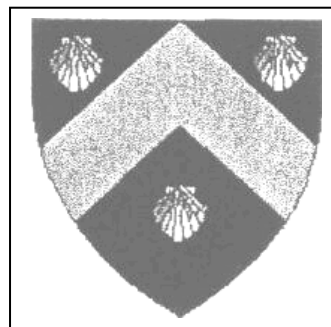


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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021 at 7PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Mr Simmons, one member 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.

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

Councillor Mrs Fowler, personal reasons; Councillor Mr Griffiths, previous engagement; PS Mr Desrochers and Cllr Ms Beirne.

21/022**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

21/023**MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 18 February 2021 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mr Mitchell and Seconded by Cllr Mr Tew. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

21/024**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Mr Simmons reported there had been comments received regarding Council Tax demands and the incorrect percentage increases and figures incorrectly placed on the demands. Councillors are aware and the issue will be resolved. Demands will not be reprinted and sent out, but an update will be issued in due course.

21/025**ELECTION and CENSUS 2021**

There has been an election and Census display in Wollaston Community Library window, to be removed Monday 22 March 2021. Six additional candidates have asked for nomination packs. Parish Council ones are issued in green. Clerk will be main contact to have nomination papers checked and collate them on 30 March 2021, for delivery to the Borough Council on 31 March 2021. Cllr Dr Goldsmith is collating for Conservative party affiliation nomination papers to be checked and ready for delivery by Friday 19 March 2021 at 10.30am.

Census day for 2021 is Sunday 21 March 2021. WABIK has been assisting the community together with the PC via information available in the library window as above and social media.

Clerk

Clerk

21/026**WASNAV**

Councillor Mr Simmons confirmed there is some funding left over from the original WASNAV magazine to relaunch a local magazine in the future, perhaps online with hard copies in locations around the village. Cllr Mr Alvis has been investigating local community magazines the majority of which appear to be provided online now. Councillors asked for the links. It was agreed the new Parish Council will take this forward.

LA

21/027**CLERK'S REPORT**

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1.

The Clerk has passed letter the received from residents regarding 2 large trees at Hinwick Road to the Environment, Highways & Street Lighting Working Party. The Clerk enquired as to whether the hardcore at the traveller encampment on Doddington Road had been removed by BCW and thanked them if they had, no response received. It was noted that debris at York Road had been removed and the resident who did this, was thanked for their hard work. Litter grabbers will be delivered W/C 22 March 2021 ready for when PC can organise community litter picks when restrictions are lifted. Great Well Homes have confirmed they are sending out contractors to investigate reduction/removal of large tree on St. Michael's Lane. Internal audit on 16 April 2021, clerk preparing finances.

Clerk

21/028**FINANCES**

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 2. Incorrect receipts circulated. Receipts for February 2021 to be presented with receipts for March 2021 at next meeting.

Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 3. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for March 2021. Proposed by Cllr Dr Goldsmith, Seconded by Cllr Mr Mitchell. Unanimously approved, motion carried.

Payments March 2021: (nett figures)

Staff, NI employer and employee, Tax, Pension

(to include pension backdated lump sum)	1620.38	
Office, stationery, website, zoom	524.33	
Village Grass Cut	1266.42	
Well'brh Norse PF-wheeler bin empty	54.08	
Northants Security Fencing (from PF earmarked)	3400.00	
Bennet Jones (clear soakaway drain, assist with flooding)	30.00	
St Mary's Church (PC donation S137 costs Sept & Dec 2020)	198.98	
Midland Tree Specialists (Phase 1, Hinwick Road)	1660.00	
Preschool grant S137	2000.00	
Complete Tennis Court Service, tennis court surface clean	695.00	
Northants CC (grant received from NPS, Backway resurface)	8250.00	
Abel Skip Hire (clubhouse flood, reclaim from insurance)	212.50	
Howdens (clubhouse & changing room flood damage, insurance reclaim)	1596.02	
<p>Circulated with Agenda, Appendix 4. Queries as to why wooden benches were not insured, PC intends to replace with recycled plastic at end of life. Recycled plastic furniture is insured. Cllr Mr Simmons confirmed the Village Hall Management Committee insure the buildings at that site. It was RESOLVED to approve the Asset Register. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. It was noted the Asset Register is updated throughout the year as additional items are purchased.</p>		
<p>21/029</p>		
<p>REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES</p>		
<p><u>Playing Fields and Parks Management Committee</u></p>		
<p>Draft minutes had been circulated, Appendix 5 with Agenda.</p>		
<p>Cllr Mr Savage reported no sport is being played but that will change from 29 March 2021 with restrictions being lifted. Friendlies will be played. Football and Cricket will overlap and the Sports Association will work together to ensure parking and visitors will be managed effectively over April and May. Cllr Dr Goldsmith reminded all that whilst the sheep are in the field next to the Playing Field, dogs must remain on leads. Clerk will renew notices regarding dogs on leads and owners to pick up dog excrement at the Playing Field and sheep field.</p>		
<p><u>Environmental, Highways and Street Lights</u></p>		
<p>Report had been circulated, Appendix 6 with Agenda.</p>		
<p>Cllr Mr Tew reported a letter had been received from residents regarding outstanding trees at Hinwick Road and asked whether £390 could be spent from maintenance in next financial year on reduction of 2 trees to complete all tree works, balance out the appearance and shape of trees and reduce the danger of falling branches and sap causing damage to property and vehicles so there is equality for all residents regarding tree issues along Hinwick Road. It was agreed the works would go ahead. Clerk to confirm with arborist.</p>		
<p>These 2 trees, the replacement trees and Millennium trees along Hinwick Road will all come under the 3 year tree survey report of the Parish Council. Thanks to Northants County Council Highways for completing the cross hatching on the pathway to St. Mary's Church for access for wheelchairs and buggies.</p>		
<p>Areas full of litter have been flagged up and group litter picks will be after restrictions are lifted. Cllr Mrs Milroy will seek the link to cash for recycling cans</p>		
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<p>and Cllr Mrs Bailey will investigate the collection of cans to be recycled and used for projects such as helipads.</p>	PB
<p>One street light is out at St. Mary's Road overlooking the play area. There have been comments on social media regarding the upgrade of street lighting at Briarwood Way which has been referred to enquiries@streetlighting.</p>	
<p>Street Dr report circulated by Cllr Mr Savage - There are lots of white markings on highways, suggesting potential repairs to potholes. Clerk to remind residents to report potholes to St Dr on social media.</p>	Clerk
<p>A grant contribution has been provided by NPS to resurface Backway which has been agreed by NCC Highways at no cost to the Parish Council. This is scheduled for mid April. Clerk to investigate whether Norse will empty bins from Backway once works are completed.</p>	Clerk
<p>There is some concern regarding traffic in the village and parking along Hookhams Path at school drop and collection times (some 110 cars at last count). A proper traffic review needs to be carried out.</p>	
<p>More concerns regarding medical needs in the village. Clerk to make residents aware complaints can be made to the CQC to comment on local health facilities.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>Community Crime and Safety</u></p>	
<p>There are lots of beer cans and Cannabis being found at the bus shelter at Tower Farm, Irchester Road. Reported to PCSO.</p>	
<p>Between 26 January 2021 and 02 February 2021, a break in occurred at Poplar Place. Still await COMAH report from Scott Bader.</p>	
<p><u>Cemetery</u></p>	
<p>The headstones to the Priory wall are still leaning. Monitor Clerk to enquire when Norse will be carrying out grass cutting.</p>	Clerk
<p><u>Footpaths</u></p>	
<p>Bedfordshire have closed all BOATS (Byways Open to All Traffic) – temporary closure for 6 months. Wollaston Parish green lanes need new signs. Noted that the nature reserve at Summer Leys, the Wildlife Trust are proposing to charge non-members to park at the site.</p>	JA
<p><u>Village Hall</u></p>	
<p>The village hall is partially open at the moment with only the preschool operating. The dance studio will resume in April with use by other hirers to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Youth Club</u></p>	
<p>Hoping to restart on 15 April 2021 with outside meeting for the foreseeable future.</p>	
<p><u>Community Centre and Preschool</u></p>	
<p>No updates yet as await S106 Agreement to be signed off.</p>	
<p><u>Memorial</u></p>	
<p>The stone with the memorial plaque is to be placed on private farm land. The stone formed part of those used to build Peterborough Cathedral on the cranes used to lift building stones in place. Contact has been made with the Wing Commander of 207 Squadron, the RAF are interested in attending with RAFA Rushden Sea Cadets. The Parish Council is providing funding of £500 for the memorial and additional funding will be provided by private funding for the memorial event on 22 June 2021.</p>	

<p>21/030 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 March 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, await decision 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 – Prior approval/notification not required. NW/21/00176/FUL – 57 Park Street – Enlargement existing porch, new window Western elevation, existing window blocked up, new window to Eastern elevation, existing window blocked up and internal alterations – Awaiting Decision NW/21/00182/FUL & NW/21/00183/LBC -1 Church Street – Listed Building Consent and FUL for single storey rear extension to former kitchen, conversion of storeroom to gym no external alterations, conversion garage to form home office, kitchenette, cloaks and store, removal garage doors and replace with window, external door and brick infilling and single storey side extension on existing garage to from garden room. – Awaiting decision. (b) Any other Planning Business Hookhams Path – The draft S106 Agreement continues to be delayed. End of March the final document should be signed off. 92 London Road – Cllr Dr Goldsmith has a vested interest and was not permitted to comment. The Chair is aware of a communication regarding future use of the site. It was noted a tree at the site has a TPO. It was agreed the Parish Council will make enquiries with the land owner as to future proposed use.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>JA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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21/031

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 April 2021, 7pm – **Annual Parish Assembly** followed by Full Parish Council. To be held virtually.

The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chair.....

Date:

Approved