

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

ACTION

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs Alms, Alvis, MacKenzie, Savage, Simmons, Tew and Tyrrell.

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Fowler, M Milroy and Dr Goldsmith.

Mrs A Young (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Two residents of High Street to discuss their concerns regarding the potential loss of parking due to Airwair advertising land for sale. There has been a long-standing unofficial agreement that residents can use the Doc Marten shop car park for personal parking. Members of the Council agreed there is already a lack of parking in the village centre but were unable to comment on this particular site until a planning application is received from the Borough Council of Wellingborough detailing the proposal.

PCSO Donna Fenner until item no: 19/025.

19/020

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillors Messrs Bailey and Mitchell.

Councillor Simmons expressed his gratitude for the work Councillor A Bailey had carried out as Chairman, following Councillor A Bailey's resignation. Councillor A Bailey will remain as a Parish Councillor. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Fowler, seconded by Councillor Alvis and **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Simmons as Chairman until May 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Fowler, seconded by Councillor Alvis and **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Dr Goldsmith as Vice Chairman until May 2019.

Councillor Simmons welcomed Councillor Tew to the Parish Council.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

19/022

MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 21st February 2019, were read and to be signed as a correct record.

19/023

REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- **Borough** –Nothing to report.
- **County** – Nothing to report.

19/024

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Donna Fenner reported on crimes during the month, one being another burglary at the Co-op. The Crime Prevention Team and Co-op are working together closely.

PCSO Fenner offered assistance with parking problems at the secondary school – the Clerk will remain in regular contact. PCSO Fenner advised of knife crime prevention initiatives between the Police and the secondary school.

19/024 contd

- **Request by Streetwatch Community Group to install Neighbourhood Watch signs on entry to the village at a cost to WPC.** The signs have already been installed by the Police. The Clerk to ascertain whether funding is still required by the Parish Council and the cost.
- **Streetwatch Community Engagement event – Saturday 6th April 12-3pm Newton Road.** Members were made aware of the event which is being held to encourage residents to become involved in the Streetwatch initiative.

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19/025**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Simmons reported on this item 19/020.

The Clerk advised that she was saddened by the resignation of the Chairman as they had worked together for the previous 4 years.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Fowler did not wish to pursue any action regarding the points contained in the email relating to her having no confidence with the Chairman but that she would like the email to remain on file.

19/026**RESIGNATION OF CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk tendered her resignation to the Chairman on 25th February and this had duly been accepted. Councillors Dr Goldsmith and Mr Simmons thanked the Clerk for her work over the past 13 years.

The job vacancy advert has been submitted to Northants CALC and will be advertised with immediate effect.

It was agreed there should be an Employment Working Party formed of 5 councillors to agree the contract of employment and the finer details of the Clerk's role and working conditions. The members will be Councillors Mrs Fowler, Messrs Alms, Goldsmith, Mitchell and Simmons. The interview panel will be Councillors Mrs Fowler, Messrs Alms and Simmons.

19/027**CLERKS REPORT**

- 1) The Pyghtles public open space. Clerk and Sue Fowler met a Persimmon Homes representative on site. Most work has now been complete with just a couple of outstanding overgrown vegetation issues to be sorted. Ready to instruct solicitors now for transfer of public open space (agenda item 9). Hayeswood Landscapes to meet Clerk on site to price for including on grass cutting/maintenance schedule.
- 2) Clerk and John Mitchell met residents of Francis Dickins Close and secondary school representative on site to discuss overflow vehicles from school parking inconsiderately on FDC. This culminated in non-emptying of green bins one week and difficulty for emergency vehicles to access. School and PC in contact to resolve.
- 3) Two separate enquiries from residents of High Street made to the Clerk to discuss Airwair proposals to sell land for development. There has been a longstanding unofficial agreement in place for residents of the High Street that enabled them to use the Doc Marten shop car park - concerns have been raised regarding this loss.
- 4) PC mobile telephone contract has now expired. Clerk arranging for SIM only deal; hopefully £10 per month, saving £5 per month.

19/027 contd

- 5) Clerk contacted the applicants who were unsuccessful in filling the Councillor vacancy asking if they were happy to be contacted by PC for ad-hoc projects.
- 6) Clerk advised David Tew of new councillor training – booked on a course in June at a cost of £42.00.
- 7) 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.

