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

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

**10 February 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, B Dent C Girdler, P Heyes (Chairman), P Koczerzat, J Morton

Clerk – S Goodwin 2 members of public

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held 13 January 2022. 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**

Hearing loop appeared to be working in village hall

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

128.21 Update from Cllr Sue Ling regarding support to highlight the problems along Great River Ouse. She is currently waiting to hear from other PCs

139.21c Signed agreement received from Magdalen VHCommittee

139.21e Letter of support sent to Lois Addis concerning publication of stories by A Randell

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

a Notification of increase in interest rate to 0.05% from Unity Trust Bank

b Notification from Npower Business Solutions, that due to migration of electricity to Npower invoicing may be delayed November

1. **Highways**

a Enquiries made as to white line improvements. They are carried out as routine maintenance, roads narrower than 4.5m do not require white lines.

b NCC technicians had noted verge obstructions and some letters have been or will be sent out.

c Pathway Mill Rd/Stow Rd programmed to be cleared

1. **Reports**

a Speedwatch checks continue to take place. 9 vehicles reported in one session. Cllr Bone had attended a meeting with members of other speedwatch groups, some of whom did not have the support of their Parish Council.

b SAM2 relocated to Church Road

c Cllr Heyes has installed footpath signs on FP9

d Litter pick done in Mill Road and Fen Road but 24 hours later the litter was just as bad

1. **Woodland**

a NCC Million Trees payment of £3492 received and thanks sent to B Long and NCC.

b Councillors to visit woodland planting and carry maintenance on stakes and protection sheaths

c Following enquiries from BARK website, only one quotation for beech tree logs to provide seating received. Whilst meeting was taking place near woodland it was noted by contractor that nearby trees were in a dangerous condition, with risk of boughs falling onto persons or equipment. Quotation therefore requested for felling of dangerous willow trees with aim of using wood for seating in glade area. As this latter quotation was for safety issues, a vote took place whether to accept the quotation, although this was not on the agenda. Brian Long had intimated at the January meeting that some funding may be available for additional works to the woodland. Cllr Girdler to contact him.

*Resolved that permission be given for both works to take place*

1. **Village Sign**

Delivery of sign has been delayed due to problems with moulding, which have taken more time than anticipated but project still underway. Contractor who is to rebuild sign support notified of delay

1. **Cemetery Gates and Pillars**

a Hodgsons Forge and J D Building Services agreed to liaise. Gates now removed and pillar demolished leaving central RSJ in place.

b Dog bin to be relocated to enhance appearance of cemetery gates. Possible relocation sites discussed.

*Relocation of cemetery dog waste bin to be on next agenda*

1. **Renovation of village phone boxes**

*Renovation and use of village phone boxes to be on next agenda*

1. **Annual Reviews**

a Internal audit for 21/22 approved with no amendment

b Effectiveness of systems of internal control 21/22 approved with no amendment

1. **Additional Dog bin**

Consideration was given to providing an additional dog waste bin at the entrance to the river bank between Fir Farm and Sustead House, Stow Road. Clerk had ascertained that NCC would have no objection. BC would need to agree to include an extra bin in their collection. If BC agrees to include this in collection round, bin would be ordered in April 2022.

1. **Planning**

None

1. **Finance**

a *Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 January 2022.*

b *Resolved to pay schedule of payments*



E-on/Npower invoice awaited. See Minute 158/21b

c *Noted that clerk’s holiday hours have increased due to length of service and extra 2022 Bank Holiday*

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

Additional agenda items as previously minuted

1. **Public Speaking**

Loss of, or fading white lines

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

10 March at Magdalen Village Hall

Chairman declared meeting closed 19.37

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