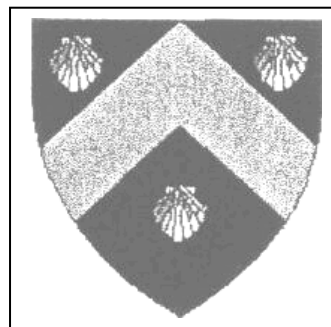


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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021 at 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public

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.

21/001**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Ms Beirne, Mr Simmons and Mrs Bailey advised she had a previous appointment and returned to the meeting at 19.40.

21/002**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

21/003**MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 17 December 2020, were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Dr Goldsmith. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

21/004**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Mr Griffiths reported he had tested positive for the virus and had been quite ill with it but was now pulling through. The Parish Council welcomed him to the meeting and was happy to see him recovering. Covid rates are high in the area with a number of local deaths. All must be done to prevent the spread of the virus. Councils are involved in supporting residents and businesses who qualify and most if not all Council staff are working from home. Northants County Council have reopened The Leys Mortuary.

The travellers' field was flooded over the Christmas period and progress is being made in the legal case to clear the site. The Government is looking to change the laws with encampments on private land and Cllr Mr Griffiths will update the PC fully at the February meeting regarding the local encampment.

The BCW planning department achieved the pinnacle in performance in approving and handling planning applications. Six years of hard work has gone into the department and everyone is very proud of a good result. This means residents can rely on a good, fast and efficient planning department. PC asked Cllr Mr Griffiths to pass on the PC's congratulations on the award.

Lots of resources are being put in to North Northants Council as it becomes sovereign on 01 April 2021 and the BCW and other councils cease to exist on this date. The upcoming election in May needs to be safe and Covid secure. If it is delayed again, the Government needs legislation to be able to do this. NNC has a first-class senior management team and the budget is being consulted on. The Government has been asked for additional support regarding finances.

Queries raised by councillors - Cllr Mr Griffiths responded - 3 candidates will be chosen from the Irchester area (which includes Wollaston) to represent the area on the new NNC. The time scale is tight and to try to prevent a low turnout, residents will be encouraged to register for postal votes particularly if they are still having to shield due to Covid restrictions. Cllr Mr Griffiths was happy to be copied in on further correspondence regarding the Green Lane issue and the PC thanked Cllr Mr Griffiths for asking Jason Smithers MP to assist the PC. Cllr Mr Griffiths confirmed there is some difficulty in either closing the green lane to traffic or downgrading it but will assist. Cllr Mr Griffiths was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

21/005

FINANCES

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 1. It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for December 2020. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Mr MacKenzie. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

Receipts December 2020:

Refund Shade Sail	2321.75
Western Power	55.00
Wollaston Cricket Club	175.00
Bank Interest	0.91
Vics Football Club	30.00

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 2. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for January 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Mr Savage. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

Payments January 2021: (nett figures)

EON floodlights charge Nov/Dec	30.89
Midland Trees	2355.00
Staff, NI employer and employee, Tax, Pension	1080.49

Office, stationery, website, postage, zoom, training	761.15
Grass cut	1266.42
Well'brh Norse PF-wheeler bin & new bin	447.60
Bench fit at Cemetery – labour & materials Mr Norris	261.53
Playground supplies repair basket swing	50.00
Wicksteed repair swings PF	283.64
EON Quarterly St Light energy & maintenance charges	235.78
Mr Alms reimburse Green Lane post & weld, reclaim NCC	168.93
Village Hall/Preschool Shade Sail reimbursement	2934.79
Annual Fee to Cricket Club for grass cut	500.00

Budget papers, Appendix 3 were circulated with Agenda.

