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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 14 September 2023**

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

Clerk – S Goodwin One member of the public and

Cllr Brian Long (BC and CC)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr R Bone

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

 Meetings held 13 July and 10 August. 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**

Inconsiderate car parking throughout the village

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

None

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

a Notification of increase in street lighting supply

1. **Highways**

a Trench across Stow Road by new builds in old EA yard to be reported

b Burnt Lane road surface chewed up but not to be reported as it was felt that this would bed down.

c Footpaths trimmed by Eau Brink and weeds cut down but not cleared from footpath between Mill Road and Stow Road. Unclear who has done this work

d No projects were forthcoming so no application will be made to the 24/25 Parish Partnership

1. **Reports**

a Police speedwatch checks undertaken on several occasions

b Speedwatch team continue to do checks at various sites

d Litter pick to be done in near future

e Cllr Girdler reported that Village Hall woodland project is progressing with and financial assistance is still being sought

f Defibrillator checked and report sent

1. **Phone Boxes**

Both boxes painted and invoice presented for payment at this meeting

1. **Street Lighting**

3 quotations received for future maintenance of street lighting

*Subject to lights being inspected at start of contract, 3 year agreement with TT Jones to be signed*

1. **Village Hall Representative**

No volunteers came forward to represent Parish Council on Village Hall Committee. Clerk to inform VHC

1. **Magdalen Wild Wood**

Woodland Trust representative, Mike, informed Cllr Girdler that the results of 4 transects showed mortality of nearly 30% (28.6%) which means the contractual intervention (set at 20%) will come into force. No invoice received yet. Matter to be on next agenda

1. **Planning**

a 23/01112/F Dropped kerb at 20 Church Road

*Comment of ‘No Objection’ to be sent*

b 23/00283/F Proposed new Annexe Accommodation to existing dwelling at 15 Church Road

*Comment to be sent that PC has no objection*

1. **Finance**

a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 July and 31 August 2023

b Donation to Royal British Legion discussed

*Agreed that £100 donation be made when ordering wreath, which will be laid by a resident of the village*

c Resolved to pay schedule of payments

 

d Expenditure against budget was considered and found to be satisfactory

e External Audit report was presented by clerk. No recommendations had been made. Official notice of Conclusion of Audit will be placed on website and notice board

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

None

1. **Public Speaking**

Cllr Long gave an update on various matters

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

12 October, 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19.25

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