

# Wiveton Parish Council

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 9th October 2019, 7.30pm at the Parish Room

**Present:** John Ramm (Chair), Carolyn Newman (Vice-chair), John High, Antonia Hardcastle and Catherine Fletcher (Clerk)

**Also present:** District Councillor Karen Ward and two members of the public.

## 1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

(a) To receive and consider apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pearce, Cllr. Pryor and Cllr. Ratcliffe. All apologies were accepted.

(b) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider requests for Dispensations on agenda items

No Declarations of Interest were received.

## 2. Finance

(a) To approve the payment of the following invoices:

i.	N-ALC	Annual website fee	£42.00	(VAT £7.00)
ii.	D Francis	Grass cutting	£40.00	

Both invoices were **approved** for payment.

(b) To approve the payment of invoices received since the publication of the agenda

Two invoices had been received since the publication of the agenda:

i.	Indigo Waste	Glass recycling	£39.00	(VAT £6.60)
ii.	Ed's Gardens	Grass Cutting	£47.50	

Both invoices were **approved** for payment.

## 3. Planning

(a) To consider and respond to the following planning application:

i. PF/19/1525 Removal of area of decking and 3 no. car parking spaces on highway land at Wiveton Bell Public House and associated works. Land to the front of The Wiveton Bell, Blakeney Road, Wiveton, Holt, NR25 7TL

It was agreed that the council **object** to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) Entrance and exits to the pedestrian pathway. The entrance to the pathway on the Blakeney Road side was positioned to provide a straight and direct road crossing for pedestrians in accordance with 2 highway consultants safety reports. The drawing shows the entrance has moved to the east by about two meters. This is dangerous and unacceptable. Similarly, the exit on 'The Street' side was agreed to provide a straight and direct route to the church path, and should have emerged next to the pub wall and not 3 metres closer to the road junction, again this creates a danger to pedestrians and is unacceptable
- 2) The drawing shows the decking far from being reduced has been extended to the east along the pub wall. This was never agreed, no extension of the decking is acceptable.
- 3) It was agreed that the decking should be allowed, at its widest, to extend 4 metres from the pub wall, and that the pathway should border the decking thus preventing any further encroachment. The plans show an additional planting feature between the path and the decking, which was never agreed, in fact it was specifically stated that any such planting should take place within the 4 metre confines of the decking.
- 4) The 24/9/19 plan now shows the decking extending to the road side of the Blakeney Road. At present there is a cultivated border between the road and the decking which was agreed should be left (minus the box balls) and grassed, providing a soft edge to the landscaping. The present proposal is not acceptable, completely altering the character of the front of the pub, and also it extends beyond the original 4 metres that we agreed.

- 5) A new feature has appeared on the plan which was never discussed at the mediation meeting, namely the extending of the grass on the east side of the triangle, and the planting of shrubs in front of the east end gable of the building. These two features effectively remove the loading and unloading pull-in area at the side of the pub, which if allowed would force vehicles servicing the pub to park in the road blocking the highway. This cannot be allowed. We have serious concerns about the dangers of this road junction and any alterations must put safety first.

**(b)** To consider and respond to any planning applications received since the publication of the agenda. None received.

**4.** To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 20th November 2019

District Councillor Karen Ward spoke to the council regarding the application for a second BT mast in Wiveton. A technical consultation has been requested, asking the applicant to identify technical reasons why a second mast is necessary and why other sites have not been considered.

A member of the public reported that the speed of cars through the village is too high and enquired if the council would consider a 30mph speed limit. It was noted that this had been considered by the village some time ago and it had been agreed not to request a speed limit in the village. It was **agreed** that it may be time to revisit this decision and to add this to the next agenda.

A member of the public reported the problem of light pollution from some properties in the village. It was **agreed** to consider adopting the Dark Skied Festival planning statement at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:27pm.