

Wing Parish Council

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018, IN WING VILLAGE HALL

REF. NO.	MINUTE ITEM
01/APM18	<p><u>Attendance Register</u></p> <p>Cllrs Spooner, Clark, Daw, Curley, Dejardin, Newsome, Parish Clerk, plus 7 members of the public (in Register)</p>
02/APM18	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr Seviour; Mick & Mary Rogers</p>
03/APM18	<p><u>Minutes from APM from May 2017</u></p> <p>This were approved, with one change : that reference to Church Lane (minute 07/17a) be amended to 'Church Street'.</p>
04/APM18	<p><u>2017-18 Accounts</u></p> <p>A statement of the end-of-year 2017-18 income and expenditure was circulated at the meeting, and information was provided on outstanding debts. These will form the basis of the formal audits to be now undertaken.</p>
05/APM18	<p><u>Precept and Estimates</u></p>
05/a	<p>A statement of the 2018-19 Precept and indicative 2018-19 budget was circulated for information.</p>
05/b	<p>It was noted that no specific amount of funds had been allocated for the purposes of progressing the Neighbourhood Plan, however this will be the subject of future applications to secure funding support.</p>
05/c	<p>It was noted that there will be a degree of surplus funds available for use in the parish, and ideas were requested for how some of this finance could be applied.</p>
06/APM18	<p><u>Chairs Report</u></p> <p>The Chair read a statement of his report, which is available in the Appendix to these minutes.</p>

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06/APM18	<u>Questions</u>
06/a	Information was given on the new Parish Council website which will commenced by the 25 th May. Notice will be provided on the Village Community website and placed in the parish magazine
06/b	Concern was raised over the problems with raised kerbstones and cramped space for parking in Church Street, exacerbated by water on the road surface. It was agreed to return to RCC and to Cllr Baines in order to press for more fitting solutions
06/c	It was noted that new accountants are engaged with ordering the Village Hall accounts and with the development of a 5-year rolling maintenance plan. This has shown the need to raise more finance for maintenance work. Discussion was had on the proposed changes to how depreciation and replacements are included in the accounts, to how the funds for the 'Birch Good Neighbour' scheme are recorded (these may require a separate account), and on future procedures for appropriate signatories.
06/d	It was agreed to organise a meeting of the Trustees to discuss and confirm the required changes, and to confirm the appropriate reporting procedures for the Village Hall accounts and the 'Trustees accounts'.
07/APM18	<u>Next meetings</u>
	A list the Parish Council meetings in 2018/19 has been circulated.

Signed:

Chair of the Council

Date:

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Chairman's Report 2017/2018

This has been a somewhat turbulent year for Wing Parish Council, starting with the resignation of Susan Awcock, Parish Council Clerk, followed by the resignation of Richard Tullock, Parish Council Chairman. I reluctantly agreed to take over from Richard to see the Parish Council through the year.

Following a lengthy search, Martin Field was appointed as Clerk to take over from Susan Awcock. Martin has been on a clerks training course and has settled well into the post.

Jane Daw was elected as replacement for Richard. She is a valuable addition, as she has several years experience as a Rutland County Council Councillor. We welcome Jane as her experience is invaluable.

The Parish Council's business was much the same as usual, breaking down into examining planning applications and considering local issues such as water running down Church Street and removing vegetation from the bus shelter roof on Top Street. Planning applications ranged from relatively small changes to village properties to a very challenging application for a substantial development at Wing Grange.

We have been greatly concerned about the accident to Judith Campbell when collecting a newspaper from the bus shelter. We immediately erected a partial barrier to the entrance and now expect Rutland County Council to smooth the ramp from the pavement to the interior of the bus shelter. We wish Judith all the best in her recovery from this accident.

As you all know, Wing Parish Council is Trustee of the charity known as Wing Community Centre. The governing Scheme defines the objective of the charity as 'the provision and maintenance of a community centre for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit.' The Scheme gives the Trustee the 'power to delegate the performance of any act to a committee including any two or more members of Wing Parish Council' (currently Wendy Newsham and me). This is the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Trustee is minded to increase the range of Village Hall activities to allow money to be spent on projects and activities of benefit to the village community that are not directly linked to activities as defined specifically in the governing Scheme. This is now on hold whilst the Village Hall Management Committee develops a rolling five-year plan estimating income and expenditure in maintaining and developing the Village Hall. However, in preparing the Community Centre's accounts 2017/2018 on an accruals basis rather than the simpler money in/money out basis, it is now clear the Village Hall Management Committee must raise more money to cover current costs and projected future spending. This will be given the highest priority in the coming year.

I am very pleased indeed that the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Wing is now well underway. This is a mammoth task and is being addressed with urgency by groups of dedicated villagers. Wing Parish Council is most impressed with the amount of information collected so far and thanks the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for its work and for presenting recently a very informative display in the Village Hall.

Draft minutes to be noted at Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 25 July 2018