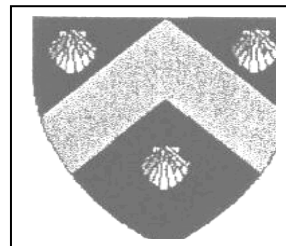


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
 HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Messrs Alms, Alvis (Chair), Boddington, Jones, Savage (Vice Chair), Talbutt, Tew, Threadgold and Tyrrell .

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No members of the public.

**21/090****OPEN MEETING**

PCSO Donna Fenner was welcomed to the meeting and reported that she had returned to work after sick leave and PCSO Mike Norman had been covering. Wollaston is now part of the Irchester Ward and as Northants Police have significantly increased recruitment, this has made a visible difference to the level of neighbourhood policing in the County. Wellingborough area now has 4 Snr officers, 13 PCs, 9 PCSOs (including 3 Rural PCs, up from 1). There is more visible policing now with officers being required to be out of the office 60% of their time to include sitting in communities. The Beat Bus attended Wollaston on Saturday 16 October with some residents coming along. Next attendance TBC and held at Wollaston Village Hall car park.

Crime Statistics for Wollaston – 01.09.21-11.09.21 burglary at The Grove, 13.09.21 burglary at High Street business premises, 23-25.09.21 vehicle crime at Church Lane, 24-30.09.21 criminal damage at Irchester Road and 29-30.09.21 burglary at Hookhams Path. Other reports of drugs raids and domestic incidents. PCSO Fenner left information cards regarding Northants Neighbourhood Alert Scheme which the public can sign up to receive alerts and news.

**21/091****TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Messrs Carter, Goldsmith, Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Milroy and the Clerk due to family/illness. Apologies received from Cllrs Messrs Carr, Griffiths and Partridge-Underwood.

**21/092****DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**21/093****MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 16 September 2021 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Threadgold. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

**21/094****NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL**

No report.

**21/095****CLERK'S REPORT**

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1.

There is a shortage of bus drivers on the W8 route from Bozeat to Wellingborough. Cllr Alvis proposed a viewing of Scott Bader's Health and Safety measures. Clerk to organise.

Clerk

**21/096****REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE and SERVICE**

Unfortunately due to rising Covid levels in school children the Scouts organisation have confirmed they will be unable to attend the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday 14 November 2021.

**21/097****FINANCES**

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

**September 2021**

Interest	0.36
Grant contribution - safety bollard at PF car park gate	3741.00
Wollaston Cricket Club – cricket square maintenance	2020.00

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for October 2021. Proposed by Cllr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Talbutt, unanimously agreed, motion carried.

**October 2021 (nett)**

Staff costs, HMRC, Pension	1641.78
Office, website, stationery, ICO, external audit	987.33
Village Grass Cut	1504.42
PF wheelie bin empty, cricket square maintenance, mower repair, planter paint	2169.56
RBL poppy wreaths x 3	90.00
Blower/vac VH garden	47.45
Grants – 1 <sup>st</sup> Responders, Library, Youth Club, Methodist Church, Village Hopper, Village Hall	3496.45
EON village street light energy charge	54.52
Memorial gifts from PC Grant monies	47.80

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quarterly budget to end of September 2021. Proposed by Cllr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Talbutt, unanimously agreed, motion carried.

It was **RESOLVED** to sign off the external audit AGAR. Proposed by Cllr Tyrrell, Seconded by Cllr Threadgold, unanimously agreed, motion carried.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a 2% pay rise for the Clerk backdated to April 2021 and bonus of £350. Proposed by Cllr Threadgold, Seconded by Cllr Savage.

## 21/098

### PLANNING

#### (a) Applications

Schedule was circulated with Agenda, Appendix 6.

**NW/21/00497/FUL Parochial Rooms – RECONSULTATION AMENDED REDLINE, UPDATED PLANS, DOCS & DESCRIPTION** – planning at Wellingborough have granted permission for on road parking.

**NW/21/00825/FUL 22 Queens Road** – No objection as 4 parking spaces have been provided.

**NW/21/00830/FUL 10 Howard Road** – Objection by PC due to no off road parking available.

**NW/21/00838/FUL 16 Francis Dickins Close** – No objection.

**NW/21/00864/FUL/NW/21/00865/LBC 10 Church Lane** – No objection, LBC subject to conservation approval.

#### Any other Planning Business

**Hookhams Path** – Section 106 Agreement negotiations are ongoing, subject to title and searches.

**Proposed Solar Farm nr Irchester** – No objections.

## 21/099

### REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Playing Field and Parks Management Committee – Draft minutes from the last meeting were circulated. Cllr Savage is organising phase 3 of the brook clearance for Thursday 28 September 2021. Clerk to ask for volunteers.

(b) Environment, Highways and Cemetery – Cllr Tew had circulated a report, Appendix 8. Cllr Savage had obtained 2 quotes to clean the War Memorial with funding from the maintenance/contingency budget to pay for the works. Cllr Griffiths is keen to work with Cllr Tew to improve safety on the A509. Leaf clearing is taking place on Saturday 06 and Saturday 13 November. Both MVAS cameras are working on Cobbs Lane and Hookhams Path.

Street Lights - Cllr Savage confirmed all village street lights are working.

Footpaths - Cllr Alms reported that the Green Lane is still closed to everyone at the end of Shepherds Hill. It was proposed that the PC holds a petition to poll the residents regarding a permanent closure to all vehicles, which will then be presented to NNC. NNC have advised that the PC would have to pay for any repair works to the surface of the Green Lane but Cllr Alms stated that this is a Highway responsibility.

Clerk

<p>(c) <u>Community – Safety</u> - There is a Police, Fire &amp; Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meeting on Tuesday 26 September at 6pm via Microsoft Teams.  <u>Events Committee</u> – Cllr Boddington is looking at a Christmas event for the village, reinstating the WASNAV, a Summer fair and a large Jubilee Celebration. Next meeting is on Monday 01 November 2021 7pm, WMC.</p> <p>(d) <u>Village Hall</u> - Cllr Goldsmith is considering a small kitchen refurbishment as the new community centre is some way off being built.</p> <p>(b) <u>Youth – Youth Club</u> – Cllr Alms reported numbers are low and they are looking to recruit new members. Cllr Alms is stepping down as Chairman at Christmas. Cllr Boddington is meeting the youth group to see how it might develop with other youth organisation in the village as there are several in existence.  <u>Youth Report</u> – Cllr Boddington will present the findings of the Wollaston Youth Initiative at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>21/100</b>  <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  Thursday 18 November 2021, 7pm. Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.</p> <p>The Chair thanked councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm</p> <p>Chair.....</p> <p>Date: .....</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>CB</p>
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