

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINGATE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE 2023

Present: Councillors S William (Chair) E Mason, P Mason, C Ryan
 Ms Susan Kelly, Community Development Officer
 Apologies for Absence- Councillor J Bradley and County
 Councillor Higgins

2023/06/12/01

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman welcomed two members of the community, Mrs Swallow and Mrs Dixon who were in attendance to express concerns relating to a proposal from the nursery to remove a disabled parking space to create an additional general parking space. Reference was made to the fact that when it had previously been agreed to build the nursery at its current location part of the agreement was that staff would use parking spaces at the Wellfield Community School site.

While it was noted that the Parish Council was not directly responsible for the site or any associated highways issues it would take the matter up with the local county councillor and feedback any information to the residents.

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

2023/06/12/02

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 15th May 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

2023/06/12/03

POLICE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

There was no Police report.

2023/06/12/04

PROGRESS REPORT(1) Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk reported that appeared to be only one person interested in the vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Wilson although communication with the individual had proved difficult. Further attempts to make contact were being made.

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

(2) Public Footpaths/Bridleways

The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that a survey was being undertaken which would inform any drainage requirements at the Gully Road site and discussions were ongoing with the landowner of land adjacent to the bridleway leading from the woodman's cottage allotment site.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and further progress be awaited

(3) Former Pit Heaps- Band Stand

RESOLVED it be noted the County Council were investigating the potential removal of the former band stand.

23/06/12/05

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Susan Kelly, the Parish Council's Community Development Officer. Ms Kelly gave an update on her current activities. It was noted that discussions so far had confirmed that play rangers may not be available for activities at the park during the summer months. Other activities were being investigate including children's rugby.

Discussion followed on whether some of the gates around the football fields should be locked but it was agreed they be left unlocked as at present.

Discussions around the potential for a tuck shop followed using petty cash although the Clerk advised further thought was needed as there were administrative complications is dealing with petty cash.

Other events at the park were also noted as being considered such as family days and picnics.

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

- (a) the information given be noted;
- (b) authorisation be granted for the Chair and Vice Chair to liaise with the Clerk and the Community Development Officer regarding the organization of events at the park in order to save time;
- (c) gates around the football fields remain unlocked;
- (d) the Clerk investigate further the potential for a petty cash system to support a tuck shop; and
- (e) further progress be awaited.

2023/06/12/06

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to consider.

2023/06/12/07

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

2023/06/12/08

PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED that authorisation be given for the following payments:

Npower- Pit Wheel

Cheque No. 406194 £49.01

BT- Broadband at Park

Cheque No. 406195	£93.04
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No. 406196	£6.83
Currys- IT Equipment	
Cheque No. 406197	£1717.95
Par Petroleum	
Cheque No.406198	£234.54
Durham CC- Payroll SLA	
Cheque No.406199	£1526.86
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No.406200	£6.73
Harrisons Packaging- Doggy Bags	
Cheque No.406051	£1194.00
Durham CC- HR SLA	
Cheque No.406052	£300.00
UK Fuels- Petrol	
Cheque No.406053	£4.17
Clerk- Refund for Bowls Refreshments	
Cheque No.406054	£17.69
Clerk- Refund for Ink Cartridges	
Cheque No. 406055	£92.98
Clerk- Refund for Bowls Items (Hoover Etc)	
Cheque No. 406056	£263.15
Clerk- Refund for Allotment Postage	
Cheque No. 406057	£56.25
Clerk- January Office Allowance	

Cheque No. 406058	£50.00
Npower- Pit Wheel	
Cheque No. 406059	£50.20
EON Next- Football Changing Room	
Cheque No. 406060	£411.12
Wingate Community Association- Pie and Peas	
Cheque No. 406061	£135.50
Wingate Community Association- Bingo Etc 30/5	
Cheque No. 406062	£219.50
Wingate Community Association- Pie and Peas	
Cheque No. 406063	£194.00

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REPORTS

(a) **The Clerk**

There were no reports from the Clerk.

(b) **Members**

(1) **Disco**

A Member reported she had been approached by local girls requesting a disco. It was felt to be an issue for the Community Association to consider.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(2) **MX21 Bus Service**

RESOLVED the Clerk liaise with Durham County Council regrading a rumour the X21 bus service had been removed.

County Councillor

In the absence of County Councillor Higgins there was no County Council report.

2023/06/12/10

SCHEDULE OF ONGOING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the schedule of ongoing matters be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE