

## WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018, AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

#### ACTION

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alms, Alvis, A Bailey (Chairman), P Bailey, Goldsmith, MacKenzie, Milroy, Mitchell, Savage, Simmons (left the meeting at 7.20pm) and Tyrrell. Mrs A Young (Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Gibbins, Chairman of Bozeat Parish Council, to ask if Wollaston Parish Council are prepared to contribute to the Village Hopper bus which seeks to retain a Saturday service for Wollaston as the W8 subsidised service ceases on 21<sup>st</sup> July due to Northamptonshire County Council budget cuts. Item 18/078 gives details of the decision made.

3 members of the public to discuss the requirement for commercial users to gain permission from the Playing Field & Parks Management Committee to use the playing field for business purposes. It was agreed that a further meeting with the business owner in question would be arranged as soon as possible to formalise matters, which includes having a copy of their public liability insurance on file.

#### **18/070**

##### **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor Fowler.

#### **18/071**

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

None.

#### **18/072**

##### **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018, were read and to be signed as a correct record.

#### **18/073**

##### **POLICE REPORT**

- Councillor MacKenzie gave a verbal update on Police matters. There have been less dwelling burglaries in the past month but still vehicle break-ins in the area.
- Councillor MacKenzie attended the JAG meeting where locally identified priorities were agreed as: burglaries, speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking. Councillor MacKenzie is hopeful the Police will issue notices at the next JAG meeting (12<sup>th</sup> September) to be put on vehicles parked illegally/inconsiderately; alternatives will be looked at should this not happen.

#### **18/074**

##### **CLERKS REPORT**

- The Clerk has been assisting a resident of Hinwick Road who is still trying to ascertain who is responsible for a large tree that is causing issues outside her property – this issue has been unresolved for the past 8 or so years as no-one from Wellingborough Homes, Borough Council of Wellingborough or the County Council highways are admitting to being responsible. The Clerk will continue to offer assistance to the resident.

- The Wollaston Inn clock is currently reading the wrong time – it was agreed the Clerk should get a cost to service the clock as it has not been serviced since being installed.

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**FINANCE**

- Quarterly budget review.**

Councillors had received a copy of the document below prior to the meeting.

<b>WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2018/19 ITEM</b>		<b>AS AT</b>	
		<b>2018/19</b>	<b>30/06/2018</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
1	PRECEPT	71865	43119
2	GRANTS	0	0
3	GRANT CC A509 VERGES	995	0
4	BANK INTEREST	600	12
5	SPORTS ASSOC	700	0
6	CRICKET CLUB	700	423
7	S106 PAYMENTS	0	0
8	SUNDRY	120	0
9	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>74980</b>	<b>43554</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
10	CLERKS SALARY/EXPENSES	19400	4825
11	GEN ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	5428	1163
12	INSURANCE PREMIUM	500	512
13	AUDIT	600	258
14	SECTION 137	350	102
15	SUBSCRIPTIONS	885	973
16	ST LIGHTING	1000	123
17	GRANTS	6600	4834
18	GRASS CUTTING	16270	4295
19	PLAYING FIELD & PLAY AREAS MAINTENANCE	10000	4373
20	SPORTS ASSOCIATION	700	292
21	CRICKET CLUB	700	423
22	ELECTION COSTS	2500	0
23	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2500	0
24	CONTINGENCY	7547	2548
25	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>74980</b>	<b>24721</b>
26	<b>NETT BALANCE REQD FROM RESERVES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-18833</b>
<b>BREAKDOWN OF 17 (GRANTS)</b>			
17A	VILLAGE HALL	0	0
17B	YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	1000	0
17C	PLAY AREAS	5000	4834
17D	DAY CARE GRANTS	500	0
17D	FIRST RESPONDERS	100	0
	<b>TOTAL GRANTS AS ABOVE</b>	<b>6600</b>	<b>4834</b>

**Payments for authorisation.** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for July 2018:

A M YOUNG	1069.89
HMRC	160.70
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	400.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1489.91
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	348.66
EON	10.77
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	15.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	74.10
EON	77.83
EON	<u>146.72</u>

**3793.62**

### 18/076

#### **FUTURE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILS CONSULTATION EVENT**

The Clerk attended the above consultation for town and parish councils as the representative of Wollaston Parish Council. The consultation was to gauge opinion on the given option of whether a two unitary authority for Northamptonshire was agreeable and discuss whether there were any other options to consider. The outcome was the majority of attendees felt there was not enough information available to agree that a two unitary authority for Northamptonshire was the best option.

### 18/077

#### **PLANNING**

##### a) Applications

Outstanding application status:

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCoW	STATUS
WP/18/00382/REM	Land adj 37 Windmill Close	Reserved matters application to determine access, appearance, layout and scale pursuant to condition 2 of appeal ref: APP/H2835/W/17/3171340 (outline planning permission WP/16/00565/OUT)	Objections – this application should be in line with the Inspectors decision as per the original application permitted at appeal – the area of the proposed dwelling in this application is much larger in scale, is 3 bedrooms and the site plan does not show the garage/annex at 18 Hookhams Path and may have a material effect.	Pending
WP/18/00393/LBC	28 Hinwick Road	Listed building consent to remove rotten softwood window to the rear of the property with hardwood double glazed window to match existing.	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending
WP/18/00415/FUL	26 Thrift Street	Demolition of conservatory. Proposed single storey rear side extension, partial building up of first floor rear projection and a second storey flat roofed extension and the conversion of the loft and side dormer extension.	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending

b) Any other planning business

**Borough Council Housing Plan document consultation – end date 30/07/2018.**

Nothing relevant to Wollaston is within the plan.

