

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018, AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

ACTION

PRESENT: Councillors Alms, Alvis, A Bailey (Chairman), P Bailey, Goldsmith, Milroy, Rooney and Simmons. Mrs A Young (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public to raise the issue of uneven footway in front of houses at Hinwick Road, making it difficult for mobility scooters to pass. It was decided that the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Northamptonshire County Council, Wellingborough Homes and the Borough Council of Wellingborough to discuss this and the large tree that requires work. The matter of trying to ascertain who is responsible for this area has been ongoing for several years and has now got to the point whereby action seriously needs to be taken.

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APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillors Fowler, MacKenzie, Mitchell, Savage and Tyrrell.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

18/082

MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 19th July 2018, were read and to be signed as a correct record.

18/083

POLICE REPORT

- Councillor MacKenzie was not in attendance but sent the Clerk a written report. Ongoing from JAG meetings – still no production of inconsiderate parking stickers.
- It was noted that there have been several thefts from vehicles at Summerleys – Clerk to contact the Wildlife Trust to suggest warning notices. Aternote: Wildlife Trust now aware and will replace notices if necessary.

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CLERKS REPORT

- Wollaston Library update. The County Council has advised they have paused any previously proposed changes to the local library service for the time being whilst they are in conversation with the community groups.
- Village Hopper update. At the review meeting it was decided that due to the loss of Castle Ashby support, there is now time for the village hopper to run a service four times a day Monday to Friday from Wollaston to Northampton, from 1st October. The Clerk will advertise the new timetable on the website.
- The call-out cost for an engineer to look at the Wollaston Inn clock is £250.00. It was therefore agreed to wait until the clocks go forward in the Spring and ask Simon Norris if he can maintain it.

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- The 3 Wollastons Charity Run. A resident has made contact advising of his intended run for charity between the 3 Wollastons in England. The Parish Council is unable to financially support this but the Clerk has managed to get a pledge of a £30.00 donation from Oxford Innovations.
- Wellingborough Norse responded extremely quickly to clear debris from the A509 verge following a major road traffic accident near the roundabout which also took out a street lamp.
- The Clerk has contacted the Air Ambulance to ask if the Parish Council can assist by supplying a map of the village and suggested suitable places to land should there be an emergency in the vicinity. The Chief Pilot will respond if he feels additional information will be of benefit.

18/085

FINANCE

- **DAY CARE GRANTS.** Two completed applications were received from the five sent. It was RESOLVED to grant £300.00 to the Methodist Luncheon Club and £200.00 to the Salvation Army Over 60's Club.

- **TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2018.**

Proposed by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor Alvis and unanimously RESOLVED to approve and accept the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2018. There were no matters arising in the report from LKF Littlejohn LLP auditors that need to be actioned. Councillor Simmons congratulated the Clerk on another successful audit.

- **TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BATTERY FOR VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN.** It was agreed to spend £80.00 on a new battery for the portable vehicle activated sign; if this does not resolve the issue a further £60.00 will need to be spent to purchase a new charger. It was agreed that a price should be sought for a new device for consideration in the budget for 2019/2020.

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

A M YOUNG	1082.73
HMRC	160.70
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	400.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1489.91
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	349.46
EON	3.03
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	15.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	72.90
JOHN HICKS	173.88
COGENHOE/WHISTON VILLAGE HOPPER	600.00
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	20000.00

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It was RESOLVED to authorise the following payments for September 2018:

A M YOUNG	1062.54
HMRC	160.90
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	400.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	2203.90
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	348.66
EON	13.48
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	15.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE LTD	72.90
SIMON NORRIS	159.60
INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE	35.00
PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP	360.00
ST MARYS CHURCH WOLLASTON	48.20
WOLLASTON CRICKET CLUB	2654.00
GRAIN HANDLING SERVICES	1063.20
G F KIDMAN	275.04
	8872.46

- **To approve payment of approximately £100.00 for additional dog fouling bin Hinwick Road (end of allotments).** It was RESOLVED to purchase a bin for installation at the end of the allotments near Hinwick Road due to an increased amount of dog fouling in the vicinity.

18/086

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)	Following original objections from the PC, the applicant decreased the size of the development and reverted back to a two bedroom dwelling. PC withdrew objections.	Approved
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	Approved
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.	SOME AMENDMENTS. ONLINE PLANS NOT CLEAR – ASK BCW FOR SITE VIEWING TO CLARIFY WHETHER THIS CAN BE CONSTRUED AS OVER DEVELOPMENT.	Pending

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCoW	STATUS
WP/18/00521/FUL	2 Little Lane	Proposed single storey side and rear extension, new chimney stack to east, removal of window on south with new door access and spiral staircase, amendments to fenestration incl new windows and doors, juliet balcony, recladding of building in rendering with boarding above and internal alterations.	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending
WP/18/00569/LBC	21 Duck End	Listed building consent for replacement of the three front windows	NO OBJECTIONS	Pending
WP/18/00236/PAJ	28-34 Eastfield Road	Appeal against decision to refuse : Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from office use (Class B1 (a)) to dwelling houses (Class C3) – 4 units.	The PC has previously made a very thorough case for objection. This will be forwarded to the Planning Inspector by the BCW. It was agreed there was nothing further to add to these comments.	Pending

b) Any other planning business

Councillor Mitchell had distributed an update to Members of the Council prior to the meeting – the Duchy of Lancaster are in advanced discussions with a developer with regard to the land east of Hookhams Path. A date is awaited from them to meet to discuss their proposals and details within our Neighbourhood Plan.