19/028**TO RESOLVE TO APPOINT SOLICITORS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF PARISH COUNCIL IN THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, AT THE PYGHTLES, FROM PERSIMMON HOMES**

Following discussion and a subsequent unanimous vote, it was RESOLVED to instruct Wilson Browne solicitors to act on the Parish Council's behalf in the transfer of public open space at The Pyghtles. The cost of approximately £1000.00 for the legal work was accepted. The Clerk will write to Wilson Browne to formally instruct them to proceed.

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19/029**FINANCE**

- **Payments for authorisation.** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for March 2019:

A M YOUNG	1099.78
HMRC	161.50
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	396.42
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1489.90
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	347.76
EON	13.99
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	25.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	32.04
THE COMPLETE TENNIS COURT SERVICE	792.00
ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOLLASTON	88.75
NORTHANTS CALC	36.00
WYDELS	3694.32
PITCHCARE	732.00

8909.46

19/030

PLANNINGa) Applications: Outstanding application status:

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	Permitted
Wp/19/00022/FUL	8-10 Unity Close	Conversion of detached dwelling to two semi-detached dwellings. Internal walls to be reinstated and rear boundary fence between the two properties restored. A porch will be built on the footings of no.8 within permitted development.	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending

b) Any other planning business

Councillor Mitchell had distributed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting referring to the sale of land owned by Airwair on the High Street and beyond. Councillors agreed that until a planning application was received there was not much that can be done at this stage.

19/031

REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEESa) **Environmental & Highways.**

Councillor Mitchell and the Clerk have arranged to meet at Bell End following a request by a resident whose child had been involved in a car and pedestrian incident on the way to the primary school.

b) **Street lighting**

Councillor Savage reported all lamps are in working order.

c) **Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

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d) Footpaths

Councillor Alms reported on the consultation received from Northamptonshire County Council regarding proposals to amend access on public byway TV15 towards Great Doddington. Councillor Alms has arranged to meet with the Rights of Way Officer and the Landowner and will report back to the Council.

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Councillor Alms reported he will be meeting with the landowner of Poplar Farm to discuss

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

Payments made since the last meeting: £9.35 EON for floodlight charges, £26.70

Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage will make the inspections and deliver reports to the Clerk.

POCKET PARK

Nothing to report.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Perry reported that the football season is coming to an end and there shouldn't be any crossover when the cricket season starts. All football teams are performing well, with the Vets reaching the County Cup final in Kettering. The youth team are training back down the field. The pitches require some maintenance.

Mr Silsby advised they were unsuccessful in achieving a grant to make good the outfield. Due to timing and lack of funds this area will be monitored and alternative measures may be taken to improve it eg hire a roller and then weed and feed it; this will be discussed at the cricket club meeting next week.

Following the meeting between Storm Tennis, Mr Perry and Mr Savage, Storm were invited to attend this meeting before a decision is made as to whether use of the tennis courts could be granted; Storm Tennis did not respond to the invitation and therefore no further action is required on this matter.

Dogs on field – no more problems than usual were reported. Should the situation worsen it will be necessary to advertise that dogs will be banned from the field if owners do not adhere to the current rules.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the verbal estimate for a replacement brick built tractor shed and associated work does not represent good value for money. A discussion then took place regarding using shipping containers with security fencing located near the batting cage. Mr Green will make enquiries with his contact regarding the purchase of containers. The electricity board will need to be contacted to get an estimate for moving the meters inside the clubhouse.

Section 106 future projects were discussed. Members of the Sports Association advised that an off-site area of land near the proposed development would work well as a training area for the youth teams for both football and cricket and would alleviate the stress on the current resources.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Savage has organised quotations for upgrading the floodlights to the tennis courts – the Clerk was asked to order the materials as soon as possible, in readiness for the electrician to start work in the new financial year.

Mr Perry will order a new line marker which the Playing Field committee will be paying for as a grant.

Mrs Bailey & Mrs Milroy made a presentation on the adult gym equipment project. It was agreed that Mrs Bailey will complete and submit the Borough Council Capital Grant forms as soon as possible.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

The Clerk advised that the tennis courts had been power washed.

The Clerk has been working with Persimmon Homes in the transfer of public open space at The Pyghtles. Work has been completed and solicitors are due to be instructed.

(End of Playing Field minutes)

f) Village Hall

The Clerk has a meeting with a builder to get a quotation for refurbishing and refitting the kitchen.

g) Youth Group

Nothing to report.

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There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 8.41pm.

Chairman.....

