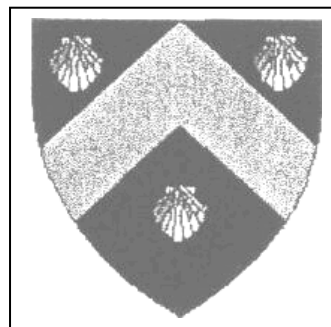


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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020, 7PM THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No members of the public attended.

#### **20/001**

##### **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies received from Cllr Alms.

#### **20/002**

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

None.

#### **20/003**

##### **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the minutes of the Parish Council, held on 19 December 2019, were read and to be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Savage. Unanimously approved.

#### **20/004**

##### **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Borough** – Invited. No report.

**County Council** – Invited. No report.

#### **20/005**

##### **FINANCES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for January 2020 and a payment made outside of December's meeting to Cllr Alvis for Chair's allowance £175. Proposed by Cllr Tyrrell, Seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Payments for January 2020 are as follows:

Village Grass Cut	£1519.70
Office Costs, website, training & Clerk	£1431.92
EON Street lights ¼ maintenance	£65.42
EON Street lights ¼ energy charge	£185.09

### **Playing Fields & Parks**

EON Tennis court floodlights	£34.40
Norse Wheelie Bin collection, litter pick	£62.02
Padlocks - Security	£101.96

It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for December 2019, proposed by Cllr Tyrrell. Seconded by Cllr MacKenzie, as follows:

Bank interest	£3.26
Grant Money Re: professional fees VH	£4,170.00

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quarterly budget for the third quarter to December 2019. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell. Seconded by Cllr Dr. Goldsmith. Unanimously agreed.

Budget to December 2019, as follows:

<b>WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL - AGREED BUDGET 2019-2020</b>		<b>AGREED 2019/20</b>	<b>As at December 2019</b>
<b>ITEM</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
1	PRECEPT	76278	76278
2	GRANTS	10000	28,437.79 (7238 tractor shed, 14,095 gym) (2934.79 preschool for sail) (Duchy VH 4170)
3	GRANT CC A509 VERGES	995	0
4	BANK INTEREST	850	36
5	SPORTS ASSOC	700	0
6	CRICKET CLUB	700	2408.11
7	S106 PAYMENTS	0	0
8	SUNDRY	150	5100.30
8a	INSURANCE CLAIM	0	0
9	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>89673</b>	<b>112,260.20</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>OUTGOING</b>
10	Clerk's Salary/Expenses	20,350	10,398.64
11	Gen Admin/Office	5,365	11,145.11
12	Insurance Premium PC	520	677.09
13	Audit	565	665.00
14	Section 137	330	295.36
15	Subscriptions	1000	1021.55
16	Street Lighting	1000	702.83
17	Grants	6600	24,981.68
18	Grass Cutting	16,600	12,762.95
19	PF & Play Areas Maintenance	10,000	13,342.79
19a	PF Play Areas Capital	15,000	7930 (405 adult gym, 2600 containers 4925 security fence)
20	Sports Association	700	298.78
21	Cricket Club	700	2483.11
22	Election Costs	2,500	0
23	General Maintenance	5,000	154.94
24	Contingency	3,443	882.51
25	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89,673</b>	<b>87,742.33</b>

**20/006****REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES****Playing Fields and Parks Management Committee – meeting 14.01.2020****Environmental and Highways**

Quarterly budget for the third quarter to December 2019 was approved. There is an overspend of £2,940.50 due to tree maintenance. Extra monies have been put in next year's budget to provide for more tree maintenance due. Fence repair to the walkway and earth removal at £300 have been approved. Clerk to organise. play equipment and gym equipment was inspected. It was noted the cross trainer was squeaking, apply lubricant. Residents at St. Mary's play area have opportunity to purchase replacement tree of Purple Plum due to high costs or PC will provide Silver Birch. Vegetation cut back needed at the Pocket Park, shrubs have been damaged on 2 flower beds. Scott Bader security have been emailed to assist once again with the unlocking/locking of gate. The Sports Association have requested a recycled plastic bench in memory of the resident who passed away. Fundraising has been taking place and bench commemoration and presentation of fundraising cheque to MIND to take place in February. 2 other benches requested in memory of 2 other residents. 1<sup>st</sup> team not lost since September and are in the semi-finals of Jnr Cup. A win could see them play at Six Fields, Northampton (PTS Stadium). Reserves struggling but do not lack passion. Vets are getting games subject to the weather. Cricket Club confirmed juniors have started practice in the nets at Sharnbrook. MK Prep School nets another option. Wollaston School were unable to negotiate net practice. 1<sup>st</sup> team invited to forego relegation and stay in Premier Division but decided to decline as they have a new young captain coming forward and the team feel they need to build confidence in Div 1. No overseas players. Cricket AGM Tuesday 21 January 2020, 7.30 The Hill. The pitch had been rested but a 4 x youth teams tournament was unexpectedly hosted. Pitch not then really playable for Vets game, issue of Wollaston being an alternative

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<p>venue to be resolved. Vehicles need to be prevented to park at entrance/exit of car park. Another junior training pitch needed, awaiting opportunity to purchase land in adjoining field subject to Section 106 monies from new development in village. Otherwise monies redirected to 3G pitch at tennis court for football practice. Both pitches need a roll when weather improves, to monitor.</p> <p>VE celebrations proposed at Playing Field Friday 08 May 2020, Picnic In The Park, committee sought. PC public liability insurance covers 200 people, up to 1,000 people will cost an extra £150. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve this by Playing Field &amp; Parks Management Committee and Parish Council.</p> <p>Sports Association and Cricket Club extremely concerned with amount of dog excrement on field. A proposal for a total ban on dogs using the field or cctv was looked at. A suggestion of a fence around the pitches was looked at but games need a run off area. Clerk to request enforcement team (dog warden) to patrol more often as dogs should be on leads anyway. Parish Council will leave this with the PF Committee and will support their decision. Arborists appear to have removed wrong tree, clerk to organise arborists to remove Alder on bridge over brook at play area at PF. Next meeting Tues 11 February 2020, 7pm Hill</p> <p><b><u>Environmental &amp; Highways</u></b></p> <p>The agreement for the MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) has been signed and sent, grant monies should be received by end of January. It was noted Highways had still not moved the signs at the top of Bell End and Cllr Tew was aware some residents may have the impression the PC are not taking the issue seriously enough. Cllr Tew and clerk will chase Highways about the signs and also the line painting of the bus bays in South Street. A young child was struck by a van on Hinwick Road by Wollaston Inn. The van did not stop. Cllr Tew will draft a letter to send to schools to remind children about road safety and be aware of busy traffic especially in the morning rush hour. Councillors were concerned about the number of incidents in the village and a 'Home Zone' of 20mph was put forward. Clerk to investigate. HGV's have been seen using the Hinwick Road, London Road route out of the village. The correct HGV route is Hookhams Path and either turn left to go out of the village via Cobbs Lane or turn right on to Irchester Road to Irchester. The proposed 'Environment Group' which will include litter pick, vegetation cut back, sign cleaning and leaf clearing, as a child has slipped on wet leaves, has had 6 interests so far. Advertise in WASNAV and gain more volunteers. The path sweeper has been requested. A thank you letter will be written to the resident on Hookhams Path who continuously clears up litter there.</p> <p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b></p> <p>Crimes of note in December were circulated and were not including domestic crime as a rise in crimes reported from insecure vehicles such as unlocked work vans having items stolen while owner away from vehicle. Vehicles should always be locked if owner is away from the vehicle. Shoplifting of cigarettes in Newton Rd. Hinwick Road, items stolen from vehicle.</p> <p>PCSO Donna Fenner had a successful surgery at the library on Saturday 11 January as well as a monthly surgery at Wollaston School for students and staff to discuss issues and encourage students to be able to approach PCSO Fenner, should they need to. School is very supportive. Next surgery at the library is Tuesday 18 February 2pm to 4pm, subject to operational needs.</p> <p>No one was available to attend the JAG meeting on Wednesday, apologies sent.</p> <p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>No issues.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DT/ Clerk</p> <p>DT Clerk</p>
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**Footpaths**

No report available. Cllr Alvis had reported potholes in paths on Priory Road to the Street Doctor website. Concrete debris reported by Cllr MacKenzie on path to the side of the Salvation Army hall. Cllr Mitchell will investigate who adopted the path.

**Street Lighting**

No issues. Cllr Savage had checked the maintenance list on the street lights and was happy for the invoice to be paid.

**Village Hall**

There is a possibility the education monies for early years could be released early from the S106 monies from the development in the village. Cllr Simmons has kindly agreed to remain as treasurer on the Village Hall Management Committee and has done a fantastic job in increasing the income and balancing the finances.

