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

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

**13 January 2022 at Magdalen Village Hall**

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

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

Clerk – S Goodwin 4 members of public incl. Cllr B Long (BC)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Dent

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held 9 December. 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**

a Explanation of request for letter of support from group who are applying for funding from Heritage Fund of the National Lottery, in order to publish a recently found collection of stories written by Arthur Randell, a local writer. Agreed that letter of support be sent.

b Cllr Long updated PC on Borough and County Council budget decision making and availability of monetary support from Borough Councillors for local projects

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

125.21 Thank you letter from Parish Church of Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene for paying for Union Jack and Flag of St George of England

128.21 Thank you from Cllr Sue Ling for offers of help to highlight the problems along Great River Ouse

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

a Request for donation to Norfolk Citizens Advice

b Notification from E-on of move of account to Npower Business Solutions, change of Direct Debit Service User Number and Reference due to migration of electricity to Npower and notification that electricity migration to nBS is complete.

c New hire agreement from Magdalen VHC, bookings to be 2nd Thursday of each month from 6pm, commencing 10 March. 2 copies to be signed and returned to VHC booking clerk for signing. One copy then to be returned to PC. Documents signed and left in VH office.

d Information concerning Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons and related celebrations.

e Request for letter of support from group who are applying for funding from Heritage Fund of the National Lottery, in order to publish a recently found collection of stories written by Arthur Randell, a local writer, born in Magdalen and who brought to life aspects of local heritage and traditions in his writings.

1. **Highways**

a Potholes in Stow Road at Jemarlee and Edenfield now filled, shrubbery at Old School, Mill Road, trimmed back

b Grit bin moved from Stow Road to Mill Road/FenRoad junction

c Pathway Mill Rd/Stow Rd still not cleared, clerk to enquire as to when work will be carried out

1. **Reports**

a Speedwatch checks continue to take place. 6 vehicles reported in one session

b SAM2 relocated to Lynn Road and stats. sent to councillors before meeting

c Cllr Heyes in process of repairing footpath signs

d Litter picks to take place in coming weeks

1. **Woodland**

a Signed Morewoods Project Contractor-Plant agreement received

b NCC Million Trees to be requested to send payment agreed to fund the PC portion cost of planting of the woodland. Request that it be minuted that thanks were given to Cllr B Long for his support in this matter

c Cllr Heyes had contacted parishioner concerning large logs but they proved to be unsuitable

1. **Village Sign**

No news as to progress of sign completion received

1. **Defibrillator**

a New defibrillator now installed in Stow Road phone box and new light fitting connected. All now working correctly. Credit for battery received from Community Heartbeat and reflected in amount to be paid for new defibrillator. Cost of parts to be repaid to Cllr Bone

b Suggestion from parishioner that 2nd defibrillator could be purchased and donated to PC. Parishioner to be informed that it is too big a commitment at this time and was not purely a monetary decision not to purchase a second unit but the fact that it would require even more voluntary time from councillors to carry out checks and paperwork involved.

1. **Cemetery Gates and Pillars**

a 10 quotations requested for replacement of left hand pillar of cemetery gates, 2 received.

*Resolved that J D Building Services be appointed to carry out the works*

b 2 quotations received for renovation of cemetery gates

*Resolved that Hodgsons Forge be appointed to carry out the work*

1. **Annual Parish Meeting 2022**

Agreed that meeting should take place at 6.15pm on 14 April followed by Ordinary PC meeting at 6.30pm. No leaflet drop to take place, meeting to be advertised in Eagre News, on website and noticeboard

1. **Paddocks**

a Clerk requested clarification of financial position of tenant if notice is given mid contract and land is then relet.

*Confirmed that if land is relet at no expense to PC then that portion of rent may be returned to exiting tenant at the discretion of the PC. Contract wording to be revised to reflect this for 2023 contract.*

1. **Planning**

a 21/02328/F Proposed Single Storey side extension and internal alterations at Orton Field, 146 Stow Road Supported by PC

b 21/02170/F Retention of a fence at Jemarlee, Stow Road Supported by PC

1. **Finance**

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

b *Resolved to pay schedule of payments*



c *Resolved that budget of £30755 be agreed for 2022/2023*

d *Resolved that Precept to remain at £15500 for the financial year 2022/2023*

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

Defibrillator to be removed from agenda

1. **Public Speaking**

Loss of, or fading white lines and road markings. Appearance of obstructions on highways grass verges. NCC to be consulted on both matters

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

10 February at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed 19.45

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