

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 11th JULY 2022

Present: Councillors S Williams (Chair) S Kelly, M Wilson, P Mason
 County Councillor J Higgins

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Ryan, Daly, E Mason and Bradley

2022/07/11/01

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman welcomed six residents who discussed concerns and problems relating to private sector housing at North Road West. The Clerk advised that he had raised the concerns and problems discussed at the previous meeting with Durham County Council who were trying to trace the property owners. It was suggested that a site meeting would be beneficial.

Discussion followed in relation to dog fouling bins on the lines from Station Town to Wingate.

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

- a) The Clerk liaise further with Durham County Council to seek a site meeting in relation to the condition of properties at North Road West; and
- b) County Councillor Higgins liaise with officers within the County Council regarding the potential for more dog fouling bins on the lines from Station Town to Wingate.

2022/07/11/02

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13th June 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

2022/07/11/03

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The Clerk advised he had not received any Police and crime statistics to discuss.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

2022/07/11/04

PROGRESS REPORT

(1) Joint Event with Hutton Henry Parish Council

The Clerk advised that the third joint bingo and pie and peas event had been a huge success with 33 people attending. The next event was to be held at the end of July.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information given be

noted.

(2) Speed Checks

The Clerk advised that following recent speed checks at Wellfield Road the Police had undertaken speed checks on the front street using a gun in the previous week. Results from both exercises were awaited.

The Police had indicated that speed checks at Durham Road were unlikely as speed measures in the form of bumps were already in place.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the information given be noted and further progress be awaited.

(3) North Road West- Private Rented Properties

The Clerk advised that following the attendance of residents at the last meeting he had taken up concerns regarding the condition of some private rented properties at North Road West with Durham County Council who had advised they were in the process of contacting property owners. There was also a suggestion to submit a funding bid to the Towns and Villages Partnership Board for some funding for decorative boarding for front doors and windows and a replacement gas box scheme. This was subject to funding being available. The Clerk advised he had updated the residents on the response from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED the information be noted.

(4) Hanging Baskets

The Clerk advised that within two weeks of the baskets being hung some had either been pulled down, destroyed or stolen. Due to time and cost constraints there was no plan for them to be replaced.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** the information be noted and further updates be awaited.

(5) Park

The Clerk advised the Park was looking tidy with ongoing work continuing. Anti-social behaviour had been limited. The football changing rooms were now accessible following refurbishment works. Following a question it was noted that the damaged fence between the park and the RC Nursery school was the responsibility of the school and not the Parish Council.

RESOLVED the information be noted.

2022/07/11/05

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to consider.

2022/07/11/06

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

2022/07/11/07

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Clerk- June Office Allowance

Cheque No. 405951 £50.00

Clerk- Phone and Line Rental

Cheque No. 405952 £45.00

Park Keeper- Phone and Line Rental

Cheque No. 405953 £45.00

Clerk- Postage Refund

Cheque No.405954 £32.64

Neasham Nurseries- Summer Plants

Cheque No.405955 £2686.39

Steadfast Security- Call out

Cheque No.405956 £32.40

Steadfast Security- Call Out

Cheque No.405957 £32.40

Park Keeper- Keys Cut

Cheque No.405958 £14.00

UK Fuels- Petrol

Cheque No.405959 £8.64

MKM- Misc Supplies Football Changing Room

Cheque No.405960	£143.72
MKM- Paint Football Changing Room	
Cheque No. 405961	£52.97
MKM- Timber Football Changing Room	
Cheque No. 405962	£102.59
BT- Broadband at Park	
Cheque No. 405963	£81.92
Npower- Pit Wheel	
Cheque No. 405964	£60.70
Anglian Water- Park	
Cheque No. 405965	£59.16
Clerk- Refund for Bingo Books	
Cheque No. 405966	£16.79
Park Keeper- Refund for Keys Cut	
Cheque No. 405967	£12.00
Aqua Gas & Heating- Park Shower Inspection	
Cheque No. 405968	£45.00
Robinsons of Wingate- Catering	
Cheque No. 405969	£192.00
PB Skip Hire- Skip	
Cheque No. 405970	£300.00
MKM- Plaster	
Cheque No. 405971	£37.74
Horns Garden Centre- Room Hire	

Cheque No. 405972 £157.06

J Dinning- Internal Audit

Cheque No. 405973 £400.00

Clerk- May Office Allowance

Cheque No. 405930 £50.00

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REPORTS

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Slip Road Adjacent to Co-op Store**

A Member raised the fact the slip road from the bypass adjacent to the Co-Op store was poorly lit.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that County Councillor Higgins raise the matter with Durham County Council Highways.

(2) **Pinch Point Wingate to Station Town**

A Member raised the fact the pinch point from Wingate to Station Town was poorly lit although it was noted as being in the Hutton Henry Parish Council boundary.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(3) **Residential Development- Village Green**

A Member raised the fact that a residential development adjacent to the village green involved felling a tree with a preservation order on it. It was noted that as the original planning application had been submitted several months ago the Parish Council was not able to submit comments relating to the application.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(c) **County Councillor**

County Councillor Higgins gave an update on County Council activities. He outlined that discussions were continuing regarding the installation of CCTV to be installed at four locations in the village covering different parts of the front street. A vehicle number plate recognition camera was noted as being considered.

County Councillor Higgins advised he had met with the new Inspector at Peterlee who had informed him of staffing changes including new rotas to provide additional PCSO cover. Results from the Wellfield Road speed monitoring were awaited.

Planning applications for single storey extensions at 25 Caradoc Road and 42 Kings Road were noted.

It was noted that the pinch point road leading from Wingate to Station Town would be closed on 4 September to facilitate adjacent tree pruning.

County Councillor Higgins referred to the annual play scheme and AAP funding which needed to be referred to in promotional literature.

Following general discussion it was **RESOLVED** that County Councillor Higgins be thanked for his report and the information given be noted.

2022/07/11/09

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

At the end of the meeting the Chairman thanks the Clerk for his ongoing work and Councillor Daly for his work in relation to the consultation associated with the Making Wingate Welfare Park Wonderful project.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE