**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2022 AT 7.30PM**

**1. Present:** Cllr. Ray, Cllr. Shilvock, Cllr. Stewart, Cllr. McMillan, Cllr. Mahon, Mr. G. Stanley, Team Leader, Minor Works Team, County Highways and four members of the public.

**2. Apologies:** District Cllr. Shenton and /County Cllr. Daniell

**3. Written requests for dispensation for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

**where that interest is not already in the register of members’**

**interests.**

No written requests were received.

**4. Church Road Vehicle Activated sign:**

Mr. Stanley was invited to start the discussion and briefly reported that the Highways authority can install signs where there is considered to be a need for public safety. In this case the public benefit is the safety of the school pupils and parents, and the sign installed is the most appropriate for this location.

The Chairman invited Mr. Hammond to put forward the concerns he and some other residents still have about this sign. As it has already been discussed on several occasions Cllr Ray asked that only the relevant current concerns be raised.

The objectors have accepted that the current location is the most suitable and Mr. Hammond indicated that they don’t find the pole unacceptable, they were aware of that being installed. It is the size of the actual sign and they would prefer a sign at least half the size of this current one.

Mr. Hammond had obtained details of a smaller sign and costings direct from Westotec which would be more acceptable. Cllrs McMillan, Mahon and Shilvock were of the opinion it would be too small and not really visible from the shop. Cllr. Ray pointed out that the main object of this is for the safety of children and the larger sign offers greater protection.

Mr. Stanley pointed out that the sign constructed by Westcotec for Mr. Hammond is not as effective and has not been approved by the County Council, whereas the current style of sign has been validated, tried and tested.

It was proposed by Cllr. McMillan that the current sign remains in place. Seconded by Cllr Mahon and agreed with a show of hands by Cllrs. Shilvock and Stewart. Cllr Ray abstained

Mr. Hammond said he feels there has been lack of respect for the views of the objectors and Mr. Mander feels the streetscene has been compromised.

No further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at

8.40pm.