

Wark Parish Council

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Draft Minutes Parish Meeting 16th June 2021

1. **Appointment of Chair for the meeting.**

Cllr Edward Jeffrey was appointed Chair

Cllr Anne Hutchinson was appointed clerk

2. **Welcome and apologies for absence.**

Apologies R Baty, Cllr Phil Leadbitter

Attendees Cllr Weir, Cllr Jeffrey. Cllr Charlton, Cllr Batey Cllr Hutchinson
County Cllr Murphet

David Haley

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 31st May2020**

- a. No Parish Meeting in 2020 owing to Covid restrictions

4. **Matters Arising.-** None

5. **Chairman's Report** on activities of the Parish Council.

Copies of Cllr Leadbitter's report were circulated

6. **Parking** Owing to irresponsible parking of private cars School buses have difficulty negotiating the safe collection of children from Wark School

County Councillor Murphet will investigate with NCC if parking spaces could be created on the grass in front of the Doctors.

A request for yellow lines to prevent indiscriminate parking throughout the village

A request was made for yellow lines at Beaufort House, Peg White's corner and on Church Lane adjacent to West Acres and St Michaels Mount.

David Haley propose 2nd Cllr Jeffrey WPC contact NCC to create a 20mins maximum parking on the highway in front of the Post Office.

Request for a Charging Point for Electric Vehicles

8. **Speeding** - Numerous complaints regarding speeding vehicles and motor bikes through the village. County Cllr Murphet pledged help to purchase a Moving Vehicle Speed monitor similar to the one WPC shared with other Parishes

9. **Wark Area Red Squirrels.-**Volunteers needed to help eradicate the Grey Squirrel that are invading our woodlands and forest.

Cllr Batey gave a brief outline of the aims of the group and hopes to form a group of volunteers. Grey Squirrels are a problem throughout the Parish and need to be eradicated if our Red Squirrels are to survive.

The volunteers would be involved in setting up feeding stations and monitoring them with wildlife trail cameras and documenting which species frequent them. There's also the trapping and removal of the grey squirrels which is the conservation part of the group. It would suit any person who has the time to enjoy the outdoors

10. Celebrations post Covid. Wark Town Hall Committee suggest it would be good for our village life to have some sort of celebration whenever we (hopefully) reach the end of the COVID 19 restrictions e.g. fun events on the Green with refreshments in our Town Hall. We would appreciate the Parish Council's and residents thoughts on this, please.

Councillors agreed that it would support the Town Hall Committee to arrange celebrations

11. As a further aspect of this, would the Residents feel it appropriate for some kind of memorial to be placed somewhere in the village (e.g. a plaque on a Town Hall wall) to remember all those related to/friends of villagers who have been lost to the virus and give thanks for those of us who made it through.

It was agreed to discuss this at the next PC meeting.

12. Celebrations Queens 70th Jubilee

Early days, as the queen is planning an extended holiday, would residents want to celebrate with a sports day/garden party or something similar

Councillors agreed we should show our respects and organise some kind of celebration – will be included on the next agenda.

13. Questions from members of the public.

None

14. Any other issues.

Monday Club

Are looking to recruit new members Ladies are welcome to join

Local Plan

Wark is gradually being overshadowed by neighbouring Parishes and isn't include in the Local Plan for future Housing developments, if we are to retain our school, church, Post office and other services it is important that Wark sufficient Affordable Houses for the younger generation, it was suggested that we carry out a parish Plan and to seek the support of residents. . Cllr Weir and Cllr Jeffrey agreed to convene a meeting to form a committee of residents willing to help and C Cllr Murphet would seek information as to what help can be expected from NCC.

Bin on Village Green needs new liner- Cllr Jeffrey and Hutchinson will source a new liner.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm