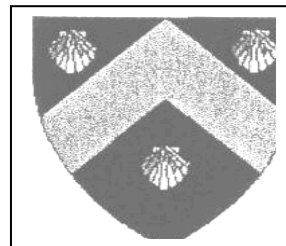


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
 HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Messrs Alvis (Chair), Boddington, Goldsmith, Jones, Mitchell, Savage (Vice Chair), Talbutt, Tew, Threadgold and Councillor Mrs Milroy.

Miss D. Styles (Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Messrs Carr and Partridge-Underwood. No members of the public.

21/076**OPEN MEETING**

Our Toyko Paralympian Miss Maisie Summers-Newton had been invited to the meeting but was unfortunately unable to attend. A bouquet of flowers and bottle of bubbly were presented to her in person after the meeting Cllr Mr Savage and the Clerk who congratulated her on her fantastic achievements and wished her well at the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

21/077**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Messrs Alms, annual leave, Carter and Tyrrell, work related. Cllr Mr Griffiths sent his apologies.

21/078**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

21/079**MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 15 July 2021 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mr Tew, Seconded by Cllr Dr Goldsmith. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

21/080**NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL**

Cllrs Messrs Carr and Partridge-Underwood gave apologies for Cllr Mr Griffiths and councillors from Wollaston Parish Council wished him well for a speedy recovery from his illness.

It was reported Cllr Steven North, Executive member of NNC and ex leader of East Northants District Council has stepped down. The core standard of bin collections in this ward has been poor and although issues at Wollaston have been resolved,

Grendon, Bozeat and Irchester are receiving a poor response from Norse regarding bin collections with no explanation to councils. Cllr Mr Talbutt believed overseas drivers had returned home which had impacted the number of drivers available. Norse's contract ends in March 2022. Norse also manage maintenance at Wollaston Cemetery. Cllr Tew enquired about the service level agreement at the Cemetery and was advised to email Cllrs Messrs Carr and Partridge-Underwood. Clerk to provide Cllr Mr Tew with email addresses. Cllr Mr Alvis enquired as to whether any grants would be available from NNC. It was confirmed the budget would be present to NNC in November 2021. Cllr Mr Carr is looking into the lack of updates on 'Fix My Street'. JAG meetings and Parish Forum meetings are being brought back.

Clerk

21/081**CLERK'S REPORT**

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1. Clerk confirmed a Wollaston Parish Twitter account and an Instagram account Wollaston_yi had been created. It was agreed a plaque would be requisitioned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year and monies would be put in the forthcoming budget for this. The planting of the village tree for the Jubilee under the Queen's Green Canopy would be registered so Wollaston would be included in the book to be presented to the Queen. It was agreed a letter from the PC would be put together to be presented to Miss Summers-Newton as she is invited to the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk reminded councillors about the NCALC AGM and conference taking place on Saturday 02 October and will circulate a reminder. Interested parties to register by Monday 27 September 2021.

Clerk

The Data Breach, Data Protection and Risk Assessments policies were agreed and signed by the Chair.

21/082**REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE and SERVICE**

The road closure is in place for the Remembrance Service Parade due to take place on Sunday 14 November 2021. Clerk to confirm all can gather at Air Wair car park. The minister at the Baptist Church will be taking the Service at the Cemetery and Clerk will meet with him to confirm Order of Service. All councillors are invited this year as Pandemic restrictions have been lifted and the uniformed groups have been invited. The public will be invited and knitted poppies will be on display, nearer the time of the event. Clerk to invite Col Woodrow and Mr MacKenzie has agreed to lay a wreath to represent the armed services.

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21/083**FINANCES**

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

July 2021

Interest	0.51
Memorial Donations from Community Library	15.25
Councillor donations for Memorial tea	58.00

NNC Balance Hinwick Rd tree maintenance grant money 50.00

August 2021

Interest 0.43

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for August 2021 and September 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mr Talbutt, Seconded by Cllr Mr Jones, unanimously agreed, motion carried.

August 2021 (nett)

Office, Clerk's wages, HMRC, pension, stationery, website, training	1511.71
Village Grass Cut, PF hedge cut and weed spray	1504.42
PF finances, wheelie bin empty, pest control, CCTV	1890.05
S137 contribution Church Floodlights	100.00
Village Hall – Floor refurbishment & cleaner products	1515.10
WABIK – community grant monies from NNC	500.00
Maintenance, purchase, inner bin replacement	217.13

September 2021 (nett)

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

Pension contribution	71.47
Office, website, training	416.30
Village Grass Cut and weed control	1899.42
PF weed control, car park hedge cut	780.00
Village Hall - tree cut back, kitchen cupboard maintenance	325.00
PF – wheelie bin empty, annual weed & feed to field, grass cut	
Play surface repair, equipment repair	929.80
PF – 50% monies new bollards to car park	3491.00
Clubhouse insurance reclaim-drying out of building	288.00
Purchases – plants and earth	25.96

21/084

PLANNING

(a) Applications

Schedule was circulated with Agenda, Appendix 6. An update was circulated via email to other planning business.

The planning schedule was discussed.

NW/21/00497/FUL Parochial Rooms – a camera had been placed on a BT pole in College Street which was then removed after 10 days after complaints from neighbours. It was agreed there was still a parking issue and the PC would respond accordingly, asking planning to look at PC last letter.

NW/21/00779/FUL – Summer Leys – The PC had no objections but thought the temporary unit was only for 1 year rather than the 2 years stated in the planning application. The Wildlife Trust had circulated an email that they intended to introduce parking charges at £4 per half day and would be open to accepting queries via email. Two such questions raised were whether members would receive a concession for parking and how they would mitigate instances of parking on the main highway. Councillors were concerned regarding parking on the main road and would look to NNC Highways for designation of clearway. The response

to the temporary unit would also include the PC having serious concerns regarding the proposed parking charge as not only will it encourage unauthorised and potentially dangerous parking but likely detract from casual visitors from the community just taking a walk and exercising for an hour or so, £4 for half a day is excessive. A site viewing is required when the application is considered to avoid this application being passed by delegated powers. Cllr Mr Tew advised he would try to raise the issue at his planned meeting with Ian Boyes of NNC in the village on Friday 18 September 2021.

NW/21/00716/VAR – 3 Little Lane – The PC had no objections to the variation of the plans to rectify incorrect drawing.

Clerk to respond to planning applications.

Any other Planning Business

Hookhams Path – Cllr Mr Mitchell was hoping to receive an update tomorrow, Friday 18 September. The issue appears to be the tenancy regarding the requirement of the additional land. The Planning Working Party will meet if planning has an update on the matter.

Proposed Solar Farm nr Irchester – An online meeting has been organised for Thursday 23 September 2021, at 7pm for any queries to be answered. Irchester PC, Wollaston PC and nearby residents would be invited to attend this meeting.

Cllr Mr Mitchell had been reviewing the monies and areas for monies to be attributed to in the S106 savings account for Neale Close and The Pyghtles. These will be looked at the budget meeting in December 2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Mr Boddington to the Planning Working Party. Proposed by Cllr Mr Mitchell, Seconded by Cllr Mr Jones. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

21/085

REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Playing Field and Parks Management Committee – Draft minutes from the last meeting were circulated. Cllr Mr Savage confirmed the new CCTV system had been installed and was up and running. There was a proposal for an outdoor concrete table tennis unit which could be purchased from the S106 monies but this will be discussed at the budget meeting in December. The next brook clearing event will take place on Wednesday 29 September 2021, from 9am to midday. Cllr Mr Savage thanked those who attended and helped at the last clearing event. A third of the brook was cleared. Clerk to ask for volunteers.

(b) Environment, Highways Street Lights and Cemetery – Cllr Mr Tew had circulated a report, Appendix 8. It was confirmed there was a grant for private land owners to remove fly tipping. Councillors agreed a 20mph limit in the centre of the village would be a good idea. Various traffic issues would be discussed with Ian Boyes from NNC and Cllr Mr Tew on Friday morning and a resident from York Road would be joining them to discuss the road traffic accidents at the York Road/A509 junction. Cllr Mr Tew would also try to discuss the parking issue at Summer Leys Nature Reserve. The final cosmetic works to Backway would be completed next week. Cllr Mr Mitchell had been made aware there was already the basics of a lighting system to

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Backway. Cllr Mr Tew confirmed the Working Party had met and had gone through areas of the village and apportioned areas to member councillors to review their areas. Ideas were put forward and an action plan is proposed for a meeting on 05 October 2021. Cllr Mr Alvis reported there had been issues with parking on the corner of South Street which needed reporting to Parking Enforcement. Cllr Mrs Milroy will circulate a report regarding bad parking. Cllr Mr Savage reported all street lights are working.

- (c) Street Dr – Report circulated appendix 9. Cllr Mr Savage thanked everyone for reporting issues and confirmed the pothole in Newton Road had been filled, kerb stones repaired on Bell End and a few more issues around the village. Thank you to Cllr Mr Jones for setting one of the Hinwick Road street signs.
- (d) Community Safety – Cllr Mrs Milroy had collated figures for local crimes outside the Wellingborough District at 153 crimes, 14 of which were in Wollaston including 2 anti-social crimes which is 1 less than June 2021 and lower than Earls Barton and Irchester. There is some concern regarding traffic along Hookhams Path most of which could be related to attendees of Santa Pod. The ANPR van had caught 54 speeding, a number of occupants not wearing seatbelts and some using mobile 'phones. Cllr Mr Alvis reported he had a Safety in the Community consultation which he would forward to Cllr Mrs Milroy.
- (e) Village Hall - Cllr Dr Goldsmith reported refurbishment had been completed at the village hall and after costs, some £1,500 of the grant from the PC is due. The Treasurer will remain despite perhaps moving from the village as his assistance has been invaluable. There was a discussion as to whether a grant would be provided from the PC to the VH for a new kitchen if the new community centre would take some time to complete. The committee would discuss.
- (f) Footpaths – Nothing to report other than green lane closed.
- (b) Youth – A report had been circulated, appendix 7. Cllr Mr Boddington confirmed the Youth Questionnaire would close soon and would bring a full report to the next meeting. 150+ responses have been made so far and Cllr Mr Boddington awaited 2 group responses. There has been a request from many voluntary groups for more volunteers.

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Clerk had advertised grant funding was available to Youth Groups, but the only response had been from Wollaston Youth Club. It was agreed £500 would be paid to the Youth Club for their volunteers' first aid training, behaviour training, DBS Certificates and equipment. Put to a vote, 4 councillors were against, 5 in favour and 1 abstained.

The Village Hopper would receive £200, Village Hall the balance of it's £5,000 after refurbishment nett costs deducted, Wollaston Community Library would receive £1,000, 1st Responders £100 and Methodist Church Day Care £200.

21/087**CONSULTATIONS**

It was agreed the Clerk would again forward the links for the NNC Draft Corporate Plan 2021-2025 Consultation and the Oxford-Cambridge Arc Consultation and that the PC would not respond as a body.

Clerk

21/088**EVENTS COMMITTEE**

It was agreed Cllr Mr Boddington and the Clerk would organise a venue and date for a meeting to gather volunteers for the committee and ideas to include a replacement for the WASNAV. Cllrs Mrs Milroy and Cllr Mr Alvis would attend.

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Clerk**21/089****DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 October 2021 at 7pm Oasis Room, High Street, Wollaston.

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

Chair.....

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