**Youth Club**

More members attending. Leaders are needed. All running well.

**20/007****CLERK'S REPORT**

Pyghtles – Breakdown of costs requested again and Persimmon have been asked to make a contribution towards legal fees as there are outstanding issues such as play equipment inspection certificate, tree root damage to path, fencing repairs and surface issue on the path adjacent to the play area which have incurred fees.

Request for litter bin at York Road and junction of Cobbs Lane/Priory Road. Parish Council will monitor. Replacement bin needed for steps at village hall and the bin next to the post box outside the Co op lock is damaged. Clerk to investigate repair of lock or purchase of bin. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a new small green litter bin at £95 + VAT for the VH area and if lock cannot be repaired, a large black litter bin at a cost of £320 +VAT for outside the Co op.

The library is closing for refurbishment at the end of January and the library thanked the PC for the offer of paint. Grand re-launch on Saturday 01 February councillors were invited to attend at 11am with the opening being at 11.30 by children's author Julia Jarman and she will be signing books. Completion of purchase by Ltd Co delayed due to requirements of energy performance certification. The grant of £5,000 was confirmed to the library for the financial period 2020-2021.

Path sweeper requested for Irchester Rd, London Rd and Cobbs Lane, Spring on Cobbs Lane to be redressed or have drainage to storm drain, dog enforcement team requested, FB reports for clearing up dog excrement, development presentation, reporting issues on Street Doctor for residents, VE Day celebrations. Informed BCW with regard to Ltd Co's intention to purchase library, ensure it remains a Community Asset, Hickmire residents confirmed they do cut back vegetation, Church asked to cut back vegetation over light. Clerk to look at lighting and vegetation on Church Lane. Precept, VAT return applied for. BCW advised of Cllr Simmon's resignation and notices displayed of this. Courses booked – CiLCA March to Sept, Audit training on 12 February, Elections training 02 March. Received appreciation from Highways as PC thanked Highways for redressing Doddington Road hopefully helping to reduce accidents. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase Cllr Simmon's leaving present. The Chair proposed a councillor surgery at the library for a Saturday for an hour at the end of February and during March to enable residents to ask about becoming a councillor for upcoming elections in May. Clerk has approached library.

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**20/008****PLANNING****(a) Applications**

11 Duck End – Plans resubmitted – Cllr Bailey had visited the site with planning officer and resident. No reason to refuse planning permission. – Awaiting decision.

15 Raymond Close – 6 new dwellings – Awaiting decision.

10 Hickmire – Elder Tree T11 remove due to alleged tree related subsidence – Application permitted.

Vicarage Farm, 179 Wellingborough Road – Change of use of agricultural building To B1c light industry at Farm Building – Awaiting Decision.

Wollaston House, High Street – Archaeology trenches investigation – Applied 06.01.2020 – Begin Jan 2020, inspections during Winter 2020.

**(b) Any other Planning Business**

Parking at the Hill – Clerk to enquire whether church users on Sunday can use SB car park.

**Hookhams Path Development**

Meeting took place between development, Duchy and Planning Working Party of the PC on Wednesday 08 January 2020 for an initial pre application proposal of the proposed development on Hookhams Path. The working party are of the opinion that the number of houses proposed could be an issue and they were a little shocked at the number of units proposed and will meet with the BCW.

It is believed the Neighbourhood Plan has not been adhered to in that Policy HA1 states “*approximately but not less than 80*”.

The presentation at the Baptist Church on Monday 20 January 2020, 12.30 to 1.45 is for councillors to attend and 2pm to 8.30pm for residents to attend. It is the Duchy and developer’s presentation and the PC is not to lobby or sway residents in their views. Advertising of the presentation to be promoted on FB by clerk.

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**20/009****PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TIME LIMIT OF 2 HOURS WHICH BEGINS AFTER THE PUBLIC OPEN MEETING**

The proposal by Cllr Mitchell of beginning the Parish Council meeting after the public open meeting has finished was discussed. It was RESOLVED to begin the Parish Council meeting after the public meeting. Speakers must advise the clerk if they will be attending the Parish Council Meeting and allow speakers a set period of time to ensure meetings do not run longer than 21.15 hours which gives public open meeting 15 minutes. Cllr Dr Goldsmith Seconded the proposal.

Put to a vote – 10 voted in favour, 1 councillor abstained.

The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Chairman.....

Date: .....

Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7pm, Oasis.

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