**WIGMORE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 10 August 2017**

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| **PUBLIC SESSION : Members of the public present: 1** |

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|  |  | **ACTION** | |
| **1** | **Present:** Vic Harnett (VH)(Chairman); Graham Probert (GP); Alan Dowdy (AD); Helena Leclezio (HL); Bryan Casbourne (BC); Kevan Perkins (KP); Jenny Johnson (JJ); Gill Bilbrough (GB).  **Apologies**: Clare Major (CM); Ward Councillor Carole Gandy.  **In attendance**: Jano Rochefort - Clerk (JR).  **Declarations of Interest:** None. |  | |
| **2** | **Planning:** To consider the following application:  172463 – Old Blacksmiths Yard, Leinthall Starkes – Proposed forestry workers dwelling.  VH invited the member of the public to make comments on this application which were as follows:  Concern that this development would be the start of housing ‘creep’ from Leinthall Starkes to Elton.  That the business Powerline Services had moved out of the site some time ago and was now based in Leominster so there was now no need for a forestry workers dwelling on this site.  That the Design & Access Statement contained several other inaccuracies – Mrs Jones’ house was up for sale so presumably intending to move out of the village; have never seen 16 workers at this site; where are the security cameras that recorded a recent break in.  Discussion followed agreeing with much of what had been stated above – that the site was not active as the business had been moved to Leominster; that the site was well outside the village settlement boundary and as such would be contrary to the Neighbourhood Development Plan which proposes infill within the settlement boundary; that the reasons for refusal of the previous application were still applicable i.e. that the case for a forestry workers dwelling at this site had not been made.  It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the council objected to this planning application. | **JR** | |
| **3** | **Finance:**  **Payments** from the budget as shown below were **APPROVED** unanimously. | **JR** | |
| **4** | **Any Other Business:**  4.1 Churchyard maintenance quotes for tree removal –It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Alan Jones Tree Surgeon to remove the tree and leave the waste neatly on site.  4.2 Churchyard maintenance quotes for making safe the chest tomb – councillors agreed that the quotes from two stonemasons were unacceptable. The clerk was instructed to contact local builders to see if any were able to do the work. | **JR** | |
|  | **Date of next meeting: Monday 11 September 2017 at 8pm.** |  | |
| **The meeting closed at 8.50pm** | | | |
| **FINANCE – AUGUST 2017** | | | |

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| **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS** | | | | |
| **BALANCE 27/0717 – £34,785.28 \***  RECEIPTS: £799.50 (BT Openreach Wayleave payment)    Uncleared cheques: £216.00  £521.25  **Total: £737.25**  NOTES:  EARMARKED RESERVES: £8014.48 Bury Lane Playing Field *(Goalposts - £899 paid for out of Comm. Field Fund; Topping field - £156 & £216; Playground inspection - £60.72 & £79.80; Land Registry - £80));*  £117.98 P3 scheme (*Wigmore Castle footpath upgrade - £813.58; Wigmore footpaths maintenance £216 ; PPO equipment £52.44 - from 2014-15 P3 fund);*  £1884 Election fund *(Full Term elections - £116)* £1140 Signage *(Road sign ‘Parking residents only’ - £60*); £3000 Parish Council match funding for Lenghtsman/P3 schemes.  TOTAL: (Earmarked reserves (£14,156.46)  RESIDUAL AMOUNT(Bank balance – Earmarked reserves & uncleared cheques): £19891.57 | | | | |
| **i)** | **PAYMENTS from General funds** | | | |
|  | **Supplier** | **Item** | **Amount £ incl. VAT** | **VAT £** |
| 1 | Npower Ltd | Street Lights (1/4/17 – 30/6/17) **\*** | 145.21 | 6.92 |
| 2 | Plusnet/ Dir Debit | Broadband (July/Aug) @ £33 per month | 33.00 | 5.50 |
| 3 | J Rochefort | Clerk’s July 17 salary £337.76 + working contribution @ £18 p.m. | 355.76 | - |
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| **TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM PRECEPT / COMMUNITY FIELD FUND** | | | **533.97** | **12.42** |
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| **ii)** | **PAYMENTS FROM LENGTHSMAN / P3 FUNDS** | |  |  |
|  | **None** | |  |  |

**\*** Npower invoice received shortly after July meeting and required immediate payment. This payment was authorised by the chairman, and duly made. The payment of £145.21 has been cleared at Lloyds Bank and is included in the July bank statement.