

WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL held at Theale Village Hall, on
Wednesday 18TH August 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors:, Mr D Kirley (Vice - Chair), Mr D Cox, Mrs G Cousins, Mrs B James-Lloyd,
Mr A Landers, Mrs E Mulliner, Mr A Smith, Mr P Tinney, Mrs S Worrall,

In Attendance: Mr. R Pring (Clerk), Mr D Hughes, Mr & Mrs Bodley, Mr A Ager, Ms K Bishop,
Mr B Woodruff.,

21.08.1. **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs I Beacom, J Candy, P Costello, J Farley,
J Newton, S. Thorogood, D Huxtable (SCC)

21.08.2. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - Nil

21.08.3. **TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Nil.

21.08.4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JULY 2021** – Cllr Smith noted that an amendment to item
2 in the minutes needed clarification and had offered a form of words which was acceptable to
all. **RESOLVED: that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record
of the previous meeting with the agreed amendment.**

21.08.5. **MATTERS ARISING** – Nil

21.08.6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Nil.

21.08.7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Audit of accounts** - 25th June 2021 – 22nd July 2021 - Cllr Beecom and Cllr Mulliner
reported that all was in order.

b) **Accounts for Payment** – as per the following list

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BACS	M Isgar	Repair notice boards at Blackford	£159.00
DD	Mainstream	Phone calls	£0.40
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at Council Rooms	£60.33
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at Car Park	£87.43
BACS	W Jackson	Grass cutting, hedge and cemetery work	£1545.00
BACS	Mrs R Stevens	Clean Council Rooms	£25.00
BACS	R Pring	Clerk's expenses	£39.45
BACS	D Summers-Cook	Clean & lock toilets and consumables	£286.50
BACS	Water2Business	Water rates Council Rooms	£50.71
BACS	Sedgemoor DC	Bin emptying and litter picking	£487.66
BACS	Green Wedmore	Grant for wildlife project	£533.00
BACS	Mr T Hoole	Contribution to ground works side of Council Rooms	£135.00
BACS	SALC	Training course	£30.00
BACS	Water2Business	Water rates public toilets	£190.30
DD	Sedgemoor DC	Clerk's salary	£1756.79
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at toilets	£9.12
BACS	Water2Business	Water rates at cemetery	£20.49
BACS	Theale Village Hall	Donation in memory of Ex Cllr E Badman	£30.00
BACS	Clarity Copiers	Photocopy charges	£7.80
BACS	SALC	Training Course	£30.00

CARD	Spanglefish	Website annual subscription	£29.95
BACS	SALC	Training Courses	£150.00

21.08.08 **TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GRANT GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION FORMS -** Cllr Smith had circulated a form of words to amend the grants policy and procedures and proposed that it be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Worrall and agreed. **ACTION - AS**

21.08.09 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HALL IMPROVEMENTS AT THEALE -** The Chairman of Theale Village Hall Committee, Mr David Hughes addressed the Council and said that the hall was vital to the life blood of Theale residents. It was church owned so didn't qualify for the various grants being offered by the Government during the pandemic. The hall lease was under negotiation and the hall had severe water damage due to flooding which would need the removal of the floor and installing heating to rectify the issues. The committee were applying for CIL funding towards the £35k restoration project and would appreciate any support the Council could give.

21.08.10 **TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENTS IN RELATION TO THE PANBOROUGH INN -** Cllr Worrall as Chair of the PC Planning Committee reported that the committee had originally objected to the change of use but was over-ruled by the Planning Authority (Sedgemoor DC). She noted the result of the judicial review but felt that until Sedgemoor DC came back with a renewed application there was nothing further to comment on.

21.08.10 **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTING A NEW MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL -** The Clerk had previously submitted an application for co-option by Andy Reeson of Latcham. Proposed by Cllr Landers and seconded by Cllr Cox that Mr Reeson be co-opted. This was agreed by the members. – **ACTION Clerk**

21.08.11 **ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS -** Cllr. Worrall said that a meeting to discuss "Wedmore by Lamplight" was to be held on 15th September. She felt that in the current circumstances it was important for the event to take place. Cllr Kirley, Cousins and Cox offered to attend the meeting. Cllr Kirley had been in conversation with the chair of "Green Wedmore" in order to form a closer relationship. A meeting was due to be held in September and it was hoped 2 Councillors would be part of the liaison process, He had also been in contact with the local police to further the "Speed Watch" project within the village. Cllr Smith updated members on the Speed Indicator Device project. Cllr James-Lloyd said that parents who had seen the cycling signs in Blackford were keen to purchase them. The Clerk updated members on the situation with the public toilets at Wedmore Playing Fields. Cllr Mulliner offered to speak with Wedmore First School to find out if their cleaner would be willing to help clean the toilets.. Cllr Smith updated members on the position with the proposed new medical centre in Wedmore. Pre-planning advice was being sought.

21.08.12 CORRESPONDENCE

Item	From Whom	Subject
	ALL CIRCULATED	

21.08.13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Cemetery – Hedge cutting required but in hand
- Facilities Allotments, Footpaths & Green Issues – Blockage in one of the ladies cubicles at public toilets. Possible collapsed pipe. Drain specialist coming next week.
- Finance & General Purposes – Nil
- Housing – Nil.
- Highways – Meeting 29th September.
- Planning – Meeting 8th September
- Human Resources – Meeting after summer holidays

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- IOW News – Residents of Theale thanked for their help with distribution. £15 donation to “Theale Link” magazine
- Play Areas – Meeting September
- SALC – Nil
- Wedmore Playing Fields Management – Nil.
- Village Halls – Blackford AGM last night. All offices filled and bookings good. Wedmore had a comedy event last week which was well supported.
- Twinning – Nil
- Green Wedmore – Current chair stepping down at AGM end of September. The cook book was selling well and the Green Group were seeking grants to upgrade affordable houses.

21.08.14 MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

- (a). Chairman – Nil
- (b) Clerk – Nil.
- (c) Members – Nil

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.17 pm