

WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the Meeting of WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 15th November 2021 commencing at 7.30pm at **Wixams Retirement Village Main Hall** to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Robbin Brough, Clerk to the Council
10th November 2021

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3 Public Open Session

- Sgt John Killick from the Community Policing Team (Day of Action/CCTV locations/communication with team)
- Blueline Security (Discuss potential options for security patrols/response for Wixams)
- Representative of Wixams Neighbourhood Watch (To provide information about the group)
- Members of the public

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 Highways

To discuss with Andrew Prigmore (BBC Highways) a number of outstanding Highways improvement items the parish council would like to progress, including discussing measures to stop speeding on Bedford Road. (Awaiting final confirmation of attendance).

5 Cooption

To agree whether to coopt to fill the final Casual Vacancy.

6 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2021

7 Clerk's report on actions

1. **New Speed Indication Device for Village 2:** Morelock sign for Southern Cross (Village 2 end) has been delivered. Column install imminent.
2. **Crossing attendant:** Awaiting update on whether recruitment campaign from BBC has received applications.
3. **Fisherwood Road pedestrian crossing:** Clerk agreed to find out whether this was progressing. Borough Councillor Tim Hill is awaiting an update from BBC, including trees being remove from the roundabout to improve line of sight. Currently no confirmation that this crossing is happening.
4. **Emergency plan:** Wilstead PC now won this plan and have agreed to make this a joint initiative with Wixams. Cllr Jeffery is now connected with the Wilstead councillors responsible for the plan.
5. **Inclusive play equipment:** Awaiting confirmation from BBC that they will move forward a joint initiative to add 1-2 disability-friendly pieces of equipment to three Wixams playgrounds.

8 Correspondence (requiring council attention):

- *Parishioner emailed in relation to a sewage smell in the area of Parkview Terrace. Email shared with councillors – Anglian Water are apparently aware.*

9 To receive the Crime Statistics report

Crime report issued to council prior to the meeting.

10 CCTV for Wixams

To agree whether new locations for CCTV are required in Wixams to enable the Clerk to obtain quotes.

11 Councillor training

Training available via remote sessions on 24th and 31st January from 7pm to 9pm by Norfolk PTS for £50 per person. Requires attendance at both sessions.

12 Electric Vehicle chargers

Update from Cllr Ali on EV chargers in Wixams. Request for parish council support towards a charger in the village hall car park, installed at government/Chargemaster expense.

13 Grant request – Lakeview Village Hall Management Committee

Grant request towards provision of a flat screen TV monitor – amount up to £849. Grant application circulated to councillors.

14 Councillors' Reports including:

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

APPLICATION NO: 21/02919/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to Class E(d) and erection of new barn style building for new fitness studio with parking

LOCATION : Seasons Garden Centre Bedford Road Wilstead Bedford Bedfordshire MK45 3HU

APPLICATION NO: 21/02857/S106A Part 1 Modify/Discharge Agreement Application

PROPOSAL: Modification of S106 Agreement attached to Planning Permission [11/01380/M73] affecting the following: (i) Education (ii) Health Centre (iii) Bus provision (iv) Offsite footways and highway works (v) Sustainability Fund (vi) Landscape Enhancement Area (vii) Village 4 Community Centre (viii) Retail facilities (ix) Northern Expansion Area

LOCATION : Wixams Settlement Land Formerly At Elstow Storage Depot Bedford Road Wixams Bedfordshire

- Report from Cllr Ali re: Allotments
Allotment expense submitted for a vandalised combination lock at £61.98.
- Report from Grants committee: No Grants Meeting
- Update from MasterPlan Working Group
- Update from Green Spaces Committee
To consider plans in relation to the initiative to plant more trees and hedging in Wixams; replacing to dead trees and provision of screening along Bedford Road.
- Update from Events Committee
 - To decide on the budget for prizes for Christmas decorations – prizes for the best houses.
 - Christmas tree outside Wixams Village Hall:
 - o To ratify the following spending decisions:
 - £822 to BBC for the Tree Pit/Electrics install
 - £661 for the erection/decoration of the tree by BBC
 - Up to £500 for the lights
 - Stagsden trees: Norway spruce 18-20 foot - £320 including delivery, or Nordman Fir (Show grade) 18-20 foot £420 including delivery.
 - o To agree a backup of The Christmas Tree Decorators who will provide and install a decorated tree for £2500 (In case of issues with BBC tree pit install).

15 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>
26/10/2021	Multiple	BACS	Staff costs	1,973.22
02/11/2021	Anglian Water	DD	Water at Allotments	64.00
15/11/2021	WRV	BACS	Nov meeting	42.00
15/11/2021	RBL	BACS	Remembrance wreath	17.99
15/11/2021	S Mardel	BACS	Prize voucher - Halloween	50.00

Balance sheet allocation - Nov 2020

<u>Account</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance £</u>
Lloyds Business Account	Current	96,026
HTB Savings	Saver	85,000
		181,026

- 16 **Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)**
- 17 **Date of the next meeting:** 15th December 2021 – Wixams Retirement Village.