**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 2022– NO. 121**

1. **Present:**  Cllr. Ray, Chairman, Cllr Shilvock, Cllr. McMillan, Cllr Mahon and nine members the public.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr. Daniell and District Cllr. Shenton. Absent: Cllr. Stewart – unapproved.
2. **To receive written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary interests in items on the agenda:**

There were no requests.

**4. To approve for signature the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 18th May 2022:**

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

**5. VAS Church Road:**

Mr. Stanley from the County Council was due to attend the meeting to participate in a discussion to reach a final decision about this sign. It appears he was unable to make it so it was agreed an extraordinary meeting would have to be held. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Responsibility and permission for all highway signs lies with the Highways Authority.

**6. Public Participation:**

Mr. Mander wished to speak about item 10 on the agenda and with agreement of Councillors the Chairman brought this item forward.

Mr. Mander reiterated his concerns about the possibility of verge protection posts being placed around The Green to protect it from parked vehicles. He believes that we were misled by information provided to us, people don’t park on The Green apart from a small area on the approach from Station Road where the edge of the grass does get damaged and discussion with the residents of The Laurels could probably rectify that. At one time occasionally people used to park on the grass when accessing the telephone kiosk. He and other residents believe that these posts would be detrimental to the appearance of the village.

Cllr Ray advised that the Parish Council had been in touch with The Laurels residents who have taken notice of our request not to park vehicles along the edge of the grass, and have put a small notice out themselves stating ‘no parking’.

Cllr. Ray proposed that, with agreement of all Councillors, we postpone this project for now but if an issue arises and vehicles are seen to be parking on this land, it could be looked at again. With a show of hands all Councillors present agreed.

**7. County & District Councillors reports:**

County Cllr Daniell was caught up in London and sent the following comments:

1. The second appeal regarding the unlawful Traveller encampment in Temple Grafton has been heard and the response is awaited.

2. Make sure anyone looking for financial support from Councillor Grants should get in an application as soon as possible.

3. Speedwatch has started up again. Anyone interested in joining a group can contact Cllr Daniell.

District Cllr. Shenton was on annual leave therefore no report was available.

**8. Planning Applications – status of current planning applications:**

The status of current planning applications was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**9. Correspondence:**

All correspondence received and previously circulated electronically was taken as read. In addition and after the agenda was circulated the quarterly financial statement was circulated and a Thank You card was received from Mrs. Peevor for the grant towards the hire of the hall for the Keep Fit & Tai Chi Group.

**10. The Green –verge protection posts:**

As discussed in agenda item No. 6.

**11. Community Speedwatch:**

No report available as due to holidays and speed gun sharing the group have been unable to operate but hope to continue in the near future. Cllr. Ray expressed concern about the inability to carry out speed checks and said perhaps we should consider purchasing our own gun if sharing is causing a problem. The Clerk reported that the Group are keen to have additional members and will be putting another notice in the Vine asking for volunteers. It was agreed we should monitor the situation.

**12. Willow Wood Play Area:**

The latest inspection report did not raise any new concerns**.**

Issues raised in the previous report, damaged fencing, screws missing from lower platform of the multi-play and loose funnel on the tractor have all been attended to.

**13. Pathlow Park Traveller Site:**

A second meeting with members of the County Council, Police and residents has been arranged for the 27th July 2022.

**14. Councillors’ reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting**.

No specific items were mentioned other than the standard items.

**19. Date of next meeting:** 21st September 2022.

No further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm