## Minutes of Meeting of Wixford Parish Council

## Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.30pm

## MINUTE: 328

## Present: Cllrs. Jon Haworth (in the Chair), Dean Morris, Colin Hales and Andrew

Reekes.

Cllr Mark Cargill (District), who joined the meeting late after attending another

meeting.

## Clerk: Lynne Reekes.

## In attendance: 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jack Fryer
2. **Disclosure of Interests**. *Councillors are asked to declare personal interests in any items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that the Code of Conduct that takes effect from May 2018 provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion they should withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter.*

**Cllr Morris declared an interest in s7(iii), and will therefore take no part in discussion or any**

**decision in that respect.**

**3. Reports from District & County Council representatives**

**Mark Cargill (District)** (note: this report was made after Sect.7);

(i) Croft Lane Power Station: the Application will now be referred to the Planning

Officer for comment and due diligence; there will be consultation on specialist

matters. There will be a Planning Meeting to decide the matter.

(ii) Flood defences: an enhanced scheme is proposed for Alcester.

(iii) Broadband: Cllr Cargill asked for comment on the situation in Wixford. The

general consensus was that the position has improved generally following operation

of the DSlam cabinet opposite the Three Horseshoes. Cllr Cargill asked to be kept

informed of any blackspots.

(iv) Reserved Sites: These will operate if one of the large sites designated under the

SDC Core Strategy for new housing does not come to fruition. SDC is obliged by

law to provide a buffer of 20%. Bidford would be allocated an additional 300+

houses, Alcester 180.

(v) A46: there are problems with the new scheme for another roundabout between

Bishopton and Wildmoor Health Club to accommodate development outside Stratford

- great concerns that the Binton/Billersley intersection will be made even worse.

(vi) Cllr Cargill confirmed that he has no information as to timing for rectification of the

resurfacing work in Wixford- **Clerk** to email him, and he will chase it up again.

**4. Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019: approved

as a true and accurate record, and signed as such by Cllr Haworth as Chairman.

**5. Matters arising:**

* WCC Highways works

Clerk reported that nothing has been heard from Cllr Cargill as yet, whose help has been sought in clarifying timing for these. (See 3(vi) above)

* Village speeding/traffic volume/traffic calming

Cllr Haworth reported that:

(i) An application for funds has been made to the Police & Crime Commissioner Warwickshire Road Safety Grant Scheme towards installation of average speed cameras at either end of Wixford, which, after lengthy research, is felt to be the most likely to be effective in controlling traffic speeds through the village.

(ii) The data collected from the speed visor since January 2019 has shown:

* although most speeding is between 30/40mph, speeds of up to 75mph have been recorded.
* 1 in 14 drivers speed “excessively” ie more than 45mph
* the percentage of people speeding has generally increased as weather/light, has improved. Well in excess of 50% of drivers speed to some degree. Sometimes over 60%.
* Mon-Fri, 2000-2500 vehicles each way pass through the village.

It was agreed that the maximum speeds recorded are “an accident waiting to

happen”

* Defibrillator: Now installed. A group demonstration has been arranged for 2pm Monday 15th July in the Village Hall, by the Arrhythmia Alliance. Clerk confirmed that she needs to give approximate attendance figures. Will estimate at 20 maximum. Notice of the demonstration has been put on the Noticeboard and website. Mrs Sue Vincent will arrange for those on the Village Hall email contact list to be informed. (**NB** The demonstration has now taken place. About 20 residents attended, who appreciated the efficient and knowledgeable delivery by the representative from the Arrhythmia Alliance. Thanks must also go to Ms Jain Drinkwater who ensured that arrangements at the VH ran smoothly).

Matters outstanding:

(i) Cllr Fryer to provide further photographs of location to validate warranty.

(ii) Clerk needs expiry dates of pads to register location.

(iii)Cllr Morris will remove old defibrillator from telephone kiosk if Cllr Haworth can

provide the key.

* Three Horseshoes: update re signage/excessive lighting:

(i) It was agreed that the lighting is not as bad as it has been, but that is partly due to longer evenings. **This should be kept under review.**

(ii) The Wixford Grange sign: it was noted that the temporary notices have been removed together with the lettering on the permanent sign. It was confirmed that the matter is in the hands of the Enforcement Officer at Stratford District Council. It has been promised that the PC will be consulted when an application is made for permission to display the sign, “to regularise” the matter.

* Cycleway from Salford Priors

In the absence of Cllr Fryer, this could not be dealt with. Confirmed that Wixford PC has offered to contribute £300 to the feasibility study.

* Village Hall update; Mr. John Cain reported that:

(i) The Village Hall Committee had a site meeting with Messrs. Piers Daniell and Sam Taylor to discuss what action needs taking to transfer their building to the VH site. The overall cost is likely to be in the region of £100,000 to include internal alterations, but not the cost of any Planning application needed.

(ii) Funding: Messrs Daniell and Taylor are willing to contribute £30,000 towards the costs, will carry out the dismantling of the building, demolition of the VH and the work involved in re-erection of their building. Therefore the VH will need to find c £70,000.

(iii) The VH Committee now plans to produce a document setting out details of likely timing and costing of the project, and aim to submit it at the Parish Council meeting on 12th September. **Requested that** about 20 mins are set aside at the meeting for this purpose. It was confirmed that the VH Committee intend to apply again for Lottery funding, and will want to show contributions from other sources. Cllr Howarth suggested that the Committee obtains details of suggested value of the shell building to be used, which can be submitted as an additional contribution from Messrs Daniell and Taylor.

(iv) Cllr Morris asked whether compromises will have to be made in the use of the building as a Village Hall in view that its previous use has been different. T**he VH** **Committee requested** that the PC draw up a list of likely questions in advance, which can then be dealt with at the September meeting.

* Telephone Kiosk refurbishment:

Cllr. Morris reported options are limited as the kiosk is Listed. It cannot be taken away and replaced with a new, refurbished kiosk. Therefore, it has to be removed, refurbished off site, and replaced - not straightforward, partly due to the implanted concrete floor. 2 or 3 firms provide a service. Cost will be in the region of £3000, or £4000 for the “Rolls Royce” version (plus transport costs of c£500 and costs of relaying concrete floor c £170 in both cases). **Cllr Morris will prepare a contrast and** **compare report for the next meeting.** Note: the kiosk is a Mk2 K62 ‘D’1939-52 model.

**6. Finance**

(i) the following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk’s salary April, May, June 2019: £496.60

Office expenses May and June 2019 : £65.20

(ii) the following cheque signed between meetings was noted: Namesco Limited for renewal of website domain: £179.99

(iii) Confirmed direct debit of £5.00 per month in favour of Payroo PAYE software provider, authorised at May 2019 meeting, now in force. The June invoice was initialled accordingly.

(iv) Accounts reconciliation to 30th June 2019 was noted (Accounts circulated to Councillors previously).

**7. Planning**

* **Oversley Castle:** **The Pool House** Applic. ref 18/03188/FULto include change of use for revised access/garden land to serve The Pool House. It was noted that there have been no objections.
* **Power station off Croft Lane ref. 19/00923/FUL:** confirmed that an objection was lodged as with the previous application.
* **Wixford Grange advert:** dealt with under Sect. 5 above.

**8. To deal with any correspondence**

There was none to report.

**9. Any Other Business (Public comment)**

**(i) Request from Village Hall Committee:** can everyone please sign up for the 50/50 Club.

**(ii) Newsletter:Clerk agreed** to aim to issue the next Newsletter by the end of July. Mrs Sue Vincent and Ms Jain Drinkwater will start to compose the Village Hall side.

**Meeting declared closed at 8.40 pm**