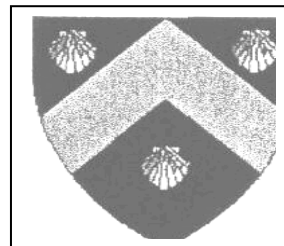


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
 HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 15 JULY 2021 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs Alvis (Chair), Carter, Goldsmith, Jones, Mitchell, Savage (Vice Chair), Talbutt, Tew, Threadgold, Tyrrell and Councillor Mrs Milroy.
 Miss D. Styles (Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Mr Griffiths. No members of the public.

21/066**OPEN MEETING – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL**

Cllr Mr Martin Griffiths addressed the meeting to congratulate new councillors taking office and the Chair being re-elected. Cllr Mr Griffiths acknowledged the fantastic memorial event that took place on 22 June 2021 to commemorate 80 years since the crew of the Manchester bomber were lost. He gave thanks to the organisers and was impressed by the turnout from the wider community. Cllr Griffiths is aware of the bin collection issues in Wollaston and agreed a letter of complaint needs to be lodged with North Northants Council. Councillors queried Cllr Mr Griffiths regarding the state of Wollaston Cemetery which is in the hands of NNC. The grounds are maintained by Norse. Cllr Mr Griffiths listened to cllrs concerns. Cllr Mr Griffiths has also been raising queries regarding the Travellers' Horsefair at the site along Doddington Road due to take place from 23 to 26 July 2021. He is awaiting a response from NNC to ensure the event goes off without any issues and addresses concerns raised regarding events on the field and the surrounding area. NNC will provide a link for any queries on social media channels shortly. The Boundary Commission was discussed and it was agreed Wollaston Parish Council were against the boundary changes. (10 votes against, 1 abstention). Cllrs Messrs Alvis and Mitchell together with the Clerk are attending a meeting in Bozeat next week with other Parish Councils to discuss the issue. It was agreed the link to the Boundary Commission review and feedback would be posted on local social media for residents to have their say. Cllr Mr Griffiths was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 7.40pm.

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21/067**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Messrs Alms and Boddington and accepted, Youth Club attendance, Cllrs Messrs Carr and Partridge-Underwood.

21/068**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

21/069**MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 17 June 2021 were read and signed as a correct record. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

21/070**CLERK'S REPORT**

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1. It was agreed the Clerk would seek clarification regarding the Wollaston Dr Surgery new policy for prescription renewals after concerns were seen on social media. Clerk had received a request from a resident at The Pyghtles to cut back the trees to the side of their property. Clerk had confirmed she had asked the contractors to carry out this when they undertook the tree and shrub cut backs later in the year. However, the resident now requires the trees to be cut back by mid-August for their contractor to carry out works to their garage. Clerk to liaise with PC contractor and gain advice regarding early cutting back of trees.

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21/071**POLICIES**

To review and approve:

Equal Opportunities Policy. Agreed to review every 2 years. Proposed by Cllr Mr Carter, Seconded by Cllr Mr Tew. Unanimously agreed.

Filming, Audio-Recording, Photographing and Reporting of Council and Committee Meetings Policy. Agreed to review every 2 years. Proposed by Cllr Mr Mitchell, Seconded by Cllr Mr Threadgold. Unanimously agreed.

Freedom of Information Policy. Proposed by Cllr Dr Goldsmith, Seconded by Cllr Mr Tew. Unanimously agreed.

21/072**FINANCES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for June 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Mr Savage, unanimously agreed, motion carried.

Memorial donations	131.00
Cricket Club	233.00
Interest	0.75

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for July 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Mr Savage, unanimously approved, motion carried.

Clerk's wages and HMRC payments to be completed when Cllr Mr Tyrrell from finance working party and clerk finalise. (Nett figures)

EON tennis court energy cost	17.21
Staff, HMRC, Pension	1228.66
Office, website, stationery	362.80

Village Grass Cut	1304.42
Wellingborough Norse wheelie bin	55.60
EON Quarterly street light maintenance charge	54.52
St. Marys Church 50% contribution floodlights	107.28
Clubhouse flood damage	756.44
Memorial – refreshments, stone, concrete, order of service	1388.29
VH floor refurbishment 50% up front + skip hire	1616.00
Sundry - Stamps, black paint for PP gates, office mobile	15.80

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the quarterly budget to end of June 2021 Proposed by Cllr Mr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Mr Tew. Unanimously agreed, motion passed.

Clerk to give full report on Memorial receipts and payments for September Parish Council meeting. Cllr Mr Jones had sent a donation to BLESMA in the sum of £25.

21/073**PLANNING****(a) Applications**

Schedule was circulated with Agenda, Appendix 5.

