

WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the Meeting of WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 21st June 2021 commencing at 7.30pm at **Wilstead Village Hall** to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Robbin Brough, Clerk to the Council
16th June 2021

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 3 **Public Open Session** [Standing Orders will now be suspended at the discretion of the Chairman]
This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting.
 - **During the Public Open Session:** Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda; items not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response at a later date. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance of the meeting may be noted and responded to at a later time.
 - **After the Public Open Session:** Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.
- 4 **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2021**
- 5 **Clerk's report on actions**
 1. **Crossing Attendant:** A study by Bedford BC for crossing attendants did not support one for Lakeview School. Green Lane does, but Bedford BC's approach is to look at implementing a crossing; this is being investigated. Clerk has requested to know the cost of a crossing attendant now that the study has confirmed the criteria have been met.
 2. **New entrance signs:** Third sign remains in storage. Exact location in the west has now been agreed by CBC Highways and L&Q. Location has been provided to HQ Parish Council for any feedback.
 3. **Parking restrictions:** Bedford BC Highways acknowledged request for the parish council to pay for "No verge parking" restrictions on Bedford Road, and restrictions by Retirement Village (in conjunction with Tim Hill Ward funding) to stop HGVs parking overnight on verges – proposal design on this agenda. Accurate costs have been requested for other items, and will be brought to parish council attention once received. **Not yet received.**
 4. **Waterside Way accessibility:** Bedford BC were asked to resolve the accessibility issues between Waterside Way/Swan Road and the lake behind Budgens. Bedford BC have confirmed they have raised a works order to add a ramp.
 5. **Wixams Rock Snake:** Project complete.
 6. **New benches:** Project complete; 9 new benches have been installed around Wixams.
 7. **Street Ranger route:** Requested the sharing of the Street Ranger costs for Village 4 with Houghton Conquest Parish Council – received response offering £1200 a year, the same as they pay their current litterpicker to do 2/3 hours a week.
 8. **Salt bin for Southern Cross:** Barratt Homes have confirmed location is acceptable and Bedford BC have confirmed they will install in September.
- 6 **Correspondence (requiring council attention):**
 - *Parishioner emailed again in relation to anti-social behaviour in Wixams and reported damaged signs by the lakes.* Clerk encouraged parishioner to report this to the Police whenever it happened as resources are allocated based on statistics, and also reported the signs to Bedford BC Open Spaces team.

- *Parishioner emailed thanking the parish council for the new benches, which are important to her due to mobility issues.*
- *Two parishioners emailed reporting speeding on Harlequin Crescent; requests a Speed Feedback Sign and the creation of a SpeedWatch group. Full emails circulated to councillors.*
- *Bedford BC Open Spaces team requested feedback on material choice for the repair of a broken footpath by Dane Lane lake. Email circulated to councillors.*
- *Parishioner emailed requesting trees be planted along Fieldfare View to replace those that died. This was requested to shield the houses from warehouses. Email shared with full council, including Green Spaces Committee.*

7 To receive the Crime Statistics report

Crime report issued to council prior to the meeting.

8 Ward Boundary review – Local Government Boundary Commission for England

To consider a response to the new draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Bedford. Previous response (Oct 2020): “request that due to its planned future population, Wixams should have its own ward. If this is not possible then it should remain in Wilshamstead ward with Wilstead, with which it has a greater similarity.”

9 School Leavers’ Event funding

Proposal by Cllr Mardel: To consider a donation* of £500 to both WixamsTree and Lakeview Academy school PTAs to facilitate a Leaver’s event that may not otherwise occur due to a Covid-related funding shortfall.

**Section 145 of Local Govt Act 1972: A local authority may do, or arrange for the doing of, or contribute towards the expenses of the doing of, anything (whether inside or outside their area) necessary or expedient for any of the following purposes: (a)the provision of an entertainment of any nature or of facilities for dancing.*

10 Summer/Christmas break in meetings

To consider if a July/August or December break in council meetings is required this year.

11 Bedford BC Highways proposal for double yellow lines by the retirement village

To respond to the above proposal as designed by Highways and as originally requested by the parish council to deter HGV overnight parking (WPC £600, Ward Fund: £600).

12 Councillors’ Reports including:

- Report from Borough Councillor Coombes (Wilshamstead)
- Report from Borough Councillor Tim Hill (Wixams Retirement Village)
Report circulated to councillors and uploaded to the Wixams PC website.
- Report from Planning Committee: Planning meeting

APPLICATION NO: 21/01358/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Erection of 2 no detached residential dwellings with garages and parking.

LOCATION : Land At 169 Bedford Road Wilstead Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO: 21/01404/ADV Advertisement Application

PROPOSAL: External Name signage for care home. 3 monolith signs, 1 external sign and acrylic fascia lettering, all non-illuminated.

LOCATION : Elstow Manor Care Home Bedford Road Wixams Bedford Bedfordshire MK42 6FZ

APPLICATION NO: 21/01440/MAR Major Reserved Matters Application

PROPOSAL: All reserved matters for the erection of 180 dwellings at Parcel 3.5 pursuant to outline planning permission 11/01380/M73 (variation of outline planning permission 99/01645/OUT)

LOCATION : Parcel 3.5 Village 3 Bedford Road Wixams Bedfordshire

- Report from Cllr Ali re: Allotments
 - Request from LAA Chairman to use Allotment funds for clearing waste from plot clearances – far more than normal and too much to compost: Requests £400 for a skip and labour.
 - Request to fund the plumber to fix a standpipe water leak.
- Report from Grants committee: No Grants Meeting
- Update from MasterPlan Working Group
- Update from Green Spaces Committee

- Update from Events Committee

13 Finance

To approve the following payments and note balances:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee/payer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
27/05/2021	S Mardel	BACS	Street Ranger boots	43.90
27/05/2021	Multiple	BACS	Staff Costs	1,783.60
27/05/2021	K J Betts	BACS	Internal audit	140.00
27/05/2021	R Brough	BACS	Street Ranger bags/gloves	80.06
02/06/2021	Anglian Water	DD	Water at Allotments	46.00
15/06/2021	Lloyds Bank	DD	Credit card payment - Annual fee	32.00
21/06/2021	Lakeview Village Hall	BACS	May meetings	28.00
21/06/2021	R Brough	BACS	A4 paper	4.33
21/06/2021	Mayfair Carpentry	BACS	Stone Snake: Stage Payment: Final	400.00
21/06/2021	KMF Construction	BACS	Bench Install costs	4,320.00
21/06/2021	Wilstead Village Hall	BACS	June meeting	51.75

<u>Account</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance £</u>
Lloyds Business Account	Current	82,745
HTB Savings	Saver	85,000
		<u>167,745</u>

14 Any other business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

15 Date of the next meeting: 19th July 2021 – expected in Wilstead Village Hall.