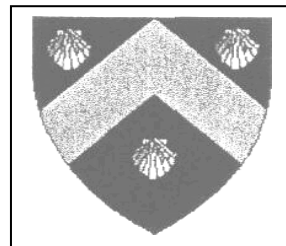


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON  
ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Messrs Alvis, Boddington, Carter, Goldsmith, Jones, Milroy, Mitchell, Savage, Talbutt, Threadgold and Mrs S. Grant (Clerk & RFO).

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

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>23/066 – OPEN MEETING</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>23/067 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Alms, Hodson, Jackson, Cllrs Carr, Griffiths, Partridge-Underwood and PCSO Donna Fenner.</p>	
<p><b>23/068 – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL</b> No report was available.</p>	
<p><b>23/069 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None relating to business on the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>23/070 - MINUTES</b> Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 15 June 2023 were agreed and signed as a true account. Proposed by Cllr Goldsmith, Seconded by Cllr Threadgold. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.</p>	
<p><b>23/071 – To RESOLVE POSTING OF AGENDAS AND MINUTES ONTO FACEBOOK</b> It was agreed that Agendas only are to be published onto Facebook, not minutes. Proposed by Cllr Goldsmith, Seconded by Cllr Milroy. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.</p>	
<p><b>23/072 - CLERK'S REPORT</b> Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1. Social Media – Website training continuing to be chased by Clerk. Website currently being updated by D.Styles with minutes and agendas. Wollaston Library – PC have withdrawn their application of an ACV as per Mr Sinnott's instructions. Mr Sinnott wants to take ownership of this charitable Organisation of which he owns with the promise that should the library's situation</p>	Clerk

<p>ever change, decisions will be made in line with the Council and wider groups. Backway – Cllr Savage currently undertaking weed pulling. Mr I Tilley has been contacted to sort weeds coming through from Tilley’s Wine premises. Request from a resident to place a banner (1m x 1/2m) on Bell End railings advertising fitness Classes at Wollaston School – all voted in disagreement. Clerk to inform resident.</p> <p>Greatwell Homes have contacted the Clerk for a request to clear the communal path Behind 38-48 Park Street as very overgrown. Greatwell Homes and NCC are both claiming this land does not belong to them. Previously tended by a resident’s family member who has passed away. Cllr Mitchell to investigate historically this unadopted land and report back.</p> <p>Complaint from No 70 Pyghtles regarding overgrown bushes and brambles onto her land/garage from PC bushes. Hayeswood have visited on 13<sup>th</sup> July, but resident not happy with the work carried out. Cllr Savage to arrange visit with resident and Hayeswood contractors.</p> <p>VAT update – feedback from NCALC &amp; Parkinson Partnership (VAT specialists) indicate that the PC cannot claim VAT on behalf of the Sports Association or Village Hall. Cllr Savage to speak to the Cricket Club regarding this and Clerk to arrange a further zoom meeting with Danny Moody of NCALC and Cllr Goldsmith.</p> <p>Asset Register – to be updated by Cllr Alvis, Savage and Clerk in August. Cllr Goldsmith to obtain copy of latest valuation for the Village Hall.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed by all that the Clerk can purchase an external hard drive (approx. £100) and a new laptop (approx. £300) with immediate effect.</p> <p>Clerk’s 3 month appraisal – date to arranged early August by Cllr Carter.</p> <p>Clerk annual leave – office will be closed Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July (1 day) &amp; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 (2 weeks).</p> <p><u>Update of Parish Ward Meeting Held on 19<sup>th</sup> July in Bozeat</u> – attended by Cllr Alvis &amp; Cllr Carter – Cllr Carter reported that funded Planning training by NCALC will be available – details to follow. Highways meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to discuss flooding prevention etc. All Cllrs to send Clerk any highway issues that need to be raised at this meeting. Cllr Savage to attend with Street Doctor list. (Cllr Savage can only attend 9am on 9<sup>th</sup> August)</p> <p>Grants are available to help residents heat homes and reduce energy bills – Clerk to issue onto Facebook</p> <p>Reports of possible car sales activity in London Road (opposite Rotten Row) Clerk to investigate and report to Trading Standards.</p> <p>Santa Pod – a representative from Bedfordshire Council to attend next Ward meeting.</p> <p><b>23/073 – FINANCES</b></p> <p>Receipts circulated. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve receipts for June 2023. Proposed by Cllr Carter. Seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>JM</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS Clerk LA/TS/ Clerk MG</p> <p>Clerk GC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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**June 2023 - Receipts**

