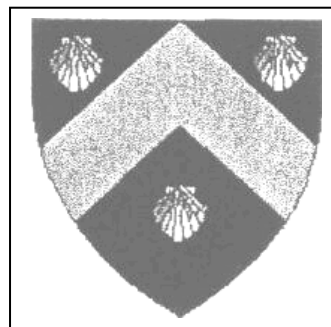


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**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021 at 7PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 member of the public  
 PS Scott Desrochers

**This meeting has been convened virtually due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic under The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.**

**21/010****TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Messrs Griffiths and Simmons who have a previous engagement and Ms Beirne.

**21/011****DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**21/012****MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 21 January 2021 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mr MacKenzie and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Milroy. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

**21/013****POLICE REPORT**

PS Scott Desrochers confirmed there will be an increase in Community Police across the Wellingborough Rural Area. Investment is being put into Neighbourhood Policing to benefit rural communities. There will be more PCSOs covering a designated area which will consist of 2 or 3 villages. PS Desrochers also confirmed there had been 38 crimes in total reported from mid November 2020 to mid February 2021. These included harassment, theft, drug offences, vehicle offences, criminal damage, ABH, theft and communication harassment. Reports are down by

6 on the same period last year. It was confirmed the clerk would furnish Cllr Mr Alms with PS Desrochers email contact to liaise regarding surveillance at the green lane. PS Desrochers also reported the ponies from the traveller encampment had been temporarily held at the field on the Cobbs Lane/A509 roundabout before being seized under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The Chair thanked PS Desrochers for attending the meeting. PS Desrochers left the meeting.

Clerk

**21/014****COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

No report other than to pass a note from Cllr Mr Griffiths received by clerk in that the Leys mortuary will soon be stepped down.

**21/015****ELECTION – 06 MAY 2021**

Queries were put forward regarding whether candidates should complete the part on the application papers so as to be affiliated to a Political Party or not and whether leaflets or Facebook can be used to make the residents aware of who is running in the election. The Chief Constable had circulated a letter advising no doorstep canvassing.

It was agreed candidates can decide whether they will be affiliated to a Political Party or be an Independent Candidate on the application form for councillor and clerk has booked Wollaston Community Library to make residents and potential candidates aware of the upcoming election. A short description of candidates could be displayed in the library window. Clerk will investigate FB promotion. The councillor page on the website will be updated after the election.

Clerk

**21/016****CLERK'S REPORT**

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1.

It was agreed Cllrs Mrs Fowler and Mr MacKenzie will liaise with WABIK (formerly WIK) regarding how the grant received from BCW will be spent to benefit WABIK as a whole rather than individuals as per the application. Grant confirmation had also been received from BCW towards replacement of play equipment and purchase of surveillance equipment for the green lanes.

SA/  
JMac

Cllrs Mr Mitchell and Mr Alms had attended the CPRE Planning virtual roadshow which had advised that NNC Joint Core Strategy will be reviewed soon, it is a 5 year plan.

Clerk would cascade Community Emergency Planning training to councillors with a view to improving current emergency plan. Cllr Dr Goldsmith confirmed the Village Hall was the official emergency site. (Afternote: Cllr Mrs Fowler attending training too). Cllr Mr MacKenzie has asked clerk to again obtain a response from SB regarding their COMAH report.

Clerk

Clerk would contact the Baptist Church to enquire about the repair of the allotment gate to the Pyghtles entrance.

Clerk

It was agreed the grass cutting contract currently undertaken by Mr Gray at the allotments would continue.

Clerk

NCALC had asked Parish Councils whether Wollaston was affected by the removal of some public footpaths and rights of way being removed from the Definitive Map without consultation. It was confirmed there are no issues. Clerk to advise NCALC. NCALC last mini eUpdate advised of a consultation regarding the proposed Right to Regenerate to obtain underused land for housing. There is no such land within Wollaston that is known of. Consultation runs to 13 March 2021.

