

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER- 2021**

**Present:** Councillors P Daly (Chair), E Mason, S Williams, P Mason, J Bradley, S Kelly, M Wilson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H and T Smith and County Councillor J Higgins

2021/11/08/01

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no representatives of the public present.

2021/11/08/02

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 11th October 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

2021/11/08/03

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

The Chairman welcomed two new Members of the Parish Council, Councillors Kelly and Wilson who signed their declarations of acceptance of office and notifications of personal interests. The Clerk gave each copies of the Parish Council's social media policy and a code of conduct for Members.

**RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

2021/11/08/04

**POLICE AND ASSOCAITED MATTERS**

The Clerk presented a summary of crime and anti-social behavioural incidents recorded during the period from 1 October to 31 October 2021. It was noted there had been 122 incidents which was consistent with previous months. The incidents were summarised as follows:

11 reports of anti-social behaviour in total

- 6 reports of anti-social nuisance behaviour
- 3 reports of anti-social environmental behaviour
- 2 report of anti-social personal behaviour

It was noted that some anti-social behaviour related to off road quad or motor bikes and a number of incidents relating to fireworks.

Other incidents included in the statistics were:

- 0 thefts from a vehicle
- 0 theft of a vehicle
- 0 vehicle damage
- 0 burglaries
- 5 reports of criminal damage

The Clerk queried the recorded burglaries and referred to the previous month when there had been a number of garage break ins at the Avant site off Welfield Road.

The Clerk referred to an update from the Police advising of a number of issues being dealt with by the County Council Anti Social Behavioural Team with specific individuals being dealt with.

A Member highlighted that new fencing at Coronation Road and Kings Road had been vandalised and the father of the youth involved was to have the fence repaired.

The Chairman asked if a schedule of PACT meetings could be obtained and circulated.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the information given be noted;
- (b) further information relating to garage burglaries be obtained; and
- (c) a schedule of future PACT meetings be obtained.

2021/11/08/05

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

### (1) Park- Tree Felling

**RESOLVED** it be noted that further tree felling works were to commence at the park week commencing 8 November 2021

### (2) Woodman's Cottage Allotment Site

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Clerk arrange a meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair with the tenants of the site to determine any interest they may have in purchasing it; and
- (b) the future of the site be considered further following a meeting with the tenants.

### (3) Park Funding/CIC

The Clerk advised he had met further with a representative of the CIC to discuss completing an application form for a capital grant from Believe Housing. It was noted that grants up to £20k were available with a deadline for applications by 4 December. The Clerk had also arranged to meet further a representative of the AAP Towns and Villages Fund regarding a potential funding application.

Members expressed their interest in engaging further with the CIC. A Member referred to Section 106 monies and the need for community engagement albeit it was noted that an outline plan would first be needed in

order to consult and engage the community on.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) The information given be noted; and
- (b) The Clerk reiterate to the CIC the commitment of the Parish Council and individual Members to support it.

(4) Christmas Celebrations

The Clerk advised that a tree had been picked and was to be delivered week commencing 22 November 2021.

**RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

2021/11/08/06

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk seek further details relating to the above mentioned application:

8 Burdon crescent- change of use from public open space to private residential curtilage and construction of a new detached bungalow, new access and driveway and new detached bungalow.

2021/11/08/07

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Wellfield Community School  
**RESOLVED** where possible Members attend a Remembrance Service to be held at the School commencing at 10:20 on Thursday 11 November 2021.
- (b) Communications Webinar  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk circulate details of a communications webinar to be held at 6pm on Thursday 25 November and Members attend if interested.
- (c) East Durham Area Action Partnership Meeting  
**RESOLVED** the Clerk circulate details of a virtual East Durham Area Action Partnership Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 November at 6pm.
- (d) Managing Allotments- Online Courses  
**RESOLVED** that consideration of online courses in January 2022 relating to allotments be considered at a future meeting.
- (e) Great North Air Ambulance- Request for Financial Assistance  
**RESOLVED** a donation of £200 be made to the Great North Air Ambulance.
- (f) Wingate Primary School  
**RESOLVED** a donation of £150 to a residential visit to Dukes House Wood in Hexham for 55 children from year 6 of Wingate Primary School.

2021/11/08/08

**PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Authorisation of Payments

**RESOLVED** that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Durham CC- Memorial Garden	
Cheque No. 405750	£10710.52
Npower- Pit Wheel	
Cheque No. 405751	£42.82
Durham CC- Machine Repairs	
Cheque No. 405752	£586.57
Webster Landscaping- Watering of Baskets	
Cheque No.405753	£540.00
BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No.405754	£71.36
J Devine – Remembrance Piper	
Cheque No. 405755	£250.00
Park Keeper- Refund for Keys Cut	
Cheque No. 405756	£6.00
CDALC- Planning Training	
Cheque No. 405757	£10.00
Wingate Community Association- Refund for Wreaths	
Cheque No. 405759	£88.00
Wingate Community Association- Annual Funding	
Cheque No. 405760	£11,000
Clerk- November Office Allowance	

Cheque No. 405761 £50.00

Park Keeper-(Mileage Refund, Xmas Tree Selection)

Cheque No. 405762 £44.45

2021/11/08/09

## **REPORTS**

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) Speeding Wellfield Road and Durham Road

A Member raised concerns regarding continued reports of speeding at the Wellfield Road and Durham Road areas which he intended to take up with County Councillor Higgins.

**RESOLVED** the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

(2) Public Seat- Avant Site

A Member confirmed that a seat had been installed by the developer but it was blocked by a fence.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk raise the issue of the seat with the developer and further progress be awaited.

(3) Travellers Site

A Member raised concerns that a travellers site on the boundary of the village appeared to be getting busier and there concerns in the community about it.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk seek an update from Durham County Council regarding enforcement action in relation to the site.

(4) Park Employees- Christmas Gift

**RESOLVED** a Christmas gift of £50 be paid to the two park employees.

(5) Pit Heaps- Tree Planting

A Member raised the potential for tree and wild flower planting on the former pit heaps site. However, the Chairman highlighted that it was his understanding that this was not permitted.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk seek further information regarding the potential for tree and wild flower planting on the former pit heaps site.

(6) Wild Life Cameras in the Park

Following a suggestion from a Member it was **RESOLVED** the opportunity for using wild life cameras be taken up with the CIC and be considered as part of the new nursery's activities.

(7) Seats at Former TSB Square

**RESOLVED** the Clerk seek an update regarding whether or not seats are to be reinstalled at the former TSB square area.

(8) Church Anniversary

The Chairman advised he had attended the recent Holy Trinity Church anniversary event which had been a huge success and the support from the Parish Council had been welcomed. He stated he has had informal discussions with a member of Hutton Henry Parish Council regarding the opportunity for joint working.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk liaise with Hutton Henry Parish Council regarding arranging and introductory meeting.

(9) Citizens Advice

**RESOLVED** representatives of the Citizens Advice service be invited to meet with the Parish Council to discuss its work in Wingate.

(c) County Councillor

2021/11/08/10

**SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

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**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Following consideration of both a written and verbal report it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council precept for 2022/23 be increased in line with the retail price index to £163,000 and a further revised draft be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was further **RESOLVED** that representatives of the Community Association be invited to meet with the Parish Council to update it on its activities and financial situation in the context of the Parish Council's annual funding.

**CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD**

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....