<u>Appendix 3</u> WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET 2020-21		2020/2021	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20
	ITEM				
RECEIPTS					
1	PRECEPT	80092	48055	48055	80092
2	GRANTS/S137	0	0	1513	74
3	GRANT CC A509 VERGES	0	0	0	0
4	BANK INTEREST	850	13	22	25
5	SPORTS ASSOC	700	0	0	317
6	CRICKET CLUB	700	0	2235	2409
7	S106 PAYMENTS	0	0	0	0
8	SUNDRY	150		0	48
8a	INSURANCE CLAIM	0	890	890	0
9	TOTAL INCOME	82492	48958	52715	82965
PAYMENTS					
10	CLERKS SALARY/EXPENSES	20350	3244	7112	10667
11	GEN ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	5665	2683	3579	4999
11a	PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	2591	3074	4673
12	INSURANCE PREMIUM	520	555	555	555
13	AUDIT	665	345	345	745
14	SECTION 137	330	370	1179	1229
15	SUBSCRIPTIONS	1200	1041	1077	1077
16	ST LIGHTING	1000	205	464	700
17	GRANTS	13600	0	0	9361
17a	GRANT		1513	1513	1513
18	GRASS CUTTING	16,588	4394	8789	13563
19	PLAYING FIELD & PLAY AREAS MAINTENANCE	12200	1580	3443	5880

19a	PLAYING FIELD/PLAY AREAS CAPITAL	0	169	2318	338
20	SPORTS ASSOCIATION	700	317	317	317
21	CRICKET CLUB	700	459	459	2409
22	ELECTION COSTS	2500	0	0	0
23	GENERAL MAINTENANCE & PURCHASES	5000	95	365	1886
24	CONTINGENCY	1,474	0	223	961
25	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82492	19561	34812	60873
26	NETT BALANCE REQD FROM RESERVES	0	0	0	
BREAKDOWN OF 17 (GRANTS)					
17A	VILLAGE HALL	5000			3740
17B	YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	1000			500
17C	PLAY AREAS	0			0
17D	DAY CARE GRANTS	500			0
17E	FIRST RESPONDERS	100			100
17F	LIBRARY	5000			5000
17G	PRESCHOOL - EARLY LEARNING	2000			0
17H	VILLAGE DAFFS FROM Receipts 2.	55			21
	TOTAL GRANTS AS ABOVE	13655			9361

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quarterly budget to December 2020. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tyrrell, Seconded by Cllr Dr Goldsmith. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

21/006

REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES

Playing Fields and Parks Management Committee

Draft minutes had been circulated, Appendix 4 with Agenda.

Cllr Mr Savage confirmed the tree that had fallen in the brook from the storm damage beginning of 2020 had been removed, in response to Cllr Dr Goldsmith's previous query. The pavilion had flooded over the Christmas period. Carpets and floor tiles had been removed as 2 to 3 inches of water had entered the building. The Sports Association are making a claim on their contents insurance. Building damage will be claimed on the PC insurance. Clerk had contacted Street Dr regarding the flooding and would contact the Environment Agency to ask for the brook to be checked and cleared if necessary. Thank you to resident at Cottage Farm for cutting a drainage channel to alleviate some of the flooding, kindly contacted via Cllr Mr Alms.

No other queries regarding the draft minutes.

Environmental, Highways and Street Lights

Report had been circulated, Appendix 5 with Agenda.

Clerk

<p>The maintenance work and removal of 3 trees at Hinwick Road is due to begin on Monday 08 February 2021.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to agree tree works as to Monday 08 February – removal of trees and reconstruction fronting 141-163 Hinwick Road, w/c Monday 22 February at a total cost of £3,445. Put to the vote - 10 councillors voted in favour, 1 councillor abstained and 1 councillor against. Motion carried.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Savage asked that a note/letter be placed on the cars parking in the bay informing them of the works so their vehicles are not at the site when the Lime tree is removed.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Tew also reported that the MVAS on Bell End needed 2 people to move it and awaiting Covid restrictions to be lifted before this can take place. Cllr Mr Tyrrell will replace the battery in the MVAS at Cobbs Lane. Cllr Mr Tew is meeting with Mr Wright of NCC Highways on 29 January 2021 to discuss issues including the feasibility of surface dressing Backway, there is £10,000 available and will report back to PC at February's meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Savage reported the Street Lights are all working and that the High Street should have been closed today for Anglian Water to replace a water cover, but not completed yet (After Note: It was replaced at 20:00 this evening).</p> <p><u>Community Crime and Safety</u></p> <p>Cllr Mr MacKenzie had not received an update from PCSO Fenner but reported crime levels were not significant but there is an ongoing problem with drugs in the village. There had been a shed break in at Earls Barton. Northants Police force are very much dealing with Covid infringements currently. The shelter in Irchester Road has become an area of anti-social behaviour and is a hotspot for PCSOs to check. Cllr Mr Alms reiterated any incidents regarding the green lane need reporting to 101 as the Police need a significant number of incidents to enable them to investigate the issue. It was noted there was a litter increase on open spaces and fields in the village. It was agreed the clerk would put a note on the PC Facebook page for residents to report incidents to 101 and take their litter home with them or use bins provided.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bailey joined the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted councillors and some residents litter pick – thank you.</p> <p>There had been no feed back on the alleged arson attach in Shepherds Hill.</p> <p>Cllrs Messrs Alms and MacKenzie have been liaising regarding the issues of breaking open the gates on the green lane, fly tipping and dropping of drugs. Suggestion included purchasing CCTV for the area. It was agreed to encourage residents and the PC to report issues to 101 and ensure the green lane is locked outside season.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>Front hedge has been cut by Norse. Cllr Mr Alms reported North Northants Unitary may be taking over the site.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>Cllr Mr Alms reported paths are water logged. Green lane issues as above.</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u></p> <p>Cllr Dr Goldsmith reported the preschool will be closed for 10 days due to positive results of Covid at the preschool. There are no other hirers using the site.</p> <p><u>Youth Club</u></p> <p>Cllr Mr Alms reported youth club is closed due to lockdown.</p>	<p>Clerk/ DT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>DT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Community Centre and Preschool

Terms of reference had been circulated, Appendix 6 with Agenda.

Cllr Mr Mitchell advised the S106 legal documentation should be completed by the end of January. Councillors discussed issues regarding the availability for village groups to use the facility and that it be available to them and not a site just for 2 specific groups. The Amateur Dramatics group are interested in using the facility. Cllr Mr Mitchell reiterated as per the report in December's meeting, there is a point in the review process where the proposal will be presented to the village. There were no objections to the draft Terms of Reference which clerk had adapted from the Playing Field and Parks Management Committee Terms. Cllr Dr Goldsmith advised during the Village Hall Management Committee users had been approached as to whether they would be interested in being elected to the new Community Centre and Preschool Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillors Messrs Goldsmith, Mitchell and Savage, Cllr Mrs Fowler and Cllr Mrs Milroy to the new Community Centre and Preschool Committee and adopt the Terms of Reference. Proposed by Cllr Mr Alvis, Seconded by Cllr Mr Tew. Vote – 11 councillors in favour, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

21/007

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 January 2021.

WP/20/00725/FUL – 51 High Street – re application to rebuild 2 gate piers & flanking walls at London Rd entrance of Wollaston House – Awaiting decision.

WP/20/00737/FUL – 64 Priory Road – New gated driveway access to northern boundary, erection of 2 x 2.1m high x 0.45m wide brick piers & 4.8m wide gates & new personnel gate with 2 brick piers 1.2m high x 0.45m wide – Awaiting decision – PC concerned regarding space to corner of York Road/Priory Road junction – Highways to investigate – Application permitted 13.01.2021.

WP/20/00761/VAR - 11 Duck End – Variation of Condition 2 approved drawings of appeal against ref APP/H2835/D/20/3247515 – Awaiting Decision.

Cllr Mr Mitchell reported there had been some confusion as to the difference aspects of this planning application. The conditions were met and it was discharged. Work has begun on the second storey extension.

