

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 9 June 2022

Present - Cllrs: P Heyes (Chairman), P Koczerzat, J Morton,

Clerk – S Goodwin

3 members of the public

41.22 Apologies for absence

Cllr R Bone, Cllr B Dent, Cllr C Girdler, Cllr A Rudd

42.22 Minutes of Meeting

Meeting held 12 May. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

43.22 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

44.22 Public Speaking

No comments

45.22 Matters arising (for information only)

72.21 Annual clock maintenance carried out leaving the clock 1 hour slow. Subsequent engineer visit failed to correct this. Another engineer visit has been requested by clerk

128.21 Letter from S Ling regarding silting of the river, stating that she will be taking no further action in the matter as EA have done nothing in 2 years and have proved not to be pro-active

35.22 Letter of thanks from St Mary Magdalene Church warden for contribution to Flower Festival

46.22 Correspondence (for information only)

a Notification that CIL funding application portal will open 1 July 2022

47.22 Highways

a Damage opposite 42Stow Rd repaired and proved to be the protection of manhole placed before resurfacing

b Report of overgrown trees in Foldgate Lane resulted in clerk requesting that they be cut back by adjacent landowners. Parishioner quickly responded and ensured that trees on one side cut back and letter of thanks was sent. Trees opposite remain untrimmed by adjacent landowner.

c 30mph sign at Stowbridge end of Magdalen obscured. Highways to be informed

48.22 Reports

a SAM2 has been relocated

b 2 Speedwatch checks have been carried out with 18 vehicles reported.

c Defibrillator check done and Cllr Bone had sent monthly report.

d Cllr Heyes has spoken with Eau Brink Farms concerning uncut paths on FP 4 and 9. These have now been cut by Eau Brink who responded promptly. Cllr Heyes to trim part of FP9, which is in a dyke and is not part of Eau Brink or Internal Drainage Board cutting plans

e Cllr Girdler had sent a Village Hall committee report

i concerning hearing loop in the hall, E Fisher had attended before PC meeting to demonstrate how to set it up.

ii Jubilee celebrations with school went well with financial support from a Jubilee grant

iii Problems with accessibility of contractor equipment to be corrected by relocating posts and rails

49.22 Woodland

- a Tree baulks still not received. Cllr Girdler has stressed to contractor that this is urgent so as to be installed before school breaks up so as to facilitate a grand opening
- b Owl box to be installed when land is suitable for car and trailer access
- c Clerk had obtained revised price for topping tracks and vacant paddocks from CGM due to reduced topping area.

Resolved that revised price be accepted and CGM asked to carry out topping asap

- d Saplings benefiting from recent rainfall

50.22 Village Sign

Builder who built cemetery gate pillar agreed to rebuild village sign support at his original quote. Work completed with slight realignment of base and allowing that the new post is 120mm square.

51.22 Cemetery Gates

Due to be refitted in June 2022

52.22 Cemetery Dog Waste Bin

Dog bin reinstalled at location near to gates in Stow Road with assistance of S Warren. BC informed by clerk.

53.22 Church Road Phone Box

Phone box secured by S Warren. Cllr Girdler and team to set a date for painting

54.22 Cemetery and Playing Field Maintenance

Rewording of maintenance contracts to include clause for annual review of costs was considered

Resolved that new wording be included in 2022 tenders due to be sent later in 2022

55.22 Cemetery Reviews

- a Fees were reviewed

Resolved that fees be changed to take account of increased maintenance costs

- b Risk Assessment

Reviewed with no amendments being made

- c Regulations

Reviewed with no amendments being made

- d Cemetery inspection had been carried out before meeting and it was agreed that maintenance was being well carried out and that tilted memorials were safe

56.22 Planning

None

57.22 Finance

a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 May 2022

b *Resolved to pay schedule of payments*

Ref 20/22	P Jones - Cem and pf maint May		SO		£459.60	
Ref 21/22	HMRC		BP		£75.00	
Ref 22/22	Clerk Salary (including arrears)		SO		£408.84	
Ref 23/22	N Power April Invoice		DDM		no invoice yet	
Ref 24/22	Westcotec		DDM		£40.50	
Ref 25/22	Red Shoes Accounting		BP		£46.80	
Ref 26/22	S Goodwin (to repay S Cook flower money		BP		£41.00	
Ref 27/22	Clerks Expenses April - June 22		BP		£86.55	
Ref 28/22	J D Building Services (Village sign base)		BP		£942.00	
Ref 29/22	Unity		BP		£18.00	

c Cllr Rudd was accepted as signatory by Unity Bank

d Additional Unity account had been opened and CIL monies transferred to it.

e Standing Order for playing field and cemetery maintenance had been amended as agreed at May meeting.

f Dates for exercise of Public Rights to inspect accounts had been published on notice board and website along with accounting statements and explanation of how to exercise rights in this matter.

g Documents required by Transparency Act 2014 placed on website

58.22 Councillors Concerns and Future Agenda Items

Cllr Koczerzat resigned due to a change in personal circumstances. He was warmly thanked by everyone for his contributions during his time as a councillor for the last 6 years

59.22 Public Speaking

Update on local wildlife, query about Village Hall fencing, correction of village clock

60.22 Date of Next Meeting

14 July, 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19.15

Signature

Date