Additional planning applications received late, not on the schedule:

NW/21/00607/LBC – 23 Hickmire – Listed Building Consent for alterations to internal walls, drains roof lights and windows/doors. PC no objections, up to conservation department.

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed solar farm near Irchester and would wait to hear from Cllr Mr Carr regarding their views.

Any other Planning Business

Hookhams Path – It is expected the revised S106 Agreement will be passed to the Parish Council for observations, comments and final approval it is hoped within August. It was agreed if it was received before the next full Parish Council meeting, the planning working party would meet to discuss the Agreement, circulate the review to councillors to confirm and revert to NNC with the Parish Council's observations.

Proposed Solar Farm nr Irchester – The Parish Council had received a copy of the proposal for a solar farm on the field site on the corner of Gipsy Lane/A509. The Parish Council had no objections in principle but as the site falls within the boundary of Irchester, it is for Irchester Parish Council to make a decision.

21/074**REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES**

(a) Playing Field and Parks Management Committee – Draft minutes from the last meeting were circulated. Mr Savage confirmed the committee will be able to access the security camera footage live from their mobiles and that he would discuss the maintenance contract with the security camera provider. Cllr Dr Goldsmith agreed to lend his gardener to clear the brook with volunteers during August, date to be confirmed and the Clerk would ask the wider community for additional help and order a skip for the debris to be removed.

(b) Environment, Highways Street Lights and Cemetery – Cllr Mr Tew had been passed queries and concerns from residents and visitors to the Cemetery

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<p>received by the Clerk. Cllr Mr Tew had been in contact with Norse and it was discovered there was no service level contract in place. Norse carry out the grass cutting regularly and an annual ground clearance. An update to the Cemetery will be placed on social media from Cllr Mr Tew via the Clerk. It was agreed Cllr Mr Tew can purchase pea gravel to complete the tidy up of the Remembrance Garden together with some weed spray and thanked Cllrs Messrs Mitchell and Savage for their assistance with tidying the area. Cllrs Messrs Jones, Talbutt and Threadgold offered their assistance for any future issues. It would then be up to members of the family to tend the Remembrance Garden and Graves at the Cemetery. It was agreed a letter would be sent to NNC regarding the issues and concerns at the Cemetery. The MVAS unit on Irchester Road is working well and the one on Cobbs Lane is having the battery charged and should be replaced over the weekend. Mr Boyes at NNC was informed that the Parish Council had no objection to the parking restrictions being extended and Cllr Mr Tew and Mr Boyes were yet to agree a meeting to discuss issues in the village. Cllr Mr Mitchell reported Backway work was continuing with the edges nearly completed and gullies will be built in. A French Drain had been implemented after flooding issues at the seating factory after the recent heavy rain. The mess left after the drain was installed and another drain had silt removed, would be cleaned away shortly. Cllr Mr Savage confirmed there were no issues with Street Lights.</p>	<p>DT/ Clerk DT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>(c) Street Dr – Report circulated appendix 7. Cllr Mr Alvis reported a large pot hole at The Pyghtles which Cllr Mr Savage will log on Fix My Street.</p> <p>(d) Community Safety – Cllr Mrs Milroy had tried to attend a JAG meeting but it ended up being cancelled and she then received the link for the reconvened meeting 14 minutes the meeting started but was unable to attend. Cllr Mrs Milroy reported there had been 15 crimes reported in May 2021. There is no form of community yet for the role of Police Liaison Representative. This is to be set up. There are 13 new Police recruits and new PCSOs in training and it was hoped to see more Police presence in the village in the future.</p> <p>(e) Village Hall - Cllr Dr Goldsmith reported that the hall would be available to hire as from Monday 19 July 2021 as Covid restrictions are lifted but that some precautions would remain such as the use of hand sanitiser and the option to wear a face covering. The site would continue to be sanitised regularly. There were some maintenance issues with the site. The front doors had been painted, the floor will be refurbished w/c Saturday 31 July 2021 (no bookings taken during this period) and the ivy would be removed from the fire door and bin cupboard and the trees to the bin cupboard would be cut back. The clerk will contact a roofing contractor as there appears to be a leak to the roof by the guttering to the end of the main hall. The kitchen sink in the main hall requires work due to a previous water leak. The site will re-open for hire from w/c Monday 09 August 2021.</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>(f) Footpaths – Clerk to post on social media to ask dog owners to pick up excrement on the path from London Road past the animal fields to the Playing Fields.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

- (g) Youth – A report had been circulated, appendix 7. Cllr Mr Boddington will update councillors on the youth questionnaire in September.
- (b) Wollaston Community News and Social – Cllr Mr Boddington had contacted the clerk to advise he was interested in some form of media communication to the village.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 September 2021 at 7pm Oasis Room, High Street, Wollaston.

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

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Date: