

**The following are the minutes of a meeting
of Great Wishford Parish Council
held at St Giles Church on Thursday 17th March 2016**

Present

Mr T Nash, Mr P Dewey, Ms J Blenkinsop, Mr G Dewey, Mr S Noble, Mrs D Ridgley, Mrs S Gearson, Mr D Henry and Ms A Francis.

1. Apologies

Cllr I West

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 14th January 2016 were agreed and signed

3. Trees in a conservation area

Ms Francis was invited to speak to the council about her concerns regarding the planning process for work to trees in a conservation area. She has lived in the village for many years and enjoyed a great degree of privacy. The recent felling of trees near her home has opened up the whole area. There is now no notice posted by Wiltshire Council of proposed work on trees. The case officer was on long term sickness, and a series of errors by Wiltshire Council followed that meant that her point of view, and that of her neighbour was not given the attention they felt was merited.

The Parish Council discussed the issue at length, with the Chairman summing up the situation as a really unfortunate breakdown in communication. The homeowner had taken all measures that were needed and was within his rights to remove the trees, But within the confines of a small community, and in the interests of harmony, some greater measure of discussion with neighbours would have been welcomed by those affected.

4. Matters arising

a. Traffic Issues

Ms Blenkinsop and the clerk had attended the CATG meeting to discuss the 20mph limit. It was agreed that it should go ahead. This will hopefully happen before the end of the year, will involve new signage and friction strips on the C10, to Hanging Langford and Wilton.

b. The Royal Oak

Ms Blenkinsop had very positive news to share. The voluntary group had received great support and information, leading to the posting of an advert on 'Find My pub'. This has brought about eight couples to view, and the first people to see it are proceeding with Mr Burrows to agree a lease.

c. Church Clock

An invoice for the service of the church clock had been received. Due to the flooding in Cumbria there was some confusion with accounts. The company has now agreed to send the invoice directly to the parish council and to keep it informed.

5. Payment of Accounts

Cumbria Clocks	174.00
PCC - church hire	20.00
Clerks pay	224.80
Clerks and Council	12.00
Local Council Review	17.00

6. General Business

a. Police Report

Between 20th and 22nd February criminal damage was caused to the wing mirrors of vehicles in South Street. The same weekend the signs on the C10 to Wilton were damaged.

Over the month of February there were three reports of damage to fencing, locks and crops in the Woodford and Great Wishford area, believed to be caused by hare coursers.

b. Queen's Birthday

The purchase of commemorative medals for the children of the village was proposed.

7. Date of next meeting:

Thursday May 20th at 7.00pm - Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm - Ordinary council meeting

8. Any Other Business

a. Parking continues to be an issue on the junction of South Street and West Street, also on the pavement behind Kingsmead. This will be reported in the Parish Magazine.

b. Concerns have been expressed about the use of the churchyard during The Cafe in the Church. The PCC will be informed.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.00pm

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