

# Wilby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Wilby Parish Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Wilby School at 7pm.

Councillors Present: Cllr Steve Lee (Chair), Cllr Ian Williamson, Cllr Robin Cross, Cllr Rebecca Regis.

Also attending: District Councillor Julie Flatman, Clerk Julie Collett and 2 members of the public.

1.22 **Apologies and approval of absences.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Karen Collins.

2.22 **To receive Declarations of Interest.** None

3.22 **To consider requests for Dispensations.** None

4.22 **To resolve that the minutes of the meetings of the council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 are a true and correct record.**  
The minutes agreed and signed as correct.

5.22 **Public participation session(15 Minutes) to include County and District Councillors', Footpath and Tree Warden's reports.** Reports from District Councillor Julie Flatman were circulated and can be found on the Wilby web site. Highlights included Mid Suffolk are investing 2.8million on leisure centres in Stowmarket & Stradbroke. Plans are to power the leisure centres by solar panels that will be installed on new car ports initially at Stowmarket. Holiday projects went ahead as planned during the Christmas break and will continue over half term and the Easter break. Money will hopefully be available for the Jubilee celebrations. Also some locality money left for the current financial year, may be able to assist with any safety measures that may be agreed for the school. Apologies received from Julian Roughton, tree warden. However 50 trees have been secured for the parish. 2 oaks to be planted on London City Road to replace 2 saplings destroyed by a hedge cutter. Remaining trees planted- Rookery Farm 35, Wilby House 5, Rectory Farm 8 (these last 8 due to be planted in January). Apologies received from Holly Dunn, the footpath warden. However a report has been received stating that no major problems with any footpaths, although still some paths left to walk. Nothing received from County Councillor Peter Gould. No comments from public.

6.22 **To receive and consider a response from Orwell on the proposal to establish a Children's Play Area in Church Close.** The council have now received a final response from Orwell following the conclusion of their survey with Church Close residents. Their decision is the project is not value for money for all residents, so Orwell are unable to support the proposal. The council agreed that they had done everything possible, but agreed with Orwell that this project was not viable. No further action to be taken.

7.22 **To receive Progress Reports for information.**  
**A, Charging Point** This project is now being dealt with by the village hall. No further action required by Parish Council.  
**B, ANPR.** Cllr Cross has now sent the application form. Await the response.

8.22 **To consider planning applications and responses.**  
**A, Planning Application DC/21/06582 Willow Farm, Church Road.** The chair opened the meeting to the members of the public for their comments on this application. The meeting was then reconvened for council to make a decision. The council agreed to support the application, but would like Heritage department to be consulted as to the details of the construction due to the importance of the historical fabric of the existing barn.  
**B, Planning permission granted DC/21/05534 Russell House.** Noted  
**C, Listed Building Consent granted DC/21/05535 Russell House.** Noted

9.22 **Finance**

1.a. **To receive Finance report.**

a.i. **Bank Reconciliation** Agreed. Balance stands at £12611.13 and reserved funds of £1766.93.

a.ii. **Budget to Actual** Within budget.

1.b. **To authorise payments as listed below:**

b.i. Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00
b.ii. East Anglian Air Ambulance	S137	£50.00

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b.iii.	Eye & District Volunteer Centre	\$137	£20.00
b.iv.	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	\$137	£15.00
b.v.	Information Commissioner	GDPR	£40.00
b.vi.	St Marys Church	Donation	£100.00
b.vii.	DataTech	Email Fee	£40.00
b.viii.	Community Action Suffolk	Email Fee	£197.50
b.ix.	J Collett	Expenses	£48.20
b.x.	J Collett	Salary	£587.52
b.xi.	Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support	£151.20

All payments unanimously agreed.

- 10.22 To consider a request from the school to consider safety measures.** This will be deferred to next meeting. However, ideas will be looked at and circulated, so a proposal can be put forward in March.
- 11.22 To consider online banking.** Councillors agreed for the clerk to look into this.
- 12.22 To review the Asset Register.** No changes on the Asset register, agreed as correct.
- 13.22 To consider and approve of the budget.** The clerk presented the budget for 2022-2023. The council unanimously accepted and approved the budget.
- 14.22 To consider and approve the precept for 2022-2023.** Council approved the request for a precept of £5954, a small increase of 2% on the previous year.
- 15.22 Plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.** Cllr Williamson has met with Alison Taylor Chair of the village hall committee. No responses have been received from any residents volunteering help. Plans are being made for an afternoon tea, with other supplementary events, ie scarecrow competition. The WI will be involved with arranging the teas. Village hall committee can approach District Councillor Julie Flatman for funds towards expenses.
- 16.22 Correspondence for Information and discussion.** None received.
- 17.22 Any items from Parish Councillors.** The new email has not been set up by all councillors as yet. Deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January for all emails to be sorted. Clerk will send a test email on 1<sup>st</sup> February.  
Cllr Lee suggested the idea of twinning with another town.  
It was noted that Wilby Green has recently been cut and tidied.
- 18.22 Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda.**  
ANPR, Policies, Twinning, School Safety
- 19.22 Date of next meeting.** To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 to be held in the school.  
Noted.  
Meeting closed 21.00pm.

**Minutes agreed and signed as correct.**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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