

WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the Meeting of WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 19th July 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
14th July 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 21st June 2021**
- 5 **Clerk's report on actions**
 1. **New entrance signs:** Third sign for the west of Wixams is booked to be installed within the next week.
 2. **Parking restrictions:** Requested revised proposal from Bedford BC Highways for restrictions by the Retirement Village (in conjunction with Tim Hill Ward funding) to stop HGVs parking overnight on verges. Accurate costs have been requested for other items, including Green Lane parking, and Brooklands Avenue "No verge parking" restrictions and will be brought to parish council attention once received.
 3. **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.
 4. **New benches:** Following the completion of the installation of new benches, Clerk requested further locations from the public – added to Newsletter and Facebook. No responses yet received.
 5. **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 in relation to the clearance works carried out at the WRV lake by the Internal Drainage Board for flood mitigation. Referred by Cllr Coombes to Borough Councillor Doug McMurdo (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture).*
 - *Parishioner emailed information about "The Queen's Green canopy", a tree-planting initiative for the Platinum Jubilee. Clerk circulated to councillors.*
 - *Parishioner emailed asking about the lake south of the Causeway where she feels the fish are too large and numerous for the size of the lake. Clerk investigating ownership.*
- 7 **To receive the Crime Statistics report**
Crime report issued to council prior to the meeting.

8 **Extension to litterpicking**

To consider the litterpicking of villages 2 and 4, which are not covered by the borough council, and to confirm the routes and frequency required. Houghton Conquest Parish Council have offered £1200 a year towards Village 4 for 2/3 hours a week.

9 **Crossing Attendant**

To consider funding a crossing attendant/s for the schools in Wixams, following a study by Bedford BC that determined Lakeview School did not meet the criteria, and that the approach for Green Lane would be to seek a pedestrian crossing.

**At the time of the agenda a cost, and confirmation that this could be funded by the parish council, had not been received despite chasing.*

10 **Speed Indication Device – Village 2**

To consider the purchase of a Speed Indication Device for Village 2, and to agree the location.

Morelock signs – Approx £2,795 (solar).

Column for sign – Approx £300 each

11 **Meetings location**

To consider where to hold meetings going forward.

12 **Grant request**

To consider a grant request from “ZeroPA Madad CIC” for £3000 to fund the development of an app and website – allows beneficiaries to improve money management and education. No Grants Committee meeting held.

Councillors’ Reports including:

- Report from Borough Councillor Coombes (Wilshamstead)
- Report from Borough Councillor Tim Hill (Wixams Retirement Village)
- Report from Planning Committee: Planning meeting

APPLICATION NO: 21/01747/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: New covered outdoor seating/dining area located within the existing central courtyard.

LOCATION : Wixams Academy Green Lane Wixams Bedford Bedfordshire MK42 6BA

- Report from Cllr Ali re: Allotments
- 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>
28/06/2021	Multiple	BACS	June Staff costs	1,941.83
02/07/2021	Anglian Water	DD	Water at Allotments	46.00
19/07/2021	Wixams Newsletter	BACS	Wixams Newsletter - July-Sep	300.00
19/07/2021	Wilstead Village Hall	BACS	July meeting	51.75

<u>Account</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance £</u>
Lloyds Business Account	Current	79,690
HTB Savings	Saver	85,000
		<u>164,690</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:** 16th August 2021 – location TBC.