**18/078**

**REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- **Borough – The Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough – Main Modifications consultation – end date 21/08/2018.** Nothing relevant to Wollaston is within the plan.
- **County** – Wollaston Library update. The Borough Council of Wellingborough have advised the Parish Council that they have received notification from Northamptonshire County Council that they intend to sell the library premises at Newton Road. As the Parish Council have been successful in their application to list the premises on the Community Asset Register, there will be a six week period where a community group can express an interest in bidding to purchase the asset. The Wollaston Community Library Trust (WCLT) has formally expressed an interest to the Borough Council and there will now be a six month period in which the community group can prepare a business and financial plan and the owner is unable to exchange contracts with any other party.
- Nick Sinnott, on behalf of WCLT, attended the Independent Library Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July; unfortunately there was no-one available to attend from the Parish Council but an update is awaited.
- **Loss of subsidy to W8 Saturday bus service – to RESOLVE to decide whether to pay £600.00 as a one-off payment to retain the service.** Following discussion it was RESOLVED (8 voted for, 1 against and 1 abstention) to pay £600.00 as a one-off payment for start-up costs to the newly formed Village Hopper that will include Wollaston in the route to Wellingborough. This is due to the loss of the W8 service that will no longer be subsidised by the County Council. The Clerk to Cogenhoe & Whiston has been administering this service and has emailed an agreement for Parishes to sign that are willing to contribute to the costs. Having looked at the agreement, the Clerk advised that the Parish Council could be leaving itself open to unknown costs as one clause is to agree to pay towards any losses the service makes; Members further resolved not to sign the agreement.

**18/079**

**REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES**

**a) Environmental & Highways.**

- **To RESOLVE whether to allocate funds to match-fund with NCC for major resurfacing work in Wollaston and to decide how much to allocate**

Councillor Mitchell advised that Northamptonshire County Council are prepared to allocate £30,000 to spend on resurfacing roads in Wollaston if the Parish Council is prepared to contribute £20,000, therefore a total of £50,000 to be spent on resurfacing. Proposed by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Goldsmith, 8 voted for, 1 abstention and Councillor P Bailey against, it was RESOLVED to spend £20,000 using funds from reserves and this year's budget. Councillors Mitchell, Milroy, Alms and A Bailey, along with the Clerk, will visit the sites in the village most in need of resurfacing, with the County Council, to get costings and decide which areas will have the work carried out.

The County Council have new machinery that gives roads a layer of coating to improve the condition – some roads in the village may be suitable and a request will be put forward for work to be carried out.

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**b) Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**c) Street lighting**

Councillor Savage reported all street lights are in good working order apart from several that are currently not lit on Windmill Close.

**c) Footpaths**

Councillor Alms will report to the County Council the overgrown vegetation on the footpath alongside the old recycling centre.

Councillor Mitchell advised that Reverend Adrian Morton and helpers are in the process of clearing ivy from the path adjacent to the Vicarage on Irchester Road.

Signage for the footpath on London Road directing to Grendon is pointing in the wrong direction – Councillor Alms to report.

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**d) Playing Field & Parks** (see minutes below of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July).**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payments made since the last meeting: £7.52 EON for floodlight charges, £59.05

Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying, £3.99 for basketball net, £150.00

Hayeswood to strim the car park and £80.00 to weedkill the tennis courts, £314.28

Barton Petroleum for tractor diesel. The quarterly budget review was discussed – no major unexpected payments to date.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage handed the reports to the Clerk. It was noted that the bench woodwork is in poor condition and will need repainting.

**POCKET PARK**

Simon Norris cut the hedges in the park prior to Open Gardens day on 8<sup>th</sup> July. 6 Scott Bader employees spent a day in the park, using their charity/volunteer time. A lot was achieved in the one day and their assistance is much appreciated. The Clerk has put signs up in the park asking for volunteers.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr Green reported that football training is continuing. The pitches are in reasonable condition.

Mr Perry reported that cricket outfield is cracking due to the unusually hot weather. 240 children attended the school festival. A joint fun day is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> July with the cricket club and junior vics football. The new electronic scoreboard is now being used. The cricket club committee met and discussed further security measures. Wollaston Secondary School has been using the field – the Primary School have been offered the facilities but have not used them to date.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

The Chairman will order a one-person roundabout for St Mary's; to be delivered September and installed by Simon Norris.

Simon has repaired the broken slats on the fence near the bridge at the playing field – there are still a number of outstanding jobs.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD**

Commercial user policy - meetings have been held with any commercial users of the playing field and application forms given for completion. No returned applications as yet – follow up letters to be sent advising that no further sessions allowed until completed applications have been received and official permission granted.

(End of playing field minutes)

**e) Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

**f) Youth Group**

Councillor Alms advised that they had experienced problems with one attendee that was now being dealt with. There are still low numbers attending.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 9.00pm.

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