

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wigginton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 19:00 at the Wigginton Old School

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Gates (Chairman), Denton, Edwards, Ferguson, Finch, Lakey, Leaf, Runciman, Spence and Cllr Wreglesworth

In attendance: Two members of the public and the clerk Ms Karin de Vries

21/105 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reflected on the plight of the Ukrainian people and plans within Wigginton village to welcome refugees. He also reminded attendees that the Covid pandemic was not over.

21/106 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Runciman would arrive after the start of the meeting.

21/107 To receive any declarations of interest and any request for dispensations

Councillors Gates, Denton, Leaf and Ferguson declared an interest in item 21/112.6.

21/108 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th February 2022

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th February 2022.

21/109 To resolve to adjourn the meeting in order to hold the Open Forum to include:

1. To receive the February 2022 report from North Yorkshire Police

Councillors noted recent incidents with individuals banging on windows in Wigginton and Haxby.

2. To receive a report from the Ward Councillors

Councillor Cuthbertson had sent his apologies.

3. To receive residents' questions

None were received.

21/110 Planning

1. To consider a response to the following planning applications:-

- a) 22/00309/TPO – 20 Bell Close. Fell 1no. oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 64/1984. It was agreed that every effort needed to be made to preserve the oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order no. 64/1984. The council RESOLVED to comment that there were no images for the tree and its exact location and that there did not appear to be a report by a reputable tree surgeon with reasons to warrant the felling of this tree. The Council also wished to request that the City of York carry out a site visit to assess the need for the tree works. Cllr Runciman arrived during the discussion of this item.
- b) 22/00346/FUL - 30 Churchfield Drive. Single storey front extension. No objections.
- c) 22/00460/FUL -10 Canterbury Close. Single storey front extension. No objections.

2. To note details of planning applications decided by the City of York Council and to decide upon any necessary action:-

None.

3. To consider ongoing planning matters and decide upon any necessary action to include:-

- a) Postponement of Phase 2 of the Examination Hearing for the City of York Local Plan. Phase 2 of the examination hearing was postponed to 28th of March 2022.
- b) Adoption of Minerals and Waste Joint Plan by North Yorkshire County Council.

The adoption was noted.

- c) 21/01216/TCMAS - Proposed Telecommunications Equipment North of Windmill House Sutton Road Wigginton York. Erection of 20m high monopole with 6 no. antennae and equipment cabinets on grass verge north of Windmill House. Approved.

21/111 To receive information and decide necessary action on village matters to include:

1. To receive an update regarding the village pond

Councillor Denton gave an update and expressed a preference for the replacement edging to the pond to be a mixture of three timber edges with one sloping bank. Due to the ducks and geese at the pond, suitable planting would be difficult to source. The Clerk was asked to request a specification of the required timbers.

2. To consider an update on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Ferguson gave an update on the plans for WiggyFest. Councillors were asked for suggestions for a band. The organisers had decided against purchasing a beacon.

3. To note a request to clear the public right of way next to the Health Centre and correspondence with Community Payback

Cllr Gates and Denton had met with two Community Payback representatives who had suggested a team of eight to carry out the clearing works as well as some grass edging along pavements in the village. The representatives would be in touch with the clerk to arrange a date as soon as Covid restrictions were lifted. This would allow the organisation to arrange their own transport with welfare facilities. Cllr Denton reported that in the area at the end of Butt Stees, where the City of York Council had removed trees and other vegetation from a raised area and had replaced this with boulders within a bed of concrete, that concrete was now disintegrating. He had reported this frost damage to the ward councillors.

21/112 Financial Matters and Governance

1. To receive the Parish Council's Financial reports for February 2022

It was RESOLVED to approve the Bank reconciliation and Budget monitoring report for February 2022.

2. The following receipts were noted:

VAT reclaim	£	2936.88
Donation	£	300.00
Wayleave	£	12.20

3. To confirm the payment of the following invoices:

British Telecom. Broadband and Telephone	£	51.54
HSBC. Bank Charges	£	8.00

It was RESOLVED to confirm the above payments of invoices.

4. To approve the following invoices for payment:

T.A & T Park Limited. Shrub reduction Village Garth	£	150.00
Salaries and oncosts March	£	1619.66
Clerk. Home working allowance March	£	26.00
Giffgaff. Monthly plan	£	6.00
Stamps	£	7.92
The Old School. Rent February	£	40.00

It was RESOLVED to approve the above invoices for payment.

5. To consider a grant application for WiggyFest

Councillor Ferguson left the room for this item. Councillor Gates, Denton and Leaf did not take part in the vote. It was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £774.

21/113 To consider correspondence received and decide action where necessary to include:-

1. The following emails from YLCA were noted:-

- White Rose Updates, Law and Governance Bulletins and Training Bulletins.
- Civility and Respect Project. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- NALC Legal Briefing LO1-22: Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity (England).
- YLCA Conference to be held on 25 March 2022.
- Revised Salary Scales 2021/2022. A cost-of-living increase of 1.75% from 1 April 2021 had been agreed.

- f) Ukraine and Local Councils.
2. The emails from NALC were noted.
3. The updates from the City of York Council were noted.

21/114 To receive reports from Wigginton Parish Council Committees and outside bodies, and to decide on any necessary action:-

1. Churchfield Open Space Committee
Cllr Denton reported that a contractor had been appointed to paint the play equipment in May. In addition, a contractor had been appointed to put fencing around the copse area. No antisocial behaviour had been observed and the open space had been well used over the past period. Birds had taken up residence in the new bird boxes.
2. Haxby and Wigginton Youth & Community Association
The Pop Inn was still operating every Tuesday. From June the Pop Inn would move to St Mary's church Hall due to Oaken Grove closing for building works.
3. Haxby & Wigginton Joint Cemetery Committee.
A topple test had been carried out.
4. Haxby & Wigginton Neighbourhood Plan Group.
Cllr Edwards reported that a meeting had been held with a planning consultant who would review the research carried out by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.
5. Environment Committee.
Cllr Denton reported that the daffodils planted by councillors and local residents in October 2021 were now popping up. The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped.
6. Wigginton Old School Trust. There was nothing to report.
7. Wigginton Sports and Playing Field Association. The Chairman reported that WSPFA had improved signage on the access road, to include dog signs and speed restrictions. A meeting was planned for the day after the Parish Council meeting.
8. Haxby and Wigginton Traders Association.
Cllr Ferguson stated that the Haxby and Wigginton Traders Association had £7000 remaining from its 21-22 budget. It had agreed to extend its Christmas lights to Wigginton from the Black Horse to Mill Lane. The Traders Association would also contribute to WiggyFest. The Association were organising an Easter raffle and Councillors were asked for suggestions for prizes.

21/115 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 19:00 and that the Ordinary Meeting of Wigginton Parish Council would be held thereafter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:46.