

# WISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Parish Council Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.00pm, at The Meeting Place,  
Water Lane, Wiston.**

## *Minutes*

**Present:** Cllr Garner, Cllr Goring, Cllr Leppard, Cllr Nash, Cllr Page  
**In attendance:** Cllr Paul Marshall and Cllr John Blackall  
**Clerk:** Lucinda Woodage  
**Members of the public:** None

- 21.64 To consider accepting apologies for absence.** None for this meeting.
- 21.65 To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed.** None for this meeting.
- 21.66 To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November, circulated prior to the meeting by email.** Approved and signed as a true record.
- 21.67 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.** None for this meeting.
- 21.68 To receive reports from District and County Councillors.** Cllr Marshall reports that County Council budget being worked on and is balanced, good financial resilience, £20 million for Highways improvements, investing in green energy, aiming carbon neutral by 2030, huge pressure on childrens' services and adult social care. Hoping to introduce food waste collection.  
District – no further forward on water neutrality delays. Better off financially than expected.
- Cllrs Blackall and Marshall left at 1920
- 21.69 Highways and Footpaths.** None for this meeting.

## 21.70 Planning matters

**21.70.1 DC/21/1745 Change of use from agricultural barn to new game processing workshop.** This application is due to be considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Leppard will speak on the PC's behalf.

## 21.71 Design Statement

Following November's meeting, Cllr Garner circulated the draft Design Statement, for Councillors' comments and contributions.

## 21.72 Finance

**21.72.1 Bank balance @ 19.01.22: £13,001.28**

**21.72.2 Approved payments**

| <b>Payee</b>                             | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---------------|
| L M Woodage, Clerk, November             | £205.81       |
| M and E Thomas, Litter Wardens, November | £ 48.20       |
| Co-op, bin bags for litter warden        | £ 4.20        |
| Wix.com, website                         | £122.40       |
| L M Woodage, Clerk, December             | £205.81       |
| M and E Thomas, Litter Wardens, December | £ 48.20       |

**21.72.3 To approve the draft budget 2022/23.** The draft budget was tabled at November's meeting. Once agreed, the Clerk will submit the precept request to HDC. With our finances looking healthy, there is no need to increase the precept for the coming year, meaning that residents' Parish Council element of Council Tax will remain the same. Approved.

## 21.73 Community matters.

**21.59.1 Vehicle activated signage.** Rowan Mellor of Arboricultural Excellence has provided a quote of £550 plus £110 VAT to clear the branches blocking the sun from the solar panels on both devices. Agreed. The Clerk will give Rowan the go ahead.

## 21.74 Rampion 2

## 21.75 Correspondence

**21.75.1** Email from Steyning Area First Responders. SAFeR is a charity who support a team of locally based first responders, and also fund and maintain public access defibrillators including the one in

Wiston phone box. They are looking for sponsorship of £120 to help with the cost of maintenance. Agreed.

**21.76 Meetings attended.** Cllr Goring attended the Annual Meeting of Horsham District Council and Horsham Area Local Councils on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Weald to the Waves rewilding project was discussed. Presentation by the new Council leader opposing over-development in the District.

**21.77 Information items.** Councillors' opportunity to raise matters not already discussed.

**21.62.1 Rutted footpath from North Lane to Honeybridge Lane.** The Clerk reported this to Richard Goring, who has replied confirming that the Estate will disc the surface to smooth out the ruts when conditions allow.

**21.77.1 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.** To be discussed at the next meeting.

**21.78 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm.**

**The meeting closed at 20.03**

**Signed:..... Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**Chairman.**