Clerk

**21/017****FINANCES**

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 12. It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for January 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Dr Goldsmith. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

**Receipts January 2021:**

Bank Interest	0.91
Building Society Interest	0.05

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 3. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for February 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Mr MacKenzie. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

**Payments February 2021: (nett figures)**

EON floodlights energy charge	17.01
Staff, NI employer and employee, Tax, Pension	1079.90
Office, stationery, website, zoom	356.87
Grass cut	1266.42
Well'brh Norse PF-wheelie bin empty	54.08
Grit bin salt replenish	63.96

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 4a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended Financial and Management Risk Assessment. Proposed by Cllr Mr Bailey, Seconded by Cllr Mr Tyrrell. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. The amount of the reserves had been amended from 100% to 60% of precept, regarding comments from Auditor in AGAR report.

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 4b. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended Internal Controls, current direct debit for EON tennis court energy fee and transfer of £10,000 to reserves account to ensure the current account is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit of £85,000. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tyrrell, Seconded by Cllr Mr Mitchell. Amendments to include Finance to also approve and complete pension and transfer of money from Lloyds bank savings account to Lloyds Bank payments account in £5,000 blocks for monthly payments to reduce instance of human error. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

**21/018****REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES****Playing Fields and Parks Management Committee**

Draft minutes had been circulated, Appendix 5 with Agenda.

Cllr Mr Savage reported the playing field ground was very wet and no sport or other activities are taking place at the moment. The Sports Association await another visit from the insurance assessor regarding the damp in the walls at the clubhouse. Damage to internal doors, woodwork and the tractor had been sustained. Clerk to make insurance claim. The Sports Association are making a claim on their contents insurance for the clubhouse internal damage and cricket net damage due to the floods. Cllrs Dr Goldsmith queried whether the clerk would contact the Environment Agency to ensure the River Nene does not enter the village again as it did during the Christmas Eve flood. The amount of water was unprecedented and a sluice gate or other strategy needs to be put in place to prevent such flooding from happening again.

Clerk

Clerk

#### **Environmental, Highways and Street Lights**

Report had been circulated, Appendix 6 with Agenda.

Cllr Mr Tew reported work has begun on the trees at Hinwick Road with the major part scheduled for next week. Thanks to councillors, majority of whom supported the project after 15 years or more of effort. Thanks to the clerk for securing the grant towards the project from the Borough Council of Wellingborough of £500. It is hoped a small group of litter pickers may develop in due course as lockdown restrictions are lifted. There are currently 2 groups doing a regular pick in and around the village. A resident at York Road has been contacted so together a picture can be built up regarding accident issues at the junction of York Road/A509. Cllr Mr Bailey confirmed the Millennium trees had been placed on only one side of the avenue up Hinwick Road towards Farndish as there was a water pipe on the Hookhams Path side. The PC takes responsibility and manages the trees. Clerk to investigate disappearance of old plaque and obtain a replacement. Cllr Mr Savage confirmed street lights inspected, no faults. The lights at Briarwood Way have new heads and appear to have been upgraded.

Cllr Mr Mitchell confirmed the feasibility study that had been carried out previously by NCC Highways had been looked at again regarding a surface dressing of Backway. NPS has previously offered to provide a grant of up to £10,000 towards the surface dressing. NCC have provided a quote and it was agreed an invoice will be raised for £8,250 to NCC and an invoice will be raised for £8,250 to NPS for the works to be carried out mid April (tbc). Resolution to be placed on Wollaston Parish Council meeting Agenda for March 2021 to formally resolve for the works to be carried out with joint grants from NPS and NCC Highways/Kier. The Parish Council is grateful to both parties for their grants kindly donated for the project.

Cllr Mrs Milroy raised the issue of a weight limit on Hinwick Road for HGVs using the road. This will be raised again when the housing development begins.

A Street Dr list of faults has been produced by Cllr Mr Savage which shows completion of some jobs and those outstanding. There are more potholes appearing at the top of Rotten Row in the High Street and Cllr Mr Savage will enquire. Residents and councillors are encouraged to report any issues on the Street Dr website.

