

# LILFORD CUM WIGSTHORPE THORPE ACHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Barnwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors J Clarke (Chair), G Hopkinson (Vice Chair), M Healey, S Moffat, T Bird

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Clerk), Unitary Cllr W Brackenbury

220.135	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Cllr T Wright, Unitary Cllrs G Shacklock and D Brackenbury																																								
220.136	<b>Public participation session</b> None																																								
220.137	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> None																																								
220.138	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b> <b>Resolved:</b> That Cllr Clarke sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.																																								
220.139	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only</b> Lilford noticeboard completed and paid for, ditto Wigsthorpe BT Kiosk,																																								
220.140	<b>To receive a written report from North Northamptonshire Cllrs</b> NNC budget set for 2022 – 2023, Ukraine invasion condemned, Glebe Land planning application likely in the next month or so.																																								
220.141	<b>To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation approved, and signed as correct by Cllr Clarke.																																								
220.142	<b>To examine and approve the Bank Statements</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Bank balance standing at £6234.57 at February 25 <sup>th</sup> 2022, approved and signed as correct by Cllr Clarke																																								
220.143	<b>To resolve to make a grant to Oundle First Responders to be used to maintain the Thorpe defibrillator</b> <b>Resolved:</b> To grant £150																																								
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220.145	<b>To approve and authorise payment of the following invoices</b> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 1704 1465 1957"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Item</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Power to Pay</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100155</td> <td>Colson &amp; Loaring</td> <td>Wigsthorpe BT kiosk repairs</td> <td>£1176.00</td> <td>PCA 1957 s1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100156</td> <td>CB Carpentry Ltd</td> <td>Lilford noticeboard</td> <td>£480.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100157</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>Jan/Feb/Mar expenses</td> <td>£70.74</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100158</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>March Salary</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 1972 s 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100159</td> <td>Achurch PCC</td> <td>Grant towards footpath costs</td> <td>£75.00</td> <td>Highways 1980 s43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100160</td> <td>Oundle 1<sup>st</sup> responders</td> <td>Defibrillator grant</td> <td>£150.00</td> <td>PHA 1936 s234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100161</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>April Salary</td> <td>£</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 112</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque	Payee	Item	Amount	Power to Pay	100155	Colson & Loaring	Wigsthorpe BT kiosk repairs	£1176.00	PCA 1957 s1	100156	CB Carpentry Ltd	Lilford noticeboard	£480.00	LGA 1972 s 111	100157	N A Phillips	Jan/Feb/Mar expenses	£70.74	LGA 1972 s 111	100158	N A Phillips	March Salary		LGA 1972 s 112	100159	Achurch PCC	Grant towards footpath costs	£75.00	Highways 1980 s43	100160	Oundle 1 <sup>st</sup> responders	Defibrillator grant	£150.00	PHA 1936 s234	100161	N A Phillips	April Salary	£	LGA 1972 s 112
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220.146	<b>To note hours worked by the Clerk, to date and to resolve to pay for any outstanding</b>																																								

	<b>Resolved:</b> All hours owing to be paid with March salary
<b>220.147</b>	<b>To note the results of the Internal Finance Checks</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Checks carried out by Cllr Healey – all in order, no issues found
<b>220.148</b>	<b>Review the budget for the current year and apply any virements necessary</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Virements applied to bring budget back into balance
<b>220.149</b>	<b>To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by East Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting.</b> None
<b>220.150</b>	<b>To resolve to submit comments on planning application NNE/21/00151/FUL</b> Hybrid Planning Application :Full permission sought for the demolition of all existing buildings and structures and the re-alignment of an existing farm track; site infrastructure works, including groundworks, strategic landscaping and creation of development plateaus; and construction of a storage and distribution unit (Unit 01) (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E), including access, parking, servicing, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Outline permission sought for the construction of industrial distribution space (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E). All matters reserved except for site access.   Sand And Gravel Quarry Land Pts OP4834 7882 And 8518 TL0178 Huntingdon Road Thrapston. <b>Resolved:</b> See attached comments
<b>220.151</b>	<b>To note planning decisions made by ENC</b> None
<b>220.152</b>	<b>To discuss any issues concerning Highways/Rights of Way</b> (1) Thorpe/Aldwinckle raised causeway work – road closed so work presumed to be underway (2) Wigsthorpe directional fingerpost on the B665 – restored and replaced (3) Residents' concerns re the Achurch speed signs raised with County – no response to date (4) Wigsthorpe access routes – some signage included in County Highways budget for 2022/2023 (5) Loose metal sheeting again causing obstruction on Wigsthorpe access from the B665 – previously reported to ENC who felt no action was needed (6) Fly tipping of empty cooking oil containers on Pilton Road (7) Fly tipping of unidentified waste in Achurch Woods <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to follow up item (3), Cllr Healey to send photos of (5) to Cllr W Brackenbury, Cllr Moffat to report item (6) via Street Doctor, Cllr Clarke to report item (7) to Environmental Health due to concerns about nature of the waste
<b>220.153</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Achurch and Wigsthorpe phone boxes.</b> (1) Work carried out to Wigsthorpe kiosk but no power to box at present due to recent storm bring down telegraph pole (2) Offer to install book exchange in Achurch kiosk (3) Interest in defibrillators being installed in both kiosks <b>Resolved:</b> Item (1) Clerk to contact Western Power to seek progress report, Item (2) Clerk to contact volunteer and put possible book exchange on hold until kiosk door is repaired and internal and external painting has been carried out Clerk to contact painter to seek proposed start date for repainting of both kiosks. Item (3) possible grant funding to be investigated by Cllr Hopkinson.
<b>220.154</b>	<b>To receive a report on progress of remedial work on the Achurch Wellhead</b>

