

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014 - NO. 61**

1. Record of Members Present:

Cllr. Ray, Chairman, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Mander, Cllr. K. McMillan, Cllr. A. McMillan, Cllr. Ledger and one member of the public.

PART MEETING: County Cllr. John Horner.

2. Apologies:

District Cllr. Sir William Lawrence who was attending the West Area Committee meeting.

3. Written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members' interests.

No requests were received.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2014:

These were approved by all members present and signed by the Chairman.

5. Public Participation:

Ms. McCann wished to oppose the suggestion of removing the living willow hedge surrounding the Play Area.

Cllr. Ray suggested that agenda item 13 be brought forward for discussion at this point in the meeting. All Cllrs. were in agreement.

The reasons for the above consideration were explained a) to discourage youths climbing over to retrieve footballs and damaging the existing fence and hedge, b) the annual cost of the upkeep and management of the hedge, and c) Health and Safety issues from the point of view of injury, in particular to eyes, should someone bend over to pick something up.

Cllr. K. McMillan had obtained a quotation for guidance on costs involved, and this was in the region of £10,000.00. The Clerk also had information on two other companies who could provide suitable fencing. Three quotations would have to be obtained and fencing must be to European Standard EN1176/77 should it be decided to proceed.

Ms. McCann put forward a suggestion that the Willow should be woven regularly and that she would be able to get a group of people together to do that.

Cllr. Ray suggested to Ms. McCann that she put forward a proposed plan at our next meeting in May. Cllr. McMillan was also asked to provide a financial guide covering all options to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to provide a copy of the Lease to Ms. McCann.

**6. District & County Cllr. reports for information only.
(Unless known in advance items raised for a decision will appear on the next agenda.)**

County Cllr. Horner advised that following a public interest debate on 25th February, a vote in favour of the possibility of unitary local government for Warwickshire was passed.

Cllr. Horner reported that the Draft Core Strategy Focussed Consultation has now been completed and the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan consultation will be completed on 28th March. It is anticipated that the final Draft core Strategy will be presented at The Council meeting on 10th May 2014 for approval.

7. Planning Matters – update on current planning applications and consideration of new applications:

Planning application No.13/02697/VARY Dunroaming Stable Gospel Oak Lane Pathlow : Removal of condition 1 of permission 10/00869/FUL to allow the permanent change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1no. Gypsy pitch (one mobile home, one touring caravan, septic tank and hardstanding) - Pending consideration.

Planning application No. 13/02975/FUL Loughrigg Hardwick Rise Birmingham Road Pathlow Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0ES: Construction of menage (private use only). Field to be cut and fill to provide level surface. – Pending consideration.

The Clerk had contacted the Case Officer to enquire why it was taking so long to reach a decision for this application. SDC are waiting for legal documents to recind permission granted in application No. 10/01928/FUL for a menage sited slightly differently.

Planning Application No. 14/00457/TREE Mary Arden's House: T1 confier hedge: fell to ground level – T2: Acacia: fell. Pending consideration.

Planning Application No. 14/00099/LBC Glebe Farm Museum, Station Road: Replacement of expament lathing and gypsum plaster on internal walls where damaged. Pending consideration.

To consider, as a neighbouring Parish, Planning Application No. 14/00536/FULBurton Farm, Bishopton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0RW: Construction of a 4.4MW solar farm, associated equipment including three inverter stations, Control room, storage room, client switch room and a substation, underground cabling, security fencing, pole-mounted CCTV cameras and an internal access road.

Cllr. Roberts had circulated a recommended response, objecting to this application, prior to the meeting. All Cllrs. voted in agreement with the response. Cllr. Ledger suggested that an addition should be included stating that advice had been sought from our Consultants, Tyler-Parkes Partnership Ltd.. Cllr. Roberts agreed to make this addition.

To consider Planning Application No. 14/00467/FUL Units 1 & 2, Pathlow Farm, Featherbed Lane Pathlow: Change of use from B1 to D2 for use as a Health & Fitness Gym.

It was proposed by Cllr. Roberts, with agreement from all Cllrs., that the following response should be made:

In principle Wilmcote Parish Council is in favour of the proposal for a Health and fitness gym. However, until the car park is properly surfaced and marked out, a safe access route from the rear to the front of the building is established for pedestrians and visibility is improved for vehicles

leaving the site the application should be refused. It is also considered that an opening time of 6.00 a.m. is not acceptable.

Cllr. Roberts expressed his concerns that, when asked for comments on planning matters, not all Cllrs. are responding within the requested time limit and by the methods set out in the Standing Orders. The Clerk agreed with Cllr. Roberts' comments and all Cllrs. were asked to be more vigilant in responding in future.

8. Progress reports – for information only and are items not on the agenda.

John Brown, WCC Highways Dept. confirmed that the blocked gulley at the junction of Station Road/Aston Cantlow Road has been added to the jetting list for attention.

9. Correspondence received:

- Parish and Town Council briefing event on Consideration of Changes to WCC Councillor Wards.
- Pre-Determination Guidance Provided by DCLG.

10. Draft Core Strategy: Focussed Consultation – 2011-2031 update:

Cllr. Roberts confirmed that the Wilmcote Parish Council agreed response has been forwarded to the District Council.

11. Stratford on Avon District Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan – Reg.18:

Cllr. Roberts had circulated draft recommendations to all Cllrs. for comment and approval and a final consultation response will be circulated prior to submission. In order to meet the deadline any further comments will be required by the 26th March.

12. Delegating Powers Allows Swift Responses, and HS2 Opposing a Private Members Bill:

It was agreed by all Cllrs. that satisfactory delegation powers are already included in the Standing Orders.

13. Willow Wood Play Area:

As discussed in Agenda item 5.

14. Neighbourhood Plan Report:

Cllr. Ray reported that confirmation has been received of the formal designation of the Wilmcote Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan meetings will be available on the website.

15. Website update:

Peter Long, who has very kindly agreed to be our Webmaster, the Clerk, Lisa Foskett and Mrs. Ray attended a training session at Stratford District Council. Further information will be added to the website before it goes live.

16. Concerns expressed with reference to cars parking by the station and driving over The Green.

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the number of cars now parking by the station has increased considerably in the past few months. It was agreed that we should ask the Police to monitor the situation – it would be beneficial to provide photographic evidence to the Police in the first instance.

John brown, WCC Highways will write to the owners of the property where damage is being caused to the Green but will not pursue the matter. He suggests that if there is no improvement the Parish Council may wish to pursue it further.

17. Restricted number of trains now stopping at Wilmcote Station:

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the current policy for trains stopping in Wilmcote.

18. Payment of outstanding invoices:

E.on (maintenance)	£ 137.44	(100418)
Cancelled		(100420)
Mrs. E. Butterworth (expenses Nov – March)	206.78	(100421)

WILLOW WOOD PLAY AREA ACCOUNT

Playground Supplies Ltd	72.00	(100021)
Transfer to Parish Council current account (Clerk salary)		
	522.17	(100022)

19. Councillors' reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting:

Stratford on Avon Draft Core Strategy
Willow Wood Play Area
Pensions
Neighbourhood Plan

20. Date of next meeting: 21st May 2014 – A.G.M. followed by ordinary meeting.

No further business – Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

For information only:

The following payments were made between meetings:

Information Commissioner	£ 35.60 (100417)
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