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#### **Community Crime and Safety**

Cllr Mr MacKenzie is the official Police Liaison Representative and has been listening to the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's budget meeting and podcasts from the Chief Commissioner who is looking at a 5% to 10% increase in the budget in the precept. All 3 emergency services are working ever closer and the Police service is

concentrating on county lines issues, sexual exploitation issues, increasing the number of Police in Neighbourhood Community Police and the dog team together with the burglary team and ANPR cameras to catch criminals.

#### **Cemetery**

No issues to report. The Parish Council awaits confirmation as to who will be responsible for maintaining the Cemetery once BCW becomes Wellingborough Town Council.

#### **Footpaths**

Cllr Mr Alms thanked Cllr Dr Goldsmith for organising the removal of the tree across the footpath by Cromwell House. The footpath sign at the bottom of the Raymond Close industrial estate road has disappeared. Clerk to enquire about a replacement. The footpath from London Road, running alongside Cromwell House to the field and on to the Playing Field has become very wet and muddy. It has previously been maintained by 2 residents along the path. Cllr Mr Alms will report the part of the path that has not been maintained to Street Dr. The Parish Council had received a response from Kier regarding the green lanes TV16 & TV17 that they will be closed in order to allow the site to recover. Unfortunately, pedestrians have also been prohibited from using the green lanes and clerk will write to Kier to reverse this.

Clerk

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Clerk

#### **Village Hall**

Cllr Dr Goldsmith confirmed that the preschool has returned to the village hall. There had been cases of positive Covid cases. No other users are currently in.

#### **Youth Club**

Cllr Mr Alms confirmed Youth Club is not open due to the village hall being closed.

#### **Community Centre and Preschool**

Nothing to report as there has been no update on the S106 Agreement being finalised.

#### **Memorial**

A small working party has been formed and met via zoom to organise the memorial event for Tuesday 22 June 2021. Draft proposals for a plaque have been drawn up which was shown to councillors. A draft guest list and order of service have also been drawn up. Family members of the crew will be invited to the event and plans are being put in place for a fly over and a reception after the event.

**21/019**

#### **PLANNING**

##### **(a) Applications**

Schedule was circulated with Agenda, Appendix 7.

**NCC 20/00017/WASFUL** – Land at 30-50 Doddington Road – Proposed development Industrial/Commercial Building – BCW objection. Consultation response – NCC,EA. No response to date.

**WP/20/00314/FUL** – Land adjacent to 25 Hookhams Path – residential development consisting of 98 dwellings, woodland, SuDS, open space – Consent granted in principle, Nov 2020 – S106 legal agreements under process. Expert conclusion, end February 2021.

**WP/20/00388/OUT** – 15 Raymond Close – Outline application for residential development of 6 no. semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and amenity

space re-submission – Still live, in the process of submitting application for change of use of factory.

**WP/20/00725/FUL & WP/20/00727/LBC** – 51 High Street – re application to rebuild 2 gate piers & flanking walls at London Rd entrance of Wollaston House – FUL is Awaiting decision, LBC has been withdrawn.

**NW/21/00048/FUL** - 11 Duck End – proposed installation of an air source heat pump located in the front garden – Not noise, no objection by PC - Awaiting Decision.

**NW/21/00053/FUL** – Wollaston School – Landscaping works, fencing and gate installations surround the new build classroom block that has recently been granted a Certificate of Lawful Development under Permitted Development Rights – Awaiting Decision.

**NW/21/00128/PNA** – Abbey Farm, Wellingborough Rd – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed storage building for agricultural use – Awaiting Decision.

**(b) Any other Planning Business**

**Hookhams Path** - Wording had been agreed by councillors regarding the S106 Agreement in that affordable housing be offered to Wollaston residents who have a local connection to the village to have priority. The site of the proposed Community Centre has been repositioned. No updates yet regarding additional land or completion of the S106 Agreement. Once it has been signed off and put in the public domain, the Planning Working Party will meet.

**21/020**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 18 March 2021, 7pm – Full Parish Council. (*Afternote: ANNUAL ASSEMBLY NOW IN APRIL, LAST MEETING BEFORE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL*)

To be held virtually.

The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Chair.....

Date: .....

Approved