

WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the Meeting of WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL on Monday, 18th October 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
13th October 2021

AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

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

3 **Public Open Session**

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 **Coooption**

To agree whether to coopt to fill the Casual Vacancy. Three vacancies available.

5 **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20th September 2021**

6 **Clerk's report on actions**

1. **New Speed Indication Device for Village 2:** Ordered sign for Southern Cross (Village 2 end). Site meeting held with company to install column.
2. **Crossing attendant:** Contacted three schools to find start/end times and sent to BBC to run recruitment campaign on our behalf. BBC have agreed to employ the attendants and the parish council will just need to make payment.
3. **Christmas tree pit with electrics – outside Lakeview village hall:** BBC are carrying out inspections to confirm the open space is suitable for the tree pit. The parish council has approved this expenditure so Clerk will give the go ahead when BBC are ready.

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

- *Parishioner emailed requesting a bollard on Brooklands Avenue to stop parking on the kerb. Details shared with councillors. Clerk will pursue with Highways the proposal for "No verge/Pavement parking" restrictions – this was requested by the PC to be extended.*
- *Parishioner emailed requesting support for a pedestrian crossing on Southern Cross at a perceived dangerous spot. Details shared with councillors.*
- *Parishioner emailed requesting the reinstatement of the private security patrols previously funded by the parish council. Request shared with councillors.*
- *Multiple parishioners requested CCTV footage related to late-night vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles. Clerk obtained footage and passed to the police.*

8 **To receive the Crime Statistics report**

Crime report issued to council prior to the meeting.

9 **Inclusive playground equipment**

Proposal requested by councillors: To determine funding to put towards play equipment for children with disabilities at playgrounds owned by the borough council/developers. At the September meeting, the parish council commented on a Village 3 playground planning application, requesting more inclusive equipment.

10 **Resilience/emergency plan**

Proposal from Cllr Coombes: To consider the creation of a resilience/emergency plan following a recent major gas leak in Wixams.

11 Street Trading consultation

To consider whether to respond to a Licensing application:

Applicant: James Sharpe trading as; Dessert Boss

Wixams, Brooklands Avenue – 3rd Thursday from 17:00 to 21:00, 5th Wednesday from 17:00 to 21:00

Articles to be sold/trade : ice-cream, desserts, drinks (soft), chocolate

Time span: 12 months

12 Councillors' Reports including:

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

APPLICATION NO: 21/02611/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Enlargement of shed in rear garden.

LOCATION : 2 Thistle Lane Wixams Bedford Bedfordshire MK42 6EW

APPLICATION NO: 21/02615/MAR Major Reserved Matters Application

PROPOSAL: Reserved matters for 240 residential dwellings on parcel 3.4, including Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale, pursuant to Outline permission 11/01380/M73

LOCATION : Parcel 3.4 Wixams Village 3 Bedford Road Bedford Wixams MK45 3PD

Application No: CB/21/04614/RM

Location: Core Country Park, Mill View, Land East of Amptill Road and North of Bedford Road, surrounding Great Thickthorn Farm, Houghton Conquest

Proposal: Reserved Matters: following Outline Application CB/17/02575/OUT (Mixed use development, up to 650 dwellings, children's play spaces, a countryside park, new woodland and other landscape works) Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the Core Countryside Park Area along with full discharge of condition 15 (including overarching Landscape and Open Space Implementation and Management Plan) and partial discharge of conditions 17 (Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan) and 37 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) relevant to the Core Countryside Park Area.

- Report from Cllr Ali re: Allotments
To decide if any changes are required to the annual allotment fee. Currently £0.20 per square metre: 15 x 30 sq/m plots, 17 x 50sq/m plots, 2 x 120sq/m plots.
- Report from Grants committee: No Grants Meeting
- Update from MasterPlan Working Group
- Update from Green Spaces Committee
To consider expenditure 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 Halloween – prizes for the best houses in each village.
 - To discuss the details, and budget for, a scarecrow festival.
 - To consider other events/celebrations to fund.

13 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>
30/09/2021	Multiple	BACS	Staff Costs	1,918.79
30/09/2021	Anglian Water	DD	Water at Allotments	64.00
14/10/2021	Morelock	BACS	Morelock speed sign	3,408.00
14/10/2021	WRV	BACS	October meeting	51.75
14/10/2021	Wixams Newsletter	BACS	Wixams Newsletter - Oct-Dec	300.00
14/10/2021	CloudNext	BACS	Website Domain Fees	132.00

Balance sheet allocation - Oct 2020

<u>Account</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Balance £</u>
Lloyds Business Account	Current	98,102
HTB Savings	Saver	85,000
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- 14 **Any other business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)**
- 15 **Date of the next meeting: 15th November 2021 – Wixams Retirement Village.**