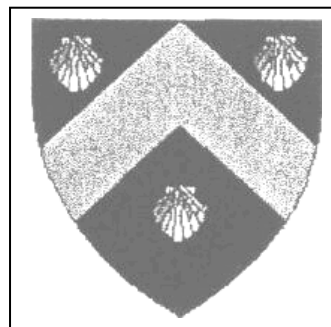


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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020, 7PM THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

**PRESENT:** Councillors Messrs Alvis, Goldsmith, MacKenzie, Savage, Tew and Tyrrell and Mrs Milroy.  
 Miss D. Styles (Clerk to the Parish Council).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public was in attendance.

#### **20/0010**

##### **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies received from Messrs Alms, Bailey, Mitchell, and Mrs Bailey and Mrs Fowler. It was agreed a quorum was present for the meeting to go ahead and continue.

#### **20/0011**

##### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **20/0012**

##### **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the minutes of the Parish Council, held on 16 January 2020, were read and to be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Goldsmith. Unanimously approved.

#### **20/0013**

##### **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Borough** – No report.

**County Council** – No report.

#### **20/0014**

##### **FINANCES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for February 2020, receipts for January 2020 and the financial and management risk assessment document. Proposed by Cllr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Milroy. Payments for February are as follows:

Village Grass Cut	£1519.70	
Office Costs, website, training & Clerk	£1422.43	
Tree maintenance at Cradle	£45.00	
<b><u>Playing Fields &amp; Parks</u></b>		
EON Tennis court floodlights	£10.16	
Norse Wheelie Bin collection, litter pick	£77.52	
Tree maintenance	£156.00	
Receipts for January 2020 are as follows:		
Bank interest	£3.54	
Wollaston Sports Association	£298.78	
PCC Northants Police MVAS	£1513.47	
Northants CC S136 Grant	£995.54	
<b>20/0015</b>		
<b>REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<b><u>Playing Fields and Parks Management Committee – meeting 11.02.2020</u></b>		
New EON floodlight energy supply contract was entered into with reduced daytime rate. The direct debit was reviewed and it was agreed to continue with this.		
The roof of the tractor shed blew off during storm Ciara. It was agreed the clerk will seek to recover cost of demolition of the shed through the insurance company.		Clerk
Play equipment and gym equipment were inspected. Gym equipment was cleaned, no maintenance required on any equipment. Clerk to organise repair of sign falling off main gate to the car park at playing field. No damage to the Pocket Park after the storm.		Clerk
Football is going well at the Sports Association and all trying to be careful with the pitches after their rest over the Christmas period. Hoping to roll the main and top pitches but they will be in use now until May. First team due to play at Sixfields in the Junior Cup in April/May. Dates will be displayed once known. Sunday Vets reported damage to the tractor shed roof. Items were removed and placed in storage. Area has been sealed off as building is dangerous. Western Power disconnected the power. Mr Norris has sealed the power supply meters and power has been reconnected. Clerk to organise relocation of meters to clubhouse. The shed can then be demolished at a cost of £1,400 plus VAT. Memorial benches will be purchased, one recycled plastic and the other crafted. Cricket – juniors still practicing at the indoor nets at Sharnbrook. A Cherry tree will be purchased to replace the diseased tree at St. Mary's play area. The tree that had fallen down over the brook at the PF to the bridge has been removed and the walkway fence has been repaired and earth removed at the clubhouse thanks to Mr Elderton and team. There have been problems existing the car park with vehicles parked on the grass to the entrance. Planted up tractor tyres will be installed to prevent parking at this area. Lighting to the path from the car park to the clubhouse will be looked at.		Clerk
<b><u>Environmental &amp; Highways</u></b>		
The grant monies for the MVAS have been received but there is inconsistency with the price quoted and the amount sent, clerk to investigate and the grant monies set aside to purchase the unit. Cllr Tyrrell agreed with the draft letter to the schools with regard to concerns about road safety and students around the village during school opening and leaving times. Letter circulated to all councillors. It was agreed		Clerk

