

## WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

ACTION

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

The Chairman advised that Eileen Higgins has been made a Freeman of the Borough of Wellingborough.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public for the open meeting to discuss the East Midlands Train Franchise consultation.

**17/087**

**APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Mrs Fowler. Mr MacKenzie in attendance at the Borough Council Parishes Forum.

**17/088**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Dr Goldsmith – item 17/094b – the applicant is a client.

**17/089**

**MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wollaston Parish Council, held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, were read and to be signed as a correct record.

**17/090**

**EAST MIDLANDS RAIL FRANCHISE PUBLIC CONSULTATION UPDATE**

As resolved at the September meeting, a response to the above consultation objecting to the proposals was sent to the Department for Transport (DfT). It was reported that the DfT are not planning to publish the responses to their publication prior to going to tender. It was felt that this is not the correct process and that the Parish Council should write to challenge this.

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**17/091**

**CLERKS REPORT**

- Letters have been hand delivered to Pearsons Mews properties requesting wheelie bins are taken in after emptying and advising that any unused bins will be removed by Wellingborough Norse. Two residents have emailed to thank the Parish Council for trying to clean up the area. A follow-up letter will be sent last week of October.
- Persimmon Homes are continuing remedial work to the public open spaces at The Pyghtles. Once hand-over to Parish Council has taken place, a decision will be made as to what extra work may be required to the spring area near the allotment path.
- A response was sent to the County Council regarding retaining bus service number 43. We have since been advised that Centrebus has been awarded the contract for the service to Northampton and that this has been amalgamated with service number W8. The new timetable will commence 1<sup>st</sup> December and a copy will be placed on our website and on the noticeboard.

**17/092****POLICE REPORT**

- No Police representative present or planned presence at any Parish Council meetings. No reports will be sent giving monthly crime figures either. It was noted that there have been a couple of attempted break-ins at the Wollaston Inn. There had been a report on the Community Facebook page that a resident waited over an hour on the 101 Police line and the call was still unanswered. It was agreed that we should write to the Police highlighting the problem.

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**17/093****FINANCE**

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

A M YOUNG	1012.62
HMRC	142.74
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	376.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1460.70
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	406.62
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	70.26
EON	33.22
EON	131.91
EON	77.83
TRINITY LAND LTD	234.00
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	60.00
WOLLASTON CRICKET CLUB	250.00
BARRY GRAY	180.00
SALVATION ARMY	500.00
TOTAL-PLAY LTD	810.00
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	<b>5745.94</b>

- It was approved that payments to EON for floodlight energy charges can be paid by variable direct debit as in the past due to the mistiming between bill dates and authorisation of payments at meetings it had caused us to receive overdue invoices.
- The Clerk has applied for a one year Business Saver account with Nationwide Building Society and plans to deposit £75,000 once open.

- **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW UP TO 30/09/2017.** The following review was considered and accepted with no matters to action.

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL - AGREED BUDGET 2017/18 ITEM		2017/18	AS AT	AS AT
			30TH JUNE 2017	30TH SEPT 2017
<b>INCOME</b>				
1	PRECEPT	70455	42273	42273
2	GRANTS	0	0	0
3	GRANT CC A509 VERGES	995	0	0
4	BANK INTEREST	800	19	40
5	SPORTS ASSOC	1000	0	285
6	CRICKET CLUB	1000	414	414
7	S106 PAYMENTS	0	0	0
8	SUNDRY	150	42	3185
9	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>74400</b>	<b>42748</b>	<b>46197</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
10	CLERKS SALARY/EXPENSES	17350	4537	9074
11	GEN ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	8000	1561	2746
12	INSURANCE	500	500	500
13	AUDIT	600	250	550
14	SECTION 137	600	73	137
15	SUBSCRIPTIONS	950	1213	1213
16	ST LIGHTING (INCL UPGRADES £1000)	1800	303	2760
17	GRANTS	8600	5933	6183
18	GRASS CUTTING	16000	4189	8436
19	PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE	11000	3859	16711
20	SPORTS ASSOCIATION	1000	285	285
21	CRICKET CLUB	1000	414	414
22	ELECTION COSTS	2500	0	0
23	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2500	127	157
24	HIGHWAYS SMALL WORKS	2000	0	0
25	WOLLASTON HWRC	0	0	0
26	NP	0	0	0
27	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>74400</b>	<b>23244</b>	<b>49166</b>
28	<b>NETT BALANCE REQD FROM RESERVES</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>BREAKDOWN OF 17 GRANTS</b>				
17A	VILLAGE HALL	3000	5333	5333
17B	YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	1000	0	0
17C	PLAYING FIELD CAPITAL	4000	0	0
17D	MISC	0	0	750
17E	DAY CARE GRANTS	500	0	0
17F	FIRST RESPONDERS	100	100	100
	<b>TOTAL GRANTS AS ABOVE</b>	<b>8600</b>	<b>5433</b>	<b>6183</b>

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**17/094****PLANNING**a) Applications

Outstanding application status:

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCoW	STATUS
WP/17/00590/FUL	8 Redhill Crescent	First floor front extension.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00597/FUL	Wollaston House, 51 High Street	Alterations and additions to a Listed dwelling house comprising reconstruction of a wing which was demolished in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, the addition of a conservatory and the creation of a new basement	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00598/LBC	Wollaston House, 51 High Street	Alterations and additions to a Listed dwelling house comprising reconstruction of a wing which was demolished in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, the addition of a conservatory and the creation of a new basement	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00572/FUL	54 Irchester Road	Single storey and two storey rear extension	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00515/OUT	Duckmire, 1 Duck End	Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 2 no. new dwellings (access and layout to be determined at this stage)	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00482/FUL	25 London Road	Dropped kerb vehicle access and associated engineering works.	No objections.	Refused
WP/16/00438/FUL	Flat 3, 10 Fellows Close	Conversion from 1 x 2 bedroom flat to 2 x 1 bedroom flats	APPEAL. PC OBJECTED	Pending.

b) Any other planning business

Councillor Mr Mitchell reported on the planning application for an inert waste tip on Gypsy Lane, Irchester. The Borough Council and Irchester Parish Council, both as consultees, objected to the application received via the planning authority, Northamptonshire County Council. The Chairman will ask County Councillor Martin Griffiths if he will be attending the County Council Planning Committee to support the objections raised by Wellingborough Council and Irchester Parish Council.

