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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 13 February 2020**

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr B Dent,

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

9 January 2020. Having been circulated previously, it was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

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

None

1. **Public Speaking**

Update on Borough and County Council budgets given

1. **Co-option**

No applicants

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

135.19 Annual Parish meeting to be advertised on website and in Spring issue of Eagre News.

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

a Letter from parishioner enquiring about Footpath 4 by allotments/paddocks disappearing. Clerk to reply that PC and Eau Brink Farms are aware of the situation which will be rectified after beet has been harvested

b Enquiry from Magdalen Academy for allotment plot. Clerk to reply with information

1. **Highways**

a Reports of pot-holes and action promised by Highways given by clerk

b Jason Moore, the new area manager (West) met with clerk and Cllr. Bone to better understand current priorities, concerns and ideas for improving such matters as communication. List of outstanding requests sent to A Wallace, our local engineer

c Request for 'Slow' sign or 'road narrows' sign to be placed at both ends of the double bend near the junction of Mill Road, Foldgate Lane and Fen Road. Reply was ‘inspected and found no sign required. This is a quiet rural lane and the speed limits and no through road sign are all fully visible. Motorists using this road should be driving to the conditions of the road’

d Request for some yellow lines to be painted on the junction of Church Road/Stow Road/Lynn Road to prevent parking. Reply was ‘The cost of this would be too large for us to consider at this time and as there is not a poor accident history or considerable risk.’

e Update on railway abutments received showing that as there has been more movement, it is being proposed by Historical Railways Estate (on behalf of Department for Transport), Highways England, that they be demolished. Local residents will be consulted by them directly.

1. **Reports**

a Speedchecks – checks have resumed with Police monitoring also taking place

b Sam 2 has been relocated

c Cleanup team to resume when weather improves

1. **Paddocks**

a Application under MoreWoods Scheme to be considered 12 March by Woodland Trust. There is no commitment at this stage. If successful, site meeting can then take place. Cllr Girdler to contact BC regarding assistance from companies wishing to offset their carbon footprint and who may be willing to assist with cost of proposed woodland. Details of Climate Change Officer at BC given to Cllr. Girdler

b Tenancy agreement for plots 40-52 was signed and witnessed

1. **Dog Waste Bin**

Response from Borough Council regarding possible siting of dog bin in area of paddocks/footpath 4 and Foldgate Lane confirmed that most suitable siting was by paddock plot 1. Tenant has no objection. Proposed, seconded and agreed that Fido25 dog waste bin and post with fittings be purchased.

1. **Annual Documentation Review**

a Internal Audit – approved with no amendments

b Effectiveness of systems of internal control-approved with no amendments

1. **River Siltation**

Letter received from Environment Agency stating that a visit to Magdalen will be made to see what the situation is at low tide. Reply to be sent copied to Cllr Long, Ian Devereaux, St Germans PC and Stowbridge PC asking that inspection be made accompanied by Cllr Koczerzat and at low tide. St Germans and Stowbridge PC’s to be requested to copy Cllr Long into all future correspondence regarding siltation of the river.

1. **Planning**

a 20/00103/F Variation of condition 3 of planning permission DM4211 to allow the property to be occupied by persons outside agriculture at Broadacres Stow Road Magdalen.

Supported with no additional comment

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 Approved by Planning Department

1. **Finance**

a Proposed, seconded and agreed to accept monthly accounts and bank reconciliation

to 31 January 2020

b Proposed, seconded and agreed that £50 donation be made to Eagre News for their help throughout the year publicising Parish Council news

c Resolved that payments be made as follows:-

Table of payments to be approved

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

River siltation and woodland to be on next agenda

1. **Public Speaking**

Thank you to Cllr Long for his assistance

1. **Date of Next Meeting –** 12 March 2020

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman …………………………………………… Date …………………………………..