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

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

**11 November at Magdalen Village Hall**

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

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

Clerk – S Goodwin 3 members of public

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held 14 October. 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 comments made

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

None

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

a Invitation to contribute a tree to Magdalene Church Tree Festival 2021. Cllr Heyes to ask parishioner for assistance

b Cadent confirmed that works carried out in October on gas line crossing VH playing field

1. **Highways**

a Parishioner requested assistance about state of road surface at Church Rd/Stow Rd/Lynn Rd junction as he had requested Highways to improve it and had not had a satisfactory response. Clerk advised that PC had been requesting this and that it should have been done in 2021 but had been put back to 2022. NCC technician is to look at this again to see if works can be programmed sooner.

b Overgrown hedging from Old School site is to be resolved by NCC

c Highways to move grit bin from Stow Road to Mill Road/FenRoad junction on grass at ‘Y’ junction

d Application not to be made under Parish Partnership for pathway between Stow Road and Mill Road to be replaced, due to tree root damage. NCC to monitor this situation.

e Large pothole by 30mph speed limit near Stowbridge to be reported

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 held in October. School Remembrance Day event attended by Cllrs Girdler and Heyes on 11 November. Confirmed that in line with Charity Commission rulings, Village Hall Committee minutes cannot be shared with PC Letter of thanks to be sent to VHC by Cllr Heyes on behalf of Cllr Girdler and himself

d FP9 signage needs a couple of repairs. Cllr Heyes to purchase required materials and PC to reimburse at December meeting

e Litter pick along part of Stow Road carried out

1. **Woodland**

a Delivery date is 3 December and planting date 6 December. Confirmation of these dates is being sought. Invoice has now been received from Woodland Trust. More Woods has a new contact John Jones, and confirmation of financial assistance is still being sought by Cllr Girdler

b 2nd topping has taken place and invoice received

1. **Paddocks/Allotments**.

a Area has now been filled in. Gates currently being used for Eau Brink farm side of dyke.

1. **Village Sign**

Cllrs had inspected village sign support and agreed that this will require expert reconstruction. Professional who erected it first time is unable to help this time. Considered that installation of new sign should have some publicity. Details to be decided nearer to the time

*Resolved that Fiona Davies be asked if she has anyone who can carry out the work*

1. **Reviews**

a Financial Regulations, accepted without amendment

b Paddock and allotment fees for 2023

*Resolved that these should remain the same*

c Operation London Bridge was discussed and agreed that A Sherfield be approached with a view to the PC purchasing new flag/s for the Church Clerk to contact A Sherfield and research pricing of flags if required.

1. **Defibrillator**

Report from Cllr Bone that there were 2 problems. Firstly, it appears that there may be no power reaching the phone kiosk housing the defibrillator. Community Heartbeat (CH) are to contact BT regarding this. Secondly, the defibrillator appears to be faulty and is out of warranty by about 4 years. Replacement would cost £1330 incl. vat. Possible that credit of £50 approx. could be received for old battery. Signage is in place at phone kiosk advising what to do in an emergency. Cllr Bone to continue to liaise with CH as to repair/replacement of defibrillator.

*Resolved that defibrillator be replaced if current unit cannot be repaired*

1. **Planning**

a 21/02007/F Proposed single storey side extension to The Hollies, 9 Church Rd, Magdalen

The PC had no objection to this application.

b 21/00997/F Demolition of fish and chip shop and construct new fish and chip shop with flat over, 15 Stow Rd, Magdalen PC had no objection overall to the plans but comments to be sent that although it would be an improvement to the street scene, provide employment and a place to eat out in the village, there are concerns about parking and visibility when exiting Church Close into Stow Road

c 21/01395/F Construction of shed to accommodate golf studio, Jemarlee, Stow Road.

Approved by KLBC planning

d Enforcement Officer aware of enquiries about containers/portacabins in village

1. **Finance**

a *Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 October 2021.*

b *Resolved to pay schedule of payments*

c Notification that E-on are again increasing their tariff. Clerk had enquired if there was a cheaper tariff for the PC and it was confirmed that they were on the most appropriate tariff as to enter a contract would entail Standing Charges and greater costs

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

Defibrillator and items for budget consideration

1. **Public Speaking**

Overgrown hedges causing visibility problems on entering Stow Road. Clerk to write and request they be cut back

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

9 December 2021 at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed 19.45

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