
Wentworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 11th November 2019

- Present** Cllr E. Atkins,
Cllr D Lee (Chairman),
Cllr L. Sargeant
1 Parishioners Clerk: Vacant
1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
None
 2. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
None
 3. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None
 4. **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 2019**
Due to a vacancy for Parish Clerk, there were no minutes of the last meeting held in August 2019.
 5. **MATTERS ARISING/REPORTS FROM CLERK AND OR COUNCILLORS**
As above.
 6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**
Received and acknowledged by the members.
 7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**
Received and acknowledged by the members.
 8. **CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
 - a. The Chairman had received a notice of resignation from Cllr Soames Springthorpe who had sold his house and will be moving from Wentworth within one week. The Council expressed its regret at losing Cllr Springthorpe and it was agreed that we would write to acknowledge his resignation and to thank him for his many years of service and contribution. It was noted that PC was required to inform East Cambs of Cllr Springthorpe's resignation.
Action: Notify ECDC ASAP
 - b. A notice of the General Election had been received from the County Council and the Parish Council were asked to display on the notice board.
 - c. Notification of an Application had been received from the planning office informing us that the development on College Farm, Main Street, Wentworth, had been changed from six self-build dwellings to a development of six dwellings. The meeting acknowledged this and that we had not been aware early enough to make any objection as the date had passed.
 9. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
19/01319/FUL Construction of 1 four-bedroom bungalow at Sunny Acre, Main Street, Wentworth. The meeting noted that the original planning approval for this property had expired and this is a new application. The Council felt that the amendments to the original plan were significant enough to object to the application at this time. Specifically that a) the main dwelling had been moved to a different area of the site, possibly impacting on neighbours privacy b) The garage moved from one end of the property to the opposite end therefore putting parking closer to the boundary fence and could cause a noise problem. C) there is a significant extension on the property, d) the biodiversity, ecological and archaeological surveys which were required on the previous application were not

carried out and the Council felt they should be included in any future permission. E) Boundaries were said to have been 'agreed' but there is no supporting evidence f) concerns about hedging and tree conservation. The Council agreed to send an objection to the Planning Office for this application.

It was brought to the Council's notice that another property already on this site did not meet with the planning permission granted for that property.

Action: The Chairman will contact the Planning Enforcement Officer to consult on this.

10. **PARISH CLERK VACANCY**

The meeting was informed that Penny Bryant at CAPALC had agreed to approach Diane Bayliss to take on the role of interim Parish Clerk for Wentworth PC until such time that we can appoint a new permanent Clerk and that Diane Bayliss had agreed that she would undertake this. It was discussed that a new Clerk should be advertised for as soon as possible. The Council also acknowledged the help of Mrs Anthea Lowes and thanked her for all her efforts to keep the PC admin up to date in the absence of a Clerk.

11. **STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT**

- a. Cllr Sargeant reported that she had been undertaking the task of getting quotations from three electricity suppliers in order to comply with the CCC requirement. This has proved more difficult than expected and the CCC has been informed of the delay. There is no penalty for not complying immediately on this and Cllr Sargeant will ensure the necessary information is received as soon as possible.

Action: Councillor Sargeant

12. **FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING PAYMENT OF OUSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

- a. To Pay November Accounts

- The following accounts were approved for payment:
- Wentworth PCC (Hall Hire in November 2019) £tbc
- Wentworth PCC (Hall hire in October 2019) £25.00
- D Lee (Churchyard maintenance) £1100
- E Atkin (Playpark maintenance) £250
- D Lee (Playpark maintenance) £250
- S Alsop (Playpark maintenance) £60
- The meeting acknowledged Accounts already paid:
- PFK Littlejohn £48.00
- Came & Company Insurance £594.33
- Balfour Beatty streetlight maintenance £255.96
- 1&1 website fees (Aug/Sept/Oct) Domain Hosting Fee £47.96
- Clerk's expenses (stamps & envelopes) £6.10
- CAPALC affiliation fee (To 31st March 2020) £133.11

Action: Make payments

13. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Overpayment of VAT
- Parish Precept
- Parish Clerk vacancy
- Parish Councillor vacancies
- Banking

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** December 16th 2019

Signed..... Dated.....