

WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 21st October 2021 in Wittering Parish Hall

PRESENT

John Bradshaw (Vice Chairman)
Gerry Crosbie
Julia Cunnington
Geoff Dunkley
Simon Hurn

IN ATTENDANCE

WG Cdr Margaret Boyle, RAF Wittering
Paul Vasey & Ryan Asher-Powell, Larkfleet Homes Housing Development
Twelve Members of the Public
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk

John Bradshaw chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Maxine Palmer, Richard Roffe, Mark Davies, Community Development Officer, RAF Wittering and Peterborough City Ward Councillor Gavin Elsey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council. John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as they are Church Wardens). Julia Cunnington declared an interest in the 2nd Wittering Scouts (as her daughter is a member).

3. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Clerk stated that she had received three applications so far. Two Members of the Public indicated that they would also like to be considered and were told that they needed to send an application to the Clerk. It was agreed that a date would be arranged to interview all the applicants shortly.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police representatives present. No crimes were reported.

4. **MINUTES** of the meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 15th July 2021 were reviewed and approved.
Proposed by:- Simon Hurn **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

5. MATTERS ARISING

- i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

Gavin Elsey has contacted Barnack Parish Council who are keen to feed in and participate in the process. He has had a meeting with Highways England to see they can help in terms of their proposed future projects and assist in preparation of a submission. He has met with Shailesh Vara, MP who was keen to deal with the present issues with A47 Upgrade first and then focus fully on this project, he will come back with some dates to formalise the working group shortly.

ii) Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement

Gerry Crosbie reported that he had attended a meeting with Richard Roffe, John Hare and Ally McNaughton to discuss the Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement. Some progress had been made but he was still awaiting a list of assets from both Richard Roffe and John Hare. Thanks were expressed to Gerry for his work with this. The issue of the funding of a canopy for the Bowls' Club Pavilion has not yet been resolved and John Bradshaw asked for goodwill on both sides so that this can be resolved. It was noted that doors of sufficient quality and sturdiness need to replace the current doors at the back of the building.

iii) Wittering Community Food Hub Formal Reception

The Wittering Community Food Hub Formal Reception which had been due to take place on 14th August 2021 has been further postponed due to the rise in Covid Infections. It will be rescheduled for Spring 2022.

iv) Update on 2nd Wittering Scouts' Plans

The 2nd Wittering Scouts have had some work done on a Design and Intent Statement by a consultant prior to submitting the full Planning Application for proposed Scout HQ. He has discovered that the land offered/agreed with the Parish Council is in fact a 'Local Green Space' and as defined on the Policies Map, will be protected in line with the NPPF, which rules out new development on these sites other than in very special circumstances. The 2nd Wittering Scouts would like to apply under (c) *the development is for alternative and sports recreation provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use*. The 2nd Wittering Scouts require the full support of Wittering Parish Council and local Peterborough City Councillors members as well as get a referral to the NPPF to proceed any further. A vote was taken, and all the Parish Councillors agreed to give their support for this.

v) Dog Fouling in the Village

As Maxine Palmer was not present, there was no update on this issue.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Peterborough City Council - *Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan*
- ii) Daniel Worley, Senior Conservation Officer – *Local List Project*
- iii) PCC Planning Department – *Planning Application 21/01309 - Two storey side and ground floor rear extensions at 12 Eccles Road, Wittering*
- iv) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority - *OxCam Arc spatial framework response query*
- vi) Peterborough City Council – *Planning Application 21/00870 Erection of 1 x 4 bed 3 storey and 1 x 4 bed 2 storey detached houses at Wittering Manor, Townsend Road, Wittering – Withdrawn*
- vii) Ben Pridgeon, Bidwells - *New Agricultural Packhouse at Sacrewell Farm Site*
- viii) Barnack Parish Council - *Cycle, walking and horse-riding route north of A47 towards Stamford*

7. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 30th September 2021 was reviewed and approved as presented.
Proposed by:- Geoff Dunkley **Seconded by:-** Simon Hurn
- ii) **Wittering Remembrance Day Parade Committee – Request for Funding (Terence White)**
It was agreed to donate £200 as proposed by Geoff Dunkley, seconded by Julia Cunnington and agreed by all present.
- iii) **RBL – Request for Funding of the Poppy Wreath/Donation (Geoff Dunkley)**

It was agreed to donate £125 as proposed by Simon Hurn, seconded by Julia Cunnington and agreed by all present.

iv) Funding of the Church Repairs (John Bradshaw)

John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley explained that urgent repair work needs to be undertaken at All Saints' Church including work on the electric sockets, the church bells and the bell tower. The 5-year Inspection is due to take place soon and may reveal more repair work. They asked if the Parish Councillors would consider making a grant of £5,000-£6,000 from the Community Infra Levy Fund monies currently being held by the Parish Council. Simon Hurn made a proposal that the Parish Councillors would give an agreement in principle to this request. This was seconded by Julia Cunnington and agreed by all but one of the Parish Councillors.

8. LARKFLEET HOMES DEVELOPMENT

Paul Vasey, Site Manager introduced Ryan Asher-Powell, the Contracts' Manager. He gave a short update on the development. Seven completions will have been finalised in October 2021. Geoff Dunkley had shown him the area which regularly floods in Parker Road, but it was discovered that the drain did not need pumping out after all. The development is on target to be completed in three years.

9. WITTERING SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

It was noted that an EGM of the Sports & Social Club to elect a new Committee will take place at 7.30 pm on 26th October 2021. E-mails had been sent from various people involved in the Sports & Social Club, asking the Parish Council for its help in dealing with several management issues. The Parish Councillors felt that as the Parish Council and Sports & Social Club are separate organisations, there was no need for them to have a special meeting to discuss these issues. They felt it is down to the Sports & Social Club to resolve its issues and how it wishes to move forward.

10. PUBLIC FORUM

- i) A member of Wittering Junior Football Club queried the decision at the last meeting to agree to a request from Wittering Football Team for permission to mark out a second adult football pitch on the Playing Field. John Bradshaw suggested that the various sub divisions of the Football Club meet to reconcile their differences before bringing any further requests to the Parish Council.
- ii) A member of the Wittering Junior Football Club asked if the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the boiler in the pavilion. The Clerk agreed to check the agreement and reply to him.
- iii) Wg Cdr Margaret Boyle gave a comprehensive report on various activities being organised by RAF Wittering. She confirmed that the RAF were aware of and dealing with anti-social behaviour by young people near to the Cost Cutter Shop.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Maintenance of the War Memorial

John Bradshaw asked the Parish Council to accept responsibility for any maintenance costs for the War Memorial. These will be around £100 per year. This was agreed as proposed by Geoff Dunkley, seconded by Simon Hurn and agreed by all present.

ii) Tree Work

Simon Hurn reported that he will be dealing with two dead trees in the village.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place at 7.30 pm on 2nd December 2021 at Wittering Parish Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

SIGNED

Chairman

DATE

02/12/21