

## WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017, AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

#### ACTION

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSO Rachel Head until item 17/026.

#### 17/022

##### **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor Mr Tyrrell.

#### 17/023

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

Councillor Mr Hollowell – item 17/030 (h) relative of Whitestar Systems CEO.

Councillor Dr Goldsmith – item 17/030 (c) - landowner of footpath TV7.

Mrs A Young – written declaration of pecuniary interest in item 17/027 - partner has quoted for work grant is required for.

Councillor Mr MacKenzie – item 17/027- is on the BusyBees committee.

#### 17/024

##### **MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were read and to be signed as a correct record.

#### 17/025

##### **POLICE REPORT**

- 13 crimes were recorded for February 2017.
- The Clerk has reported via 101 the vandalism of the Norse wheelie bin at the playing field this week. PCSO Rachel Head will forward the crime number to the Police Officer dealing with the previous arson incident at the playing field to see if they are connected.
- PCSO Rachel Head will arrange for the Parish Council to be given updated stickers to place on inconsiderately parked cars.
- It was reported that another armed robbery had occurred at the Co-Op. Following information from PCSO Rachel Head, it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Co-Op Head Office raising concerns of staff and public safety.

#### 17/026

##### **CLERKS REPORT**

- 1) The Youth Club are now in receipt of the £180.00 Empowering Councillors grant from County Councillor Sue Homer.
- 2) Following receipt of the email from Balfour Beatty asking that dog waste bins attached to street lamps are removed, the Clerk has placed a notice on the street lamp on Neale Close informing dog owners that a replacement will be installed asap. In the meantime, a licence is awaited from the County Council Regulations Dept and a list of approved contractors for the installation of a post in the footpath.

- 3) The Borough Council have advised they are waiting for the result of the survey of works required at the Cobbs Lane cemetery in order to get a path to the war memorial. The Clerk and Councillor Mr Alvis will attend the Parishes Forum on 30<sup>th</sup> March and ask that this is discussed.

**17/027**

**FINANCE**

**Payments for authorisation.** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for March 2017:

A M YOUNG	885.29
HMRC	73.92
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	298.76
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1391.13
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	406.62
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	29.76
EON	24.74
DATACENTA HOSTING	150.00
ASP PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	126.00
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	<u>750.00</u>

**Total** **4136.22**

- **To RESOLVE whether to approve a grant of £500.00 as requested by Busy Bees pre-school.** Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to grant £500.00 to BusyBees pre-school to be spent towards garden improvements to the Village Hall.

**17/028**

**PLANNING**

- a) Applications  
Outstanding application status (see next page):

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCoW	STATUS
WP/17/00138/ADV	Verge between Williams Way and Raymond Close, Hinwick Road	2 x v-shaped tenant directory signs (retrospective application)	Objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00137/FUL	2 South Street	Removal of unstable chimney and rebuild gable end.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00135/FUL	7 York Road	Conversion of existing double garage to two storey residential annex and erection of detached garage.	Ask for site viewing for clarification as diagrams inconclusive.	Pending.
WP/17/00083/FUL	98 Eastfield Road	Conversion of garage to living accommodation with single storey front extension.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00068/FUL	Vicarage Farm, 179 Wellingborough Rd	Removal of painted black corrugated cladding and 8 no. steel livestock gates to be replaced by green cladding and a single roller shutter door.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00074/FUL	72 The Pyghtles	Part single and part 2 storey rear extension.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00048/LBC	51 High Street	Demolition of existing ground floor extension and reinstatement of a two storey wing. Installation of conservatory, creation of two basement levels.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00047/FUL	51 High Street	Demolition of existing ground floor extension and reinstatement of a two storey wing. Installation of conservatory, creation of two basement levels.	No objections.	Pending.
WP17/00057/FUL	22 Priory Road	Single storey ground floor extension. Re-submission.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00046/FUL	201 Hinwick Road	Proposed new dwelling on land to rear.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00012/FUL	27 The Gap	Annex extension and garage conversion.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/16/00683/LBC	2 London Road	Moving wall either side of gate within boundary to boundary of property.	No objections.	Permitted.
WP/16/00755/FUL	51 High Street	Proposed extension to an existing garage to provide additional garage space and storage.	No objections.	Permitted.
WP/16/00756/LBC	51 High Street	Proposed extension to an existing garage to provide additional garage space and storage.	No objections.	Permitted.
WP/16/00774/FUL	Vicarage Farm, 179 Wellingborough Rd	New track to allow improved vehicular access to farmyard and provide turning circle for large vehicles including emergency services.	No objections.	Permitted.

