

Wexham Court Parish Council (WCPC)

Minutes of ordinary meeting of the full council
held at the Parish Hall, Norway Drive, on
Tuesday 10th March, 2020, at 7.30 pm.

1. Councillors present:

Name	Present	Not Present
Cllr Iftakhar Ahmed (Chairman)	Y	
Cllr Zaki Ahmed (Vice-Chairman)		N
Cllr. Ghalib Hussain	Y	
Cllr. Kenneth Wright	Y	
Cllr. Shafait Hussain		N

i. In attendance: Adil Iftakhar, Clerk to WCPC

ii. Members of the Public present: 4

2. Apologies for absence were received from:

i. Cllr Zaki Ahmed: - reasons for apologies noted & accepted.

ii. Cllr Shafait Hussain: - reasons for apologies are not accepted.

3. Declaration of interest


None declared

4. Minutes of the last meeting, dated 11th February, 2020

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Wright and seconded by Cllr. G. Hussain as a true and accurate record of that meeting and it was unanimously resolved.

5. Matter arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising

 26th August 2020.

6. Chairman/Councillors report

- i. The Chairman reported that WCPC received direction questionnaires from the High Court that needed to be agreed with Slough Borough Council in relation to the High Court claim for compensation on the land north of Norway Drive, Slough. Solicitors have been instructed to provide advice and the best way to move forward.
- ii. Councillor K. Wright reported that he had contacted Slough Borough Council about speeding on Norway Drive/Frithe, however, SBC said, there was no supporting evidence of speeding and even if there was it would be a Thames Valley Police matter. No evidence has been provided by the resident who consistently complains to the WCPC of speeding on Norway Drive.
- iii. The WCPC noted the reports.

7. Police Liaison/update on local policing and Public questions

- i. Police was not present at the meeting.
- ii. Bowls club representative asked for clarification on the rent payable for the year 2020/2021 and requested it be on the agenda for the next full council meeting. They also requested that they would need regular update of bookings on weekends so their members don't park in WCPC car park.
- iii. **RESPONSE:** WCPC agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the bowls club with an update on weekend hall bookings from the last week of March until their season is over.
- iv. A concerned resident reported parking issues in the bays at Almons Way due to there not being any lines marked. As this is a highways issue, it was advised that the borough Councillors are contacted by the resident.
- v. **RESPONSE:** WCPC agreed that the Clerk would write to the borough Councillors prompting them to address residents concern as soon as possible.
- vi. A member of the public followed up on the above concern asking about why the speedometer on Norway Drive doesn't work.
- vii. **RESPONSE:** The speedometer must be legalized as the Highway department must approve the device and in order to make it functional, needs a new battery and key to open, therefore, WCPC will contact Highway department requesting them to takeover apparatus.

- viii. A resident wanted to know how much money the three Borough Councillors spent within the parish area using their yearly allowance of £25,000 each.
- ix. RESPONSE: WCPC agreed that the Clerk would e-mail all three borough Councillors requesting them to disclose their spending of £25,000 allowance over the years they have been in office in order to ascertain if any has been spent in parish area.
- x. A concerned resident raised that a development on Bell Close has been refused planning permission, however, the applicant is appealing to the planning inspectorate, hence is worried that the appeal may be successful.
- xi. RESPONSE: WCPC agreed that the Clerk upon being informed of the appeal start date from residents will look at making an objection if there are planning grounds/material considerations for the planning inspectorate to consider.

8. Delegate the Clerk to negotiate a lease agreement with the nursery- Ground floor hall

- i. A proposal had been put forward to the WCPC by a pre-school nursery operator to lease out the ground floor hall for 6 hours a day during term time only. Nursery operator will pay the fees in relation to the drafting of the lease agreement for a five year term.
- ii. It was unanimously agreed that subject to the approval of the lease by the council, that the first year rent will be £18,000 and all subsequent years the rent would be increased until the nursery is paying £20 per hour.

9. To consider and approve the contract presented by Chubb Fire

It was unanimously agreed by all that Chubb Fire would replace old fire extinguishers with new ones on an annual basis for £19.80 per month.

10. To approve and permit Astra Recycling to place a clothing bank on parish land

The case was presented by the Clerk to the council and it was unanimously resolved that Astra Recycling would place a clothing bank on parish land.

11. To delegate the Clerk to seek quotation for refurbishment of the parish hall internally and externally

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would obtain two quotations from builders for the refurbishment of the hall externally and internally.

12. Approval of Newsletter 2020 and delegate clerk to get printed and distributed

It was unanimously agreed that the newsletter should be printed and delivered by the parish council.

13. Correspondence (by clerk)

- i. Clerk reported that the parish council hall had no hot water, therefore, a plumber was instructed to come fix the issue which they have done so.
- ii. Clerk contacted Utility bidder found the parish council a new energy provider which resulted in making huge saving.
- iii. Clerk received quotation from website designer, which would result in the WCPC making substantial monthly savings.
- iv. Clerk received letter from Osbourne that the Coftards garages will be demolished and a boundary fence will be erected with secure access for residents only.
- v. Clerk has informed Slough Borough Council planning department that it is a statutory consultee and all applications within the area should be forwarded to us for comment.
- vi. Clerk received letter from Astra Recycling for cloth bank and the proposal was put onto the agenda to consider.
- vii. Clerk e-mailed Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport & Environmental Services at Slough Borough Council to see whether they'd be giving any trees to the parish council to plant within the area.
- viii. Clerk e-mailed SBC democratic services to update website to show who the new Vice-chairman and Clerk are.
- ix. WCPC noted the correspondence of the Clerk.

14. Payment list to be approved and cheques issued

Payment list was presented at the meeting and unanimously approved. Members were requested to issue the cheques as soon as possible.

Signed.....Dated 26th August 2020

Designation Chairman.....Print name Cllr. Ifkhar Ahmed