18/087

REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- **Borough** – Councillor Simmons reported the changes received from the Boundary Commission – Wollaston remains as is.
No news on Unitary Authority proceedings.
- **County** – Apologies received from County Councillor Griffiths.
The County Council has carried out a review of grit bins – no changes to Wollaston. Granby Court, London Road was discussed – there is no sign which is causing confusion for delivery of post. The Clerk to contact Borough Council of Wellingborough to see if they will replace the sign.

18/088

REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES

a) Environmental & Highways.

Following the decision to invest in part-funding highways resurfacing, Bell End/Cobbs Lane, Bell End/Irchester Road junction and South Street have been resurfaced to a high standard. The remaining areas are scheduled for mid-October, these being: York Road, South Street/Queens Road junction, London Road/Hinwick Road junction, a couple of areas of High Street (near Thrift Street/St Michaels Lane) and Poplar Place. Shepherds Hill has had surface work carried out on the patches and pot holes.

b) Cemetery

Remembrance Day – Councillor Simmons has met with the 4 Churches to discuss the order of the day – all to remain as previous years. Councillor Simmons will contact Kerry Woodrow to ascertain whether he will organise the forming-up of the parade. The Clerk has arranged for the road closure for Remembrance Day.

Silent Soldier Silhouette. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to purchase at a cost of £250.00. The Clerk has written to Scott Bader Commonwealth to see if they would be willing to contribute. If further funding becomes available, a further figure can be purchased. Councillor Bailey and the Chairman will visit the Primary School and ask for permission to site the figure at the front of the school. Afternote: the Head Teacher is more than happy for this to happen.

c) Street lighting

No report as Councillor Savage had sent his apologies. It was discussed that street lamp on the verge near the A509 roundabout has now been hit by a car on a couple of occasions – discuss with Councillor Savage whether he thinks it should be in a different location.

c) Footpaths

The Chairman agreed to reposition the sign to Grendon. Afternote: this has now happened. Councillor Milroy has reported some fly tipping at Green Lane to Bedford Borough Council.

Councillor Alms advised that a resident had reported some overgrown vegetation on the footpath down to the playing field; the resident will cut back. Afternote: Councillor Goldsmith has since had some vegetation cleared.

d) Playing Field & Parks (see minutes below of meeting held on 11th September).**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payments made since the last meeting: £15.73 EON for floodlight charges, £60.75 Wellingborough Norse for wheelie bin emptying, £144.90 John Hicks for play area audits and £119.60 Simon Norris for fence repairs and tidying Pocket Park.

The insurance claim is due to be settled this week and all associated invoices can now be paid.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage handed the reports to the Clerk. The sign at St Mary's play area has been damaged but is still legible. The curlicue roundabout is due to be delivered this week – Simon Norris to be given installation instructions.

POCKET PARK

Nothing to report.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

A request to use the football pitches by another village football team has been received. Following discussion, it was decided that permission would not be granted as the field is already heavily used and the cost to reinstate the pitches will be exacerbated – the Clerk to write and inform.

Both cricket and football are doing well.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

It was agreed a 'No Commercial Users' sign will be placed at the field – Clerk to order from Rushden Graphics at a cost of £10.00.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

There have been no instances of commercial enterprises using the field over the summer. It was agreed that there would be a policy in the standing orders stating that no commercial users are to use the field/facilities.

There are a number of large cracks in the ground due to the dry weather – these are being rectified by filling with topsoil but already used in the region of 7 tonne.

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The Cricket Club will be carrying out their end of season ground maintenance at the end of the month.

A resident had made contact with the Clerk about easier access for mobility scooters to gain entry – it was agreed that the main gates to the tarmac path will be left unlocked when cricket is on.

It was noted that brambles need cutting back near the footpath to the A509 and the cricket batting cage – Clerk to ask Hayeswood to cut and also to cut the hedge to the car park (End of playing field minutes.)

e) Village Hall

It was reported that some of the outside lighting requires replacement – in hand. Busybees Playgroup are looking at the viability of having an outside awning installed. Councillor Simmons advised that the hall requires a new kitchen – the Parish Council will wait for their request should they need any of the £2,700 of earmarked funding.

f) Youth Group

Councillor Alms has been recruiting for new members.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 8.37pm.

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