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- **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – no representative in attendance. Northamptonshire County Council are due to discuss their options at their Cabinet Meeting today in relation to budget cuts having to be made. Part of the cuts will include a review of libraries; options are being discussed whether to retain the 8 largest libraries in the County, whether to retain 15 of the libraries or whether the smaller libraries can be run as community led. The official consultation is awaited. County Councillor Martin Griffiths has expressed an interest in meeting to discuss the options for Wollaston Library – it was agreed that once the consultation was received, contact will be made with the Friends of Wollaston Library group.
- **BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT**- Councillor Mr Geoff Simmons advised that the Boundary Commission, following their recent review of boundaries in this area, have decided that Wollaston boundary remains unchanged.

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**17/096****REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES****a) Environmental & Highways.**

Councillor Mr Mitchell advised that the County Council had overseen some major tree work along York Road.

Wellingborough Norse are now happy that their lorries are able to travel safely down Little Lane and will continue to empty wheelie bins.

Northamptonshire County Council were unsuccessful in their attempts to secure funding from central government for major work on Hardwater Road – they will still be spending the previously allocated £45,000 to carry out as much work as possible.

The Clerk will contact Northamptonshire County Council to find out when the replacement signpost will be in situ at the corner of Howard Road/Hinwick Road.

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**b) Street Lighting.**

Councillor Mr Savage advised that any faults had been reported.

**c) Cemetery.**

Wellingborough Norse have started work on the new footpath to the war memorial – due to be complete 26<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be no Police presence at the Remembrance Parade this year. All other plans are as previous years.

**d) Footpaths.**

TV2 near the Recycling Centre needs clearing; the Clerk to contact the County Council.

Councillor Mr Hollowell advised that the millennium trees along Podington Road need pruning; Councillors Messrs Bailey, Hollowell and Simmons will attend to.

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**e) Playing Field & Parks** (see minutes below of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October).

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payments made since the last meeting: £12.38 EON for floodlight energy, £20.00 Simon Norris for clearing car park drainage grill, £46.84 Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying, £104.76 Barton Petroleum for tractor diesel, £255.00 Trinity Land for septic tank emptying, £2827.42 Door Spring Supplies for replacement shutter following insurance claim money received and £3170.00 Northants Drainage as work to replacement pipe now complete.

Quarterly budget review up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – figures were discussed – mostly in line with budgeted figures apart from emergency pipework required totalling £3,570.00.

Anglian Water Authority has not yet been in contact regarding water payments.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage handed the reports to the Clerk. The Clerk to order replacement sign for St Mary's multi-play equipment as this has been removed. There had been a report that the flying saucer swing at St Mary's has one leg that needs further securing – following inspection, Mr Savage advised that it slightly moves when pushed and will undoubtedly move when large amounts of users are on at the same time; to be monitored.

Persimmon Homes are continuing with remedial work to the public open space at The Pyghtles – due to be complete sometime in October.

**POCKET PARK**

It was reported that Scott Bader had removed ivy on the wall on the right hand side.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Barbell & Boobies fitness club asked permission to use the floodlights for one hour per week on a Tuesday – a key has been organised for the floodlight box and payment of £3.50 per hour will be made. The club reported a problem with the lights tripping out – M Essam electrician has investigated and believes it to be vandalised boxes on the light poles with water getting in – this has been fixed.

Mr Green advised that the youth football are arranging for updated bulbs to be installed in the floodlights and was given permission to add an extra light on the pole facing on to the storage container.

The Clerk wrote to Irchester Romans football club asking that they stop using the field for their practice – no-one has since made contact but they have ceased using our facilities.

Mr Green advised that a new line marker is required, which they are currently shopping round for.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

None.

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

Mr Hollowell (via Mr Bailey) advised that he had cut back overgrowing vegetation to the woodland so that it can continue to be mown – no-one was at the meeting that cuts the grass so this will be further discussed.

A request had been received for use of the field on 21<sup>st</sup> October to hold a kite flying event – the field will be fully used on that day for football training and a cup match – the Clerk to advise that permission will not be granted for that day but a day during the week or on a Sunday could be arranged if required.

The Clerk will ask Simon Norris to look at putting another step onto the bridge into the field from footpath TV7 as there is a large drop.

It was agreed that meeting dates will remain the second Tuesday of each month unless the Parish Council meeting falls in the same week, in which case the playing field meeting will be held on the first Tuesday – the Clerk will send dates in advance and will book the room at The Hill.

The Clerk was asked to contact Wellingborough Norse as the litter picking at the field is not up to standard.

**f) Village Hall**

The committee are looking at installing the doorway between The Oasis and the Village Hall Lounge; some funding may be required from the Parish Council grant.

**g) Youth Group**

Some light fittings are due to be replaced.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 8.34pm.

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