

# Wetton Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of Wetton Parish Council Meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

**Meeting opened at 7.30 pm**

**Meeting closed at 8:50 pm**

Signed by Councillor Mark Goodridge .....

Chair of Wetton Parish Council

Role	Name	Present	Interests declared	Dispensation requested	Confirms minutes	Confirms Finances	Notes
Chair	Mark Goodridge	Y	N	N	Y proposed	Proposed 652,655, 659 seconded 657	Cheque payments during lockdown signed
Councillor	Margaret Hodgkinson	Y	N	N	Y	Proposed 653 seconded 656,660	
Councillor	Lucy Powis	Y	N	N	Y	Proposed 654,657,658	
Councillor	Graham Stubbs	Y	N	N	Y	Seconded 654	Cheque payments during lockdown countersigned
Councillor	Carol Kimberley	Y	N	N	Y seconded	Seconded 652,653	
Councillor	Diana Higton	N	N	N			apologies
Councillor	Denise Noble	Y	N	N	Y	Proposed 656 seconded 655,658	
Principal Councillor	None	N					
Lengthsman	Dan Hackett	N					
Public Visitors	Nicky Drummond	Y					

Agenda item 1	<b>Legal Formalities regarding Interests and Dispensations, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising</b>
Minute 03/02/20/01	The Chair handled all formalities and requested whether any Councillors had any pecuniary interest in any agenda items including planning applications, or required any dispensation. Interests were declared as per attendance table above. The minutes of the previous meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020 were agreed and approved.
Agenda item 2	<b>Public Speaking and Announcements by Principal Councillors</b>
Minute 03/02/20/02	2.1) Car parking is currently causing a major problem in the village for working farms, businesses, residents and commuters, due to large numbers of day-tourism visiting Thor's Cave as a local attraction, advertised by amongst others, the Nation Trust. The lack of other attractions being open, such as hospitality venues and Alton Towers, means that the influx is significantly more than experienced in other years. Although, as part of SMDC guidelines, the Playground should not be open, Wetton Parish Council had opened the field on Saturday 20 June to be used as an overspill car park to alleviate the immediate problem of the large number of cars arriving in the village. In excess of 50 cars were parked in the field within the space of an hour. To manage the parking in the short term, WPC will obtain signs to direct cars to park on cordoned off area of the playing field by the next weekend. Councillors Lucy Powis and Mark Goodridge to send sign wording to Clerk to get signs made. National Trust website is currently advertising start of walk to Thor's cave from Wetton village. Clerk to request NT to change advice on website – propose to add wording about using only designated car park areas.  For the longer term, WPC will assess in the coming weeks what impact the signage and overspill parking has on the parking problem in the village, how the national situation develops with respect to hospitality and leisure venues re-opening before making further decisions on other parking improvement suggestions.
Agenda item 3	<b>Report by lengths-person and response from Councillors</b>
Minute 03/02/20/03	3.1) Dan Hackett has had strimmer repaired but is waiting for further repair work - completion expected on Tuesday. No invoices available this meeting. Village green done once or twice so far this year.
Agenda item 4	<b>Highway Defects to report to Staffordshire County Council Highways</b>
Minute 03/02/20/04	4.1) Nothing to report.
Agenda item 5	<b>Periodic Review of Council Policies</b>
Minute 03/02/20/05	5.1) Wetton Barns holiday cottages. Police have been involved but have passed issue to trading standards. Other holiday cottage operators have abided by the Covid-19 regulations and lost revenue, whilst the Wetton Barns Holiday Cottages breached the UK government regulations and continued to accept new bookings and have frequent change-over of visitors. Clerk to draft letter of complaint to Chatsworth Estate and to Police and Crime Commissioner.

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Minute 03/02/20/06	6.1) Application <a href="#">NP/SM/0320/0291 Planning Application Air source heat pump install Manor House Back Of Ecton Ecton</a> 21/05/2020 Clerk to report no objections from Parish Council.																																																												
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Minute 03/02/20/07	7.1) It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter in reply to the email of Lynne Imeson explaining decisions and actions to be taken by the Parish Council.																																																												
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Minute 23/09/23/09	8.1) Mower to be examined before next meeting. Churchyard mowing still being done by old mower. Church to be opened for private prayer for 2 hours a day.																																																												
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