	<p>Work will be carried out by Land Agent but no start date given</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Clarke to continue to liaise with land agent</p>
220.155	<p><b>To receive feedback from Cllr Hopkinson as JAG Representative</b></p> <p>Cllr Hopkinson unable to attend the meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 so the Clerk attended in his place. Cllr Hopkinson updated the PC on minuted items. No date as yet published for the next meeting.</p>
220.156	<p><b>To receive feedback from Cllr Healey as Police Liaison Representative</b></p> <p>Cllr Healey unable to attend recent meeting as had not received notification in time. Reports of a male at Thorpe acting in a strange manner and seeking information on a person at around 11.00pm at night – to be reported to the Police if it reoccurs.</p>
220.157	<p><b>To approve and adopt a plan to enable LWTA PC to meet the requirements Environment Policy</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Plan adopted with an annual review</p>
220.158	<p><b>To consider and requests for support or funding for celebrating The Queen's Jubilee in June 2022</b></p> <p>Events planned in all four communities with road closures applied for in Achurch and Thorpe.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To make a grant of £75 to each community to be used towards costs.</p>
220.159	<p><b>To resolve to accept a donation towards the cost of providing a bench, or maintaining existing benches or planting a tree in memory of a former resident</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To accept the donation with the proviso that it can be used to refurbish existing benches – a small plaque could be attached to the rear of the benches in recognition of the donation.</p>
220.160	<p><b>To receive feedback from the Working Group on the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Almost finished but need feedback from Thorpe , Cllr Bird to provide information required</p>
220.161	<p><b>To resolve to produce and circulate a newsletter to update residents on the PC's work</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To produce and circulate a newsletter in late May/early June – Cllrs to provide items of intrest from their communities</p>
220.162	<p><b>To decide the date, time and format of the Annual Parish meeting</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.15pm Barnwell Village Hall – same format as last year - to be followed at 7.30 by the Annual parish Council meeting</p>
220.163	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>None</p>
220.164	<p><b>To confirm the date of the next meeting as 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Date confirmed as May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022</p>
220.165	<p><b>To close the meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.50 pm.</p>

Signed:

Dated:

Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council wishes to object to planning application NE/22/00151/FUL on the following grounds:

The proposed development will potentially be a blot on the local landscape and will be seen for many miles around inflicting further visual damage to the Nene Valley and surrounding countryside. Additional light pollution will also have a detrimental effect on wildlife including Thrapston Lakes and Titchmarsh Nature Reserve, and potentially on residents' mental wellbeing.

Highways safety: The Council believes that with the A605 already being near to, if not already at, its full capacity the additional vehicle movements will cause further congestion to this road, as well as noise disturbance to residents living alongside the road, and emissions pollution. It is well known that in wintery weather that HGVs struggle on the hill upto the Titchmarsh junction, and in addition the extra vehicle movements will endanger motorists attempting to turn right out of Thorpe, Achurch and Lilford as well as traffic travelling from the Oundle direction wishing to turn into these villages, the same can be said for Wigsthorpe residents wishing to travel towards Oundle or returning from the Thrapston area. Councillors would also like to point out that already severe problems arise when the A605 is closed or severely congested with vehicles of all sizes attempting to use the narrow country lanes to avoid the blockage, the ancient bridge on the Thorpe/Aldwincle land has suffered considerable damage over the years from being struck by HGVs despite a weight limit being in place.

With many companies already advertising for additional staff, and an awareness that some companies are already having to bring workers in from areas many miles away, which in itself will add to traffic movements it the Parish Council feels this is the wrong location for a warehouse of this size

In these days of heightened awareness of the importance of food security and the possible need for home production of agricultural products it seems wrong to cover yet more farm land with concrete when there are many brown field sites around the county waiting to be re-developed.

The Parish Council also has concerns about the increased risk of run off causing surface flooding for motorists and local residents.

LWTA PC believes this application is in direct contrast to many of the Policies set out in the North Northants Joint Core Strategy including:

Policy 1 – presumption in favour of sustainable development

Policy 3 – landscape character – development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to its landscape setting and, where possible, enhance the distinctive qualities of the landscape character which it would affect.

Policy 10 – provision of infrastructure – b) to encourage a reduction in car use

Policy 20 – The Nene and Ise valleys will be priorities for investment in green infrastructure to strengthen biodiversity and landscape character. Develop the tourism potential of Thrapston as a gateway to the river – as in come and view our warehouses maybe!!

Policy 23 – Distribution of jobs, East Northamptonshire target of 7200 a figure we understand that has already been reached.

Policy 24 – logistics c) have good access to local labour supply and be accessible to the local workforce through public transport, walking and cycling – with workers for this development having to be brought in from further afield it is highly unlikely that this requirement will be met.

Lilford cum Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch parish Council urges North Northamptonshire Council to reject this proposal.