors access to St George’s Guildhall. Councillors to respond personally if they wish

d Crime updates for May 2019 received

e Booklet about Trusteeship of Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Village Hall.

1. **Highways**

a Reports of highways issues given to clerk including overhanging shrubs and hedging. Rangers have been asked to clear Stow Road/Mill Road pathway.

b The Trod is now complete. This project began in 2016 and was a joint project with Watlington PC through NCC Parish Partnership Schemes 2015/2016 and 2017/2018. Letter of thanks to be sent to E Truss (MP). Network Rail and NCC also to be thanked. NCC to be asked for a warning sign to be erected where Trod crosses the road near Watlington Station as it is so near to a bend.

c Invitation from NCC to put forward project for Parish Partnership 2020/2021. No project to be put forward

d Clerk had requested that NCC reinstate bridge across dyke on Footpath 9. NCC know nothing about a bridge but are aware of ramped culvert crossing set into the bottom of the drain. Map showing this sent to councillors. Matter to be left with culvert crossing. Cllr Heyes to keep in touch with Eau Brink farms concerning footpaths.

e Further complaints received concerning blocked right of way at the end of Prophet’s Alley (Footpath 13) although some work appears to have taken place on bank to alleviate this problem

1. **Reports**

a Speedchecks checks carried out and reported. 430 vehicles logged during 3 sessions

b Cleanup team due to litter pick in Mill Road.

1. **Cemetery**

a Inspection revealed all to be in order. Some spoil present but this will be used by maintainer. Some headstones are leaning but are not loose.

1. **Dog Waste Bins**

Agreed that red Fido 25waste bin be ordered to replace broken bin by river bank by Cock Inn

1. **Village Handyman**

Agreed that PC cannot afford a full time handyman but that councillors should not be expected to fulfill all the small maintenance tasks in the village. Clerk to ask other Parish Councils if they have contact details for a handyman willing to undertake minor tasks in the village, such as strimming, weed killing. They must have Public Liability insurance

1. **Tenders for playing field and cemetery**

Wording agreed. Clerk to send to at least 4 companies

1. **Paddocks**

Inspection showed that weeds are encroaching onto track 1 and rubble is still present on track 2 despite the efforts of 2 councillors. As there is danger of machinery being damaged during topping, a meeting is to be arranged with contractor to discuss how best to avoid this. Clerk to contact insurers to confirm if we have liability cover if machinery is damaged. Local businesses and small contractors to be contacted regarding spraying of weeds on track and alongside paddocks, without danger to livestock (although contractor for topping may be able to cut these down) Tenant of plots 1-15 told clerk that she would strim weeds on trackside of her plots. Plots 40 – 48 to be kept as wildlife area if possible. Advice to be sought from Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

1. **Planning**

a 19/01124/RM Reserved matters application: construction of 9 dwellings at land south of 85 Stow Road, Magdalen Clarification to be sought as to precise number of dwellings as accompanying paperwork and plan differ. No objections to be sent.

b 19/01179/F Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with 2 No new residential plots comprising of integrated garage and 3 bedroom house at West View, 37 Stow Road, Magdalen Comment that roof height to be no greater than 35 Stow Road but otherwise no objection

1. **Finance**

a Resolved to accept monthly accounts and bank reconciliation to 30 June 2019

b Resolved that payments be made as follows

 

c Cllrs Dent and Heyes have been authorised by bank to access Unity Trust accounts

1. **Councillors Concerns and Future Agenda Items**

High level of silting is again causing concern. Hump at Stowbridge is to be lowered by EA but nothing planned for Magdalen. Clerk to write to Conservancy Board for information.

1. **Public Speaking**

 Brief explanation of actions taken regarding flooding in village

1. **Date of Next Meeting -** 12 September 2019 Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signature …………………………………………… Date …………………………………..