<p>to send the letter out to the schools and note on the Wollaston Parish FB page. There is a new manned vehicle which can repair potholes without needing an entire team contractors present. Cllr Tew will get in touch with Cllr Martin Griffiths to arrange a media opportunity in Wollaston to promote this as per their conversation during the new development presentation. NCC Highways have line marked the bus bays in South Street and resurfaced the path at Briarwood Way, clerk has sent a thank you. NCC Highways still to move the signs on Bell End for safer crossing and redress the spring on Cobbs Lane. Sue Taylor from Highways vegetation department will be asked to come out to discuss the fallen large conifer on York Road. Thank you to the homeowner who repaired their garden wall backing on to Duck End. Clerk to follow up clearance of brook to the rear of the industrial estate. Keep Britain Tidy, the Big Spring Clean is taking place over March and April and the new Community Environment Team will be litter picking, reporting blocked drains and potholes, clearing paths and cutting back small areas of vegetation obscuring signs on Saturday 28 March at 9.30am at The Hill and on Saturday 11 April 9.30am at The Hill. All welcome, invite uniformed groups and youth groups, refreshments provided 11.30am. Encourage residents to clear outside their own properties. Cllr Tew will submit a personal letter to the Co op for their recent fundraising effort in support of MIND as he attended the event and to acknowledge the response of the deputy manager to our request for anyone who might be interested in joining an Environmental Working Group.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk/ DT DT/ Clerk Clerk Clerk DT</p>
<p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b> The inner fenced at the playing field was pushed out of line. Car stolen in London Road and lots of cold callers with regard to the fallen fences during the recent storms. Fraudulent telephone calls are on the increase particularly in relation to Amazon Prime, Netflix and BT. Tools have been stolen from unlocked vans at work sites and door handles have been tried on front doors. The library opening went well. PCSO Donna Fenner was due to hold a Police Surgery at the library on Tuesday 18 February but was called away on a higher priority issue. Her last Police Surgery was well attended. There have been lots of balloon canisters around the village at the PF and at the Cradle, dangerous to inhale. PCSO next surgery on Saturday 07 March 2020 at the library at 11am.</p>	
<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b> No issues.</p>	
<p><b><u>Footpaths</u></b> No report available.</p>	
<p><b><u>Street Lighting</u></b> Inspected by Cllrs Savage and Tew. No issues. Cllrs Savage and Tew had, with the Landowner's permission, cleared vegetation around the street light at Duck End.</p>	
<p><b><u>Village Hall</u></b> The pre app was rejected by the BCW for an additional floor. Other options will be looked at.</p>	
<p><b><u>Youth Club</u></b> Running well during term time. More leaders are needed on a Thursday evening 6.30 to 8.30 at the Village Hall.</p>	

**20/0016****CLERK'S REPORT**

Pyghtles – Await vegetation cut back on the area opposite the play area and resurface to the bottom of the path at the play area to the allotment path TV18 at the gate. Once this has been completed, the transfer can be signed and the adoption of the area completed. Persimmon not willing to contribute towards the legal fees. Solicitor has capped the fees. Green bin to the steps at the village hall has been requested. After Note: This was replaced today.

BT have put a notice in the telephone box on St. Michael's Lane to advise it will be removed due to lack of use. Residents in the village have asked whether a defibrillator can be placed in the box so one that is central to the village. The clerk will make enquiries. Wollaston Surgery Patient Group may be able to help with funding. It was also discussed whether the defibrillator could be placed at the Co op if the phone box was removed as there will be maintenance and upkeep costs to the phone box for the PC. A dog control order and cctv at the PF has been looked into and dog fouling at the PF continues to be monitored. Dogs should be kept on a lead and walked around the edge of the pitches. PCSO requested to attend the village due to cars being parked up on paths and grassed areas and double yellow lines. PCSO can report cars that cause an obstruction. Parking enforcement company at the CC will be contacted. Lower tree branches removed at the Cradle and area tidied. Heritage sign to be remounted following damage after storm Ciara. Lime trees at Oasis building pollarded. Pot holes and blocked drains reported to Street Dr. Await quote to replace damaged tiles on roof of bus shelter outside Tower Farm. Hinwick Road trees were cut back but unsure who did these works. Working with BCW to ascertain who owns them. Overhanging tree to garden on Cemetery boundary – resident has right to cut back. Grant form sent to Scouts for hoodie funding for forthcoming trip to Switzerland – Youth Grant. Audit training completed, election training booked and Certificate in Local Council Administration to begin over 6 months. Website and FB pages updated, VE celebration meeting to be organised, thank you received from Royal British Legion for donation from collection on Remembrance Parade Sunday. Internal audit booked for 03 April 2020.

Library booked for residents to speak with current councillors about the role of a Parish Councillor and elections – Saturday 07 March 2020 11am to 12.30pm

It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the allotment mowing along TV18 by Mr Gray subject to public liability insurance being available for him under the PC insurance policy. Clerk to organise.

**20/0017****PLANNING****(a) Applications**

SP/19/00498/FUL - 11 Duck End – Application refused.

WP/19/00677/OUT - 15 Raymond Close – 6 new dwellings – Application withdrawn.

WP/20/00019/OUT – 190 Hinwick Road – residential development of 3 detached dwellings and 2 semi-detached dwellings – Awaiting decision. PC objected.

WP/20/00014/PART - Vicarage Farm, 179 Wellingborough Road – Change of use of agricultural building to B1c light industry at Farm Building – Awaiting Decision.

WP/20/008/CND - Wollaston House, High Street – Archaeology trenches investigation – Applied 06.01.2020 – Begin Jan 2020, inspections during Winter

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2020. Application Approved.  
 WP/20/00051/FUL – 196 Hinwick Road – change of use of annex to dwelling –  
 Awaiting decision.

**(b) Any other Planning Business**

**Hookhams Path Development**

PC to meet with developer. Clerk to organise meeting.

Clerk

The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.08pm

Chair.....

Date: .....

Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7pm, Oasis.