WP/20/00789/PNX – 40 Hinwick Road – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed larger home extension for a single storey rear extension – Granted 22.12.2020.

(b) Any other Planning Business

Residents are aware there is some base construction next to the Industrial Estate on Hinwick Road. The Parish Council are aware.

21/008**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk circulated report, Appendix 8 with Agenda

Street Dr

2434730 – Repaint of single line at Bell End parking – added to NCC programme.

2424587 – TV18 allotment path, concrete trip hazard gate to Hinwick Road – NCC assessing and prioritising the fault.

2424601 – Buckled gate from TV18 to The Pyghtles – not NCC responsibility. Clerk to investigate who has responsibility.

2434940 – loose pavement Howard Road/Newton Road, hairdressers – NCC advised it is the owner's responsibility as slabs privately owned. Letter sent to Wright Image.

2478890 – Eastfield Road sign hit – Investigating, previously reported to BCW.

2477360 – Flooding across London Road near PF – NCC cannot set up site visit due to Covid restrictions. Farmer kindly dug drainage ditch, drain to car park cleared, clerk to ensure Environment Agency assess brook.

2467791 – SRM reported to clerk Doddington Road flooded at Christmas – Clerk reported to NCC - NCC investigating.

2441959 – Tarmac disintegrating at Mill Lane off Doddington Road – NCC Investigating.

2414805 – Damage to Manchester Road/Cobbs Lane path due to HGV parking – NCC to reschedule meeting with clerk once restrictions are lifted. Requested post to be installed to preserve utilities under path.

2491572 – Potholes Highway in bad condition London Road to A509 – in progress.

2491572 – Wooden sign opposite Hookhams Path/Irchester Road junction – NCC Investigating.

2491578 – drains on the Gannick at College Street/High Street path blocked – NCC Investigating.

Priory Road – letter sent to resident to cut back hedge.

Thank you letter sent to business owner for assistance clearing Backway.

Thank you letter received from BLESMA for Remembrance Service donation.

Email received regarding Northants Choir raising money for Prostate Cancer UK, men challenged to raise money for the Charity. Clerk to forward to Cllr Mr Alms.

Clerk has contacted NCC Highways regarding the parking of cars on the open space at Hinwick Road for advice.

Clerk will apply for double yellow lines on London Road, junction of Irchester Road/Hookhams Path near Wollaston School.

Confirmation election to go ahead on 06 May 2021.

WIK – storage for donated items. Cllr Mrs Fowler will speak to WIK.

Additional potholes around the village – can thermal patcher attend the village for a continuous period and repair all potholes in village and state of pavements? – Cllr Mr Tew will ask NCC Ben Wright at meeting on 29.01.2021.

Residents have raised various concerns regarding the Dr Surgery at London Road – Cllr Fowler will advise clerk of contact to discuss addressing issues. Cllr Dr Goldsmith commented on the excellent service of the pharmacy in the village. Cllr Mr Alms' Dunkirk Covid Report has been forwarded to Mr Peter Bone, MP which has been forwarded to the Secretary of State.

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Traveller's Encampment, Doddington Road

A letter had been received from Mr Peter Bone, MP who has forwarded the concerns of the PC to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Caravans and van on the entrance to the site have been removed and BCW are looking to remove the hardcore. Clerk advised Secretary of State has been contacted if BCW need any further assistance.

Memorial Site

Several stone masons are being investigated for the memorial plaque on the green lane TV16. Permission is being sought from the farmer and NCC/Kier. The plaque will commemorate 80 years since the unfortunate crash on 22 June 1941 of an Avro Manchester bomber of 207 Squadron RAF. A fly over will be requested once permission is granted. Cllr Mr MacKenzie requested whether a brass plaque to those who lost their lives could be placed in the church in Wollaston.

21/009**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 18 February 2021, 7pm – Full Parish Council.

To be held virtually.

The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.32pm.

Chair.....

Date:

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