- b) Any other planning business  
None.

**17/029**

**REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- **Borough** – The Chief Executive has been made redundant.
- **County** - nothing to report.

**17/030**

**REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES**

**a) Environmental & Highways.**

- There have been ongoing problems with Wellingborough Norse emptying dog and rubbish waste bins in the village. The Clerk will look at prices for larger dog waste bins for London Road as these are the most used.
- Councillor Mr Mitchell reported the community litter pick group are planning a litter pick pre-Easter. It was also reported that Santa Pod workforce have been litter picking.
- Notification of road closure to Hardwater Road has been received from the County Council – investigative work is being carried out 25<sup>th</sup> April-2<sup>nd</sup> May in readiness for when money becomes available for re-haunching.

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**b) Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**c) Footpaths**

- TV3 Irchester Road – ivy infestation. Hayeswood Landscapes quoted £1800 to remove all ivy along the wall on the right hand side of the footpath and to clear all debris. Simon Norris quoted £600.00 for a week's work and £120.00 per day should it take longer. Following discussion, it was decided that the Parish Council would not take responsibility as there is no statutory obligation. Scott Bader will be told about this in case they have another community work day.
- Councillor Dr Goldsmith advised that the farmer farming on footpath TV7 now has sheep in the field and will put up notices informing dog owners that dogs should remain on leads.

**d) Playing Field & Parks** (see minutes below of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March).

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Since the last meeting invoices received as follows: £24.80 Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying and £26.20 EON floodlight energy,

The invoice received from RPM for tennis court power washing will not be paid until we are satisfied that a proper job has been done as it appears that only the courts have been cleaned and not the surrounds.

The Chairman will request permission to carry forward any unspent funds.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage reported that the equipment is in good order. St Mary's play area was discussed regarding the playing of football – may look at installing more equipment so there is not such a vast area to churn up.

The fence between the brook and London Road play area needs some rails replacing – the Clerk will instruct the contractor to replace when he repairs the other part of the fence recently damaged by fire; (the cost for repairs to the fence following fire damage is £200.00.)

**POCKET PARK**

Nothing to report.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr Perry advised that the Crime Prevention Officers have had to take back the temporary security measures on loan but have provided information on equipment suitable for the clubhouse. Mr Perry is currently investigating CCTV options. New security signage is being installed.

The field is being verti-drained 15<sup>th</sup> March – all clubs have been advised. The cost of £820.00 will be borne by the Parish Council as it was felt this was much needed.

It has been a mixed season for the football teams with the first team struggling due to a number of injuries.

Mr Perry reported on an ECB ‘All Stars Cricket’ initiative with involvement by parents – Mr Perry has someone who is willing to set up and ECB will do the marketing.

Mr Green advised the cost for 3G for the football half of the tennis courts will cost £19,000 and £18,000 for the tennis half.

Mr Perry advised that he is still awaiting plans for proposed extension to clubhouse.

The tractor is being serviced on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

Quotes have been received from Door Spring Supplies for replacement kitchen shutter and repairs to internal doors which the Clerk has forwarded to the insurance company. Alongside this quote, the cost to upgrade two remaining shutters is £2,900.00; it was agreed in principle that this would need to be done to aid security.

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

It was reported that dams had been built in the brook and is causing a blockage; the Clerk will instruct the contractor to clear.

Mr Mitchell and the Clerk are meeting with a tennis coach who is hoping to hold an Easter training session for school children.

**e) Street lighting.**

Councillor Mr Savage requested the Parish Council agrees in principle to taking responsibility of the five lights in Windmill Close at an approximate cost of £200.00 pa. Following discussion and a vote it was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Councillor Mr Savage continue to pursue Wellingborough Homes to take responsibility as they agreed to in May 2016. Councillor Mr Simmons advised that Borough Councillor Jonathan Eekins is made aware as he is on the board of directors for Wellingborough Homes.

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**g) Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

**h)Website**

The Clerk has continued to work with Whitestar Systems to get the new website up and Running which hopefully will be live by the end of March.

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

Chairman.....