

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF
WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

On Wednesday 1st July 2015

In The Village Hall, Wicken at 7.00 pm

Cllr Ivens opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed the new District Councillor Dennis Loveland. He also advised council of the passing of Mr John Startsmore, one of life's true gentlemen.

As part of the public forum a member of the public asked if the village is to get some of the money from the Solar Farm funding. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

47/15 Attendance and apologies; To receive and accept any apologies.

Cllr. Philip Ivens – Chairman,
Cllr. Richard Edmondson,
Cllr. Celina Franklin, **Apologies Recieved**
Cllr. Jef Williams,
Cllr. Richard Forman
Cllr. Alan Cartwright,
Cllr Med Blower
District Cllr. Dennis Loveland
County & District Cllr. Allen Walker, **Apologies Recieved**
Sally Willis - Clerk
4 members of public

48/15 Members Interests; Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Wicken Parish Council Code of Conduct to Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None were declared.

49/15 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on *Friday 22nd May 2015 and Wednesday 24th June 2015. Resolved.*

50/15 Clerk; to approve details of new clerk
Mrs Sally Willis to be appointed clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Wicken Parish Council.
Contracts have been signed. **Resolved.**

51/15 Planning;
Applications; to discuss and comment on;
S/2015/1261/FUL at 1 Quarry Green Close Wicken. Conversion of an existing garage into a 1 & 1/2 storey living accommodation
All were in support of the application as long as materials were in keeping.

52/15 Bus Services. To discuss Bus service provision to Wicken to feedback to County Council.
It was noted that there was only 1 bus to and from Milton Keynes each day. There are a few regular users and it was felt that it would be a loss if this service was removed completely. The response to ask that this service is maintained. Wicken may not need a bus of the size provided, though council did not know if this fills up after Wicken.

53/15 Finance. To receive and approve accounts for payment. Cheques Signed. Resolved.

54/15 Village Hall. To discuss and agree future of Village Hall
Cllr Ivens and Cllr Cartwright are due to meet Merchant Venturers in 3 weeks time. At the moment this is just an exploratory meeting and it was discussed whether Cllr Foreman should speak informally with surveyor. It was also felt that there was a need to update Sports Club out of courtesy. Cllr Cartwright to draft letter.

55/15 Solar Farm. To discuss and agree possible uses for income generated from Solar Farm
It was proposed that a letter is sent to everyone in the village asking for ideas. Cllr Cartwright to draft.
There is lots that can be done but we need to make sure we don't duplicate what should be done by others

(eg Highways). It was proposed a committee is set up to review ideas and make recommendations to council. This could involve villagers too.

It was asked if there are any restrictions in the contract. This needs checking, as does if it has been correctly signed, though the clerk advised that the first payment should be received mid July.

56/15 Wicken Park Road.

a) Possible 20mph speed limit

It was proposed to make a formal request to Highways for a 20mph zone along Wicken Park Road from the Deanshanger Road junction to just beyond the single carriageway bridge. Cllr Cartwright and Clerk to work together. Resolved

b) Update on remedial works

The works were done by a sub-contractor of Western power. We have been advised this will be rectified in mid July.

57/15 Leckhampstead Road – to consider how to slow down fast bicycle riders

Residents along Leckhampstead Road have expressed concern over cyclists along this stretch. For the safety of residents and cyclists it was proposed to write to cycling clubs asking them to be aware. Cllr Cartwright to draft letter.

There was also concern expressed regarding the exit / entrance to Akeley Wood School. Drivers do not seem to give way to cars already on Leckhampstead Road. It was proposed the clerk contact the school suggesting signage at the exit for the safety of pupils, parents and others. Resolved

58/15 Village Plan. To discuss and consider options for village plan.

As part of the Local Plan at South Northants Council, the village will be asked to input what they would like for the village. It was proposed that a group of about 8 people look at this to include councilors and villagers and villagers are asked for input. Resolved

59/15 Open Forum; for Councillors to discuss any issues for the next agenda.

No extra items at this time, though some of these items will need to be carried forward

60/15 Date and time and venue of the next meeting;

The Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, Wicken on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Chairman's Signature

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