

# WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the Meeting of WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

3 **Public Open Session**

- **South East Security:** Discussion with South East Security in relation to CCTV enhancements.
- **Other 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 **To confirm the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

5 **Cooption**

To consider coopting to fill the one remaining councillor position. One candidate has put themselves forward and provided a personal statement.

6 **Clerk's report on actions**

1. **Inclusive play equipment:** Discussing with BBC about a joint initiative to add 1-2 disability-friendly pieces of equipment to three Wixams playgrounds.
2. **Salt bin for village 2:** This has now been installed in the correct place on Southern Cross.
3. **Sculpture:** Requesting permission (in principle) for an art installation on Barratt Homes land in village 2, for Cllr Carr's proposal.
4. **Additional village 2 noticeboard:** Requesting permission (in principle) for multiple locations in village 2 for one additional noticeboard, for Cllr Carr's proposal.
5. **Further funding for bus shelter outside WRV:** WPC pledged £2k, with £1k from each of the two ward funds. £1.7k remaining. Update from Jon Shortland (BBC Chief Officer Planning/Infrastructure): *"A second phase (62 units) is planned for the retirement village, which is securing funding towards two shelters on Bedford Road outside the retirement village. However, the S106 agreement is yet to be signed despite Members resolving to grant planning permission in February 2020."*
6. **Gym equipment:** BBC Planning have confirmed that they are working with L&Q to locate the gym equipment (previously planned for the "Rookery") to the open space by Green Lane/Harrier Leys.
7. **Highways proposals:** Confirmed to BBC Highways to take forward to public consultation, with some amendments, the latest proposals for parking restrictions; double yellows and "No Footway parking" on Brooklands Avenue, and double yellows on Southern Cross.
8. **Youth club:** No response yet to request in Newsletter for companies to provide a youth club. Also contacting BBC "Early Help and Intervention" manager for assistance.

7 **Correspondence (requiring council attention):**

- *Parishioner emailed about cars driving over the grass at Southern Cross/Harlequin Crescent play area.* Information sent to Barratt Homes, who placed a heavy planter to block the gap.
- *Objection received to Southern Cross double yellow lines.* Shared with councillors. Parishioner will be able to respond to public consultation.
- *Request from Wixams Community Group to join a planning meeting between the group, BBC Planning, L&Q, and other parish councils – potentially for April.* Request shared with councillors.

**8 To receive the Crime Statistics report**

Crime report issued to council prior to the meeting.

**9 Licencing**

To consider a response to the following licencing application. WPC is a consultee.

Applicant: Costas Panayi Location: Layby on Bedford Road by Southern Cross, Wixams

Times: Friday 14:00 – 18:00, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 – 15:00

Articles to be sold/trade : Mobile Barbering Time span: 12 months

**10 Public Electric Vehicle Chargers**

To received an update from Cllr Ali in relation to public EV chargers at the village hall.

**11 Dog fouling**

To consider plans to target dog fouling issues in Wixams.

**12 Committee membership review**

Following the cooption of a number of new councillors:

- To consider additions to the committees: Planning, Grants, Events, Green Spaces, and MasterPlan working group.
- To consider additions to Areas of Responsibility.
- Proposal from Cllr Carr: To consider the creation of a Crime working group.

**13 Councillors' Reports including:**

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

APPLICATION NO: 22/00044/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: One and two storey front and rear extensions

LOCATION : 2 Kestrel Gardens Wilstead Bedford Bedfordshire MK45 3FZ

Application No: CB/21/05695/RM

Location: Land and buildings at Elstow Storage Depot Houghton Conquest

Proposal: Reserved Matters: following Variation of Condition Application CB/11/02182/VOC (Variation of Condition 20(i) on planning permission MB/99/01694/OUT dated 2 June 2006 to read "the total net retail sales floor area of the foodstore hereby permitted shall not exceed 5,500sqm provided that no more than 2,500 sqm of the net retail sales area is to comprise comparison goods floorspace)." Approval for temporary infrastructure roads with access, layout, scale and appearance to be determined (with the exception of landscaping) to be determined and permanent surface water drainage pursuant to outline planning permission CB/11/02182/VOC including part discharge of conditions 15, 27, 39 and 40.

- Report on the allotments: If required
- Report from Grants committee: No Grants Meeting
- Update from MasterPlan Working Group
- Update from Green Spaces Committee
  - Date of 13<sup>th</sup> March planned for community planting of the screening hedge along Bedford Road, funded by The Forest Of Marston Vale.
  - To decide on how many of the 27 dead trees across Wixams to replace using the Trees for Streets borough council campaign - £200 for a tree planted, or £300 to also have it watered.
- Update from Events Committee

14 **Finance**

- To approve the following payments and note balances.
- Budget and precept 2022/23:  
To set the budget and precept for 2022/23.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Payee/payer</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Description</u>                      | <u>Receipt</u> | <u>Payment</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 29/12/2021  | Multiple           | BACS        | Dec Salary                              |                | 1,975.65       |
| 29/12/2021  | Norfolk PTS        | FPO         | Cllr Training 24/31 Jan - 4 councillors |                | 200.00         |
| 30/12/2021  | Multiple           | BACS        | Annual rent                             | 32             |                |
| 04/01/2022  | Anglian Water      | DD          | Water at Allotments                     |                | 64.00          |
| 17/01/2022  | WRV                | BACS        | Dec meeting                             |                | 42.00          |
| 17/01/2022  | Hickford Lighting  | BACS        | Speed sign column                       |                | 220.00         |

| <u>Account</u>          | <u>Type</u> | <u>Balance £</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Lloyds Business Account | Current     | 86,298           |
| HTB Savings             | Saver       | 85,000           |
| Nationwide - Savings 1  | Saver       | 5,001            |
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|                         |             | 171,298          |

15 **Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)**

16 **Date of the next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – Wixams Retirement Village.