

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF WICKHAM ST PAULS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 18th August 2022, AT 7.00pm**

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Stokes
Present Cllrs. Cllr. J. Barlow, Cllr. M. Cooper, Cllr. C. Groom
Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob

Also, present one member of the public.

22/090 Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. I. Ward and Cllr. P. Snazell (Due to family commitments).

22/091 Declaration of Interests.

None.

22/092 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No comments made by the member of the public.

22/093 Dredging the Village Pond near the Village Hall.

Due to the specialised nature of the work required the Parish Council were only able to obtain two quotes, as follows: -
Quote 1.

The cost to remove the silt from your pond will be in the region of £35-£40K. +VAT.

If it's dried mud/silt, then we would have to use a combination unit (a tanker that can both jet high pressure water and suck/remove waste, to get things mobile enough to be able to load).

As a guide:

150 tonnes Large Combi Unit (Jet-Vac tanker) x 9 shifts

Quote 2.

£720.00 per day for digger, tractor and trailer, it will take 4/5 days all plus VAT. So around £5,000.00 inc vat.

Note: The first quote is for the pavilion side pond only. The second quote is for the two halves. Both these quotes were discussed and considered and the Parish Council voted to accept quote number 2 for £5,000.00 inc VAT

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Barlow, all in favour, resolution passed.

Also discussed were the overhanging tree/hedge branches which will need to be cut back at a cost of £270.00.

Proposed by Cllr. Cooper, seconded by Cllr. Barlow, all in favour, resolution passed.

22/094 Telephone Box.

Equipment has now been reinstalled by BT and a battery unit which will require to be changed by BT every six months at no cost to the Parish Council. The Parish Council decided that this should remain a working telephone box.

It was noted that there is no light in the box.

Proposed by Cllr. Barlow, seconded by Cllr. Cooper, all in favour, resolution passed.

22/095 Items for next agenda.

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item, LGA 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified therefore the council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

Pro-forma invoice required for Fireworks so it can be listed on the September agenda for approval and payment, any other agenda items to be sent to the Clerk so that they can appear on the next agenda.

22/096 Date of Next Meetings.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 27th September 2022 (7.30pm)

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 29th November 2022 (7.30pm)

Meeting closed at 7.18pm.

Signed (Chairman).....

27th September 2022