

## WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2019, AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

ACTION

**PRESENT:** Councillors Messrs Alms, Bailey (Chairman), MacKenzie, Mitchell, Savage, Simmons and Tyrrell. Mrs Bailey, Mrs Fowler and Dr Goldsmith. Mrs A Young (Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSO Donna Fenner for the open meeting and County Councillor Martin Griffiths until item: 19/013.

#### 19/010

##### **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillors Mr Alvis and M Milroy.

#### 19/011

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

None.

#### 19/012

##### **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, were read and to be signed as a correct record. The Clerk advised that the minute numbering on the December 2018 minutes were incorrect; it was agreed the Clerk will amend.

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#### 19/013

##### **CLERKS REPORT**

- The Pyghtles public open space. Repairs to fence to allotments, low rail fencing and litter bin on play area now been rectified. Persimmon asking for Parish Council to now take ownership but there are still outstanding jobs ie. tree audit, play equipment audit. Clerk to arrange site meeting to discuss way forward.
- Quote gained for village hall kitchen prior to applying for BCW capital grant. However, need builder that can project manage the whole job – electrics, plumbing, decorating and fitting kitchen. Meeting arranged with builder Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb; didn't show up.
- Village Hopper – now been made aware that further grants have been received – hopeful that service is now good for another 2 years with no further contributions from PC required.
- Letters been sent to residents on York Road/Little Lane asking that they reinstate the verge due to damage caused whilst work being carried out on their properties.
- Little Lane due to be closed 15<sup>th</sup> April-3<sup>rd</sup> May – Norse will send letters asking residents to present bins either end of lane for the duration.
- Councillors to complete fresh Declaration of Interest forms as Borough Council website needs updating with up to date declarations, also as there is an extra year before an election. Forms to be returned to Clerk by/at March meeting.

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**19/014****POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Donna Fenner attended the open meeting to introduce herself and to ascertain whether there was a suitable venue available for the Police to use in the village whilst in the area; various options were discussed. Donna will forward the crime statistics to the Clerk. Councillor MacKenzie advised of the cost of a Parking Warden to patrol the village – to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**19/015****FINANCE**

• **Payments for authorisation.** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for February 2019:

A M YOUNG	1062.74
HMRC	160.70
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	400.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1489.90
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	347.76
EON	9.82
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	25.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	32.04
A BAILEY	66.00
DATACENTA HOSTING	150.00

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**19/016****PLANNING**a) Applications

Outstanding application status:

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCoW	STATUS
WP/19/00022/FUL	8-10 Unity Close	Conversion of detached dwelling back to two semi-detached dwellings. Internal walls to be re-instated and rear boundary fence between the two properties restored. A porch will be built on the original footings to no. 8 (within permitted development)	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending.
WP/18/00808/FUL	3 Prospect Close	Single storey side and rear extension replacing garage and sun room.	NO OBJECTIONS	Permitted.

WP/18/00788/OUT	Duckmire, 1 Duck End	Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. detached, one and a half storey, 4 bedroom house on lower garden area of Duckmire. Access taken from Bramley Court (access and layout to be determined at this stage).	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending.
WP/19/00008/FUL	29 Holyoake Road	Conversion of existing covered area into shower room, study and garage/store including the installation of a window to rear. Single storey rear extension and alterations.	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending.
WP/18/00717/FUL	58 York Road	Single storey flat roofed front extension between the existing dwelling house and detached garage to include glass roof lantern. Infill existing door on rear elevation, removal of g/floor window and replace with French doors, remove g/floor window and replace with smaller window.	NO OBJECTIONS	Permitted.
WP/19/00003/FUL	5 The Maltings	Garage conversion to habitable accommodation including removal of vehicle and pedestrian doors. Rear single storey extension. Demolition of an existing front canopy and entrance porch and construction of single storey extension.	NO OBJECTIONS	Permitted.

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b) Any other planning business

Councillor Mitchell reported that following Borough Council of Wellingborough pre-application advice to a prospective developer, no planning application is likely to be received from that party on the Marren building in Eastfield Road.

**19/017**

**REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- **Borough** –Nothing to report.
- **County** – Report from County Councillor Martin Griffiths was received in the open meeting which included updates regarding proposed unitary authorities and confirmation that the County Council had approved their budget for the coming year. RESOLVED to sign the County Council S136 agreement for contribution toward grass cutting costs for 2019/20.

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**19/018****CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR – to consider applications for Parish Councillor vacancy and RESOLVE to appoint a suitable candidate.**

Four applications were received for the Councillor vacancy and these were distributed to Members prior to the meeting. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to speak and ask/answer questions. Following a majority vote it was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr David Tew. The Chairman will contact all applicants the following day to tell them the result.

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**19/019****REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES****a) Environmental & Highways.**

Councillor Mitchell reported the Police/Community Streetwatch Litter Pick on 16<sup>th</sup> February was well attended and achieved a lot.

It was RESOLVED to pay £200.00 to Mr Gray for the grass cutting at the allotments for the coming year. Councillor Savage will inspect his mower.

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**b) Street lighting**

Councillor Savage reported two lamps that were not working.

**c) Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**d) Footpaths**

Councillor Alms advised that Mike Hollowell had bequeathed money for a kissing gate on the footpath near Poplars Farm and will be contacting the County Council Rights of Way department to organise the installation.

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**e) Playing Field & Parks (minutes below)****FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payments made since last meeting:- £27.70 Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying, £28.84 EON for floodlight charges and £500.00 to Cricket Club for grass cutting.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage had inspected the equipment, handed in the reports and all was in order.

**POCKET PARK**

Nothing to report, but was noted that all was looking neat and tidy.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr Silsby reported that an overseas player had been secured for the cricket season, the new scoreboard is to be permanently fixed at the opposite boundary to the pavilion and that a grant was being made to try and sort out the outfield cracked by last years sunny days.

Mr Green reported that all football was going well, but training was not held on the field as the recent wet weather had caused it to cut up badly. He also mentioned that the trouble with dog fouling on the pitches seemed to be on the increase and it was agreed to highlight the matter again to the Parish Council with a view to banning dogs if there was no improvement.

It was also reported that the boilers were now fixed and working correctly, but thanks to Mr Bailey for sourcing an alternative company for further work or servicing if needed.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

It was agreed to power wash the tennis courts, purchase lights for a floodlighting upgrade and obtain a new line marker.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO FIELD**

Mr Perry and Mr Savage had met with Mr Atack regarding a possible using of the courts for tennis coaching. It was said that though we could not hire out courts something may be possible if he became part of the Sports Association. However members were not sure how this would work and suggested that we invite Mr Atack to the next meeting to discuss.

The replacement of the tractor shed was then discussed and Mr Silsby agreed to get drawings done so that a quote could be obtained for a possible Borough Council grant.

The possibility of purchasing equipment for an outdoor gym was discussed and met with general approval. Members were asked to think about possible sites on the field for this.

Mr Mitchell brought to members attention that the Hookhams Path site was moving ahead and we needed to think about what sports facilities we wanted from the developer.

Members discussed various options and need to bear this in mind for the future once talks begin.

**(End of Playing Field minutes)**

**f) Village Hall**

Councillor Goldsmith advised that an industrial size wheelie bin will be in supplied by Norse – who will pay for the extra cost of emptying is still to be agreed. The Clerk and Councillor Simmons arranged to meet a contractor to price up for refurbishing and fitting a new kitchen but unfortunately they didn't turn up.

**g) Youth Group**

A bingo night was held to raise funds. Numbers are steadily rising. There are now two new leaders.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 9.02pm.

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