Interest	103.97
Payments from Wollaston CC	9,765.00
Zurich Insurance Refund (VAR x 2)	117.72
VAT Reclaim (Jan – April 23)	2,680.58

**July 2023 (nett) – PC Payments**

Office/phone/website/stationery/emails/training – LGA '72 s112	406.99
Staff/HMRC/pension – LGA 1972 s133	1,302.27
Village Grass cut & Weed – OS Act 1906 ss 9&10	1,387.75
PF Tractor Service/Repair to mower – OS Act 1906 ss 9&10	450.09
Maintenance/Litter equip OS Act 1906 ss10	2,310.43
EDF Engery PF Floodlights OS Act 1906 ss10	7.50
PC Street Lighting Highways Act 1980, S301	281.94
S137 Grant Money to Events Committee	683.18

Payments Circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for July 2023. Proposed by Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded by Cllr Boddington. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

**QUARTER 1 BUDGET APRIL – JUNE 2023**

Budget Circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve Budget figures for Quarter 1 2023. Proposed by Cllr Talbutt. Seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Unanimously agreed, motion carried. Clerk to obtain interest rates for Bank Accounts and report back asap.

**23/074 – REPORTS**

- (a) **Playing Field & Parks Management Committee Update** – draft minutes circulated (Appendix 5). No issues. Cllr Savage to email Cricket Club regarding new process for purchasing goods. All purchases to be made by the Parish Council going forward.
- (b) **Environmental, Highways, Cemetery & Street Lights Update** – it was **RESOLVED** to renew section of fence and refurbish the remainder as necessary at the Pyghtles Playpark at a quote of £900 (quotes passed to Clerk). S106 monies to be used.
- (c) **Street Dr/Fix My Street Report** – Report circulated (Appendix 6) – Cllr Savage to continue to chase Ben Wright as repairs are not being carried out (particular concern with London Road potholes)
- (d) **Footpaths Update** – nothing to report.
- (e) **Village Hall Update** – draft minutes circulated (Appendix 7). Ongoing issues with Eon gas meter. Busy Bees preschool are in financial trouble, Village Hall providing support where possible. Concerns over low numbers - possibly due to low birth year & the current economy. Look into the possibility of Busy Bees moving into the Oasis room to test whether the all day option increases

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numbers. Wollaston & Strixton preschool also reported to have low numbers.

**(f) Crime and Community Safety Update** – no crime report available. Cllr Milroy reported on the recent PLR online conference. Road traffic policing to be prioritised & NCC have deployed new Parking Wardens to focus on parking issues. The Road Crime Team have 36 officers who have successfully issued penalties for various offences. ANPR cameras are situated in the village.

**(g) Community Events Update** – Cllr Boddington reported positive feedback from the Wollaston Festival held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Planning is underway for next year’s festival confirmed as Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. More volunteers are desperately required. The Christmas Fayre will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Clerk to apply for Road Closure. Wollaston Together Magazine is on it’s 7<sup>th</sup> issue and proving to be successful (£500 profit made to cover costs),

**(h) Community Centre and Preschool update** – Cllr Goldsmith reported he is still awaiting a response from the Duchy which is expected within 2/3 weeks. Current favoured location is London Road due to ongoing issues with original Scott Bader site not fit for purpose (H&S issues).

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**23/075 – PLANNING**

**(i) Applications