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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 9 September 2021**

**at Magdalen Village Hall**

All precautions for Covid 19 adhered to. Sanitising, wearing of face masks and social distancing

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

Clerk – S Goodwin 1 member of public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Bone

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

 Meeting held 8 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**

None

1. **Public Speaking**

 No items

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

a Operation London Bridge training session attended by Clerk and Cllr Heyes. Cllrs Dent and Koczerzat to attend in October and item to be on November agenda

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

a PWLB updated guidance and terms

b Advice from Citizens Advice, South Lincolnshire re Migrant Workers Helpline 03448476128

c Eon – notification of price increase from 1 September

d Cadent – notification of gas pipe inspection in October. VH Cmte informed

e New property address – Plot1 Stow Road now 91c Stow Road

f Notification of multi-agency approach to anti-social behaviour at Magdalen bridge

g Share Certificate in Norfolk ALC

h Notification of presentation of gift to honour Community Efforts made in the Pandemic Year

i New property address – Field View, 11 Lynn Road

1. **Highways**

a Pot-holes at bends near Jemarlee (Fieldview) once again reported to NCC, who report they are scheduled for repair

b Agreed not to take part in Parish Partnership 22/23.

c Grit bin for Foldgate Lane/Mill Road area declined by NCC as it is considered there are sufficient in the locality. Objection to be sent as at Mill Rd/Fen Rd/Foldgate Lane junction there is a gas main, which may be damaged if vehicle skids on ice/snow

d Webinar to be attended by clerk and councillors 14 September with Jason Moorse (West Area Manager). Details to be resent to councillors

e List of requirements to be sent for Rangers attention, many of them items reported some time ago, but no action taken as yet

1. **Reports**

a SAM2 has been relocated, readings have been sent to Councillors.

b Speedwatch checks continue to take place

c Report given on Village Hall Cmte (VHC) meeting. Cllr Girdler to raise matter of acoustics at the next VHC meeting

f Cllr Heyes Reported that FP4 is now clear and follows boundary of allotments. FP9 is now clear but missing a signpost

1. **Woodland**

a Woodland Trust contact is now Emily Butterwick, who understands that Magdalen PC trees are priority. The same contractor will be carrying out the work. Cllr Girdler to monitor situation. Michelle Fielding (NCC Million Trees Project) is in contact concerning funding for the woodland and again Cllr Girdler will urge action and monitor the situation

b 2nd topping to take place in readiness for planting of trees as near to planting as possible

c Consideration was given to erecting deer fence to protect trees but the cost of £5000 minimum was considered to be too much

d Consideration was given to constructing a badger island to encourage badgers away from dyke area but it was agreed that this will not take place

1. **Paddocks/Allotments**.

a Badger sett license received. Badger sett entrances strawed to see which entrances are in use. Natural England representative and paddock tenant met to consider concerns of badger holes on her paddock. None are active and setts will be filled in later in the year in accordance with all regulations of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992

1. **Village Sign**

Quotation received for sign, cleaning of plaques and new post. Proposed, seconded and agreed that this quotation be accepted and deposit paid before October meeting

1. **Village Hall**

A copy of the Village Hall Committee accounts for 2020/2021 were received by PC

1. **King’s Lynn Borough Council Statement of Principles 21/24 in accordance with Gambling Act 2005**

 No comment is to be sent

1. **Pound Wall**

Agreed that ivy and brambles inside pound area be trimmed back and ivy on outer wall by village sign trimmed slightly but not removed as it is a valuable wildlife habitat

1. **Church Clock**

During the August inspection, it was revealed that components were corroding and work was required to restore them. Quotation from Smith of Derby was received. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the work should take place with a councillor present. It was also agreed that Smith of Derby should notify the PC of any future inspections beforehand so that a councillor could be present.

1. **Planning**

a No applications received

b No comment on Pre-Submission consultation for the Local Plan review to be sent

1. **Finance**

a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 August 2021. This showed that due to an administrative error, an incorrect amount had been paid to the clerk. £105.70 was repaid to PC bank account by clerk to rectify error.

b Agreed £100 donation to be paid to Royal British Legion for poppy wreath. Clerk to pay initially and monies repaid at October meeting

c Proposed, seconded and agreed that Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loan to be repaid in full

d Resolved to pay schedule of payments

e Resolved to accept External Auditor report for 20/21. It was noted that refunded monies should not have been entered as income. Relevant columns to be adjusted on variance sheet for 21/22

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

Woodland and badger setts to be on next agenda

1. **Public Speaking**

None

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

14 October 2021 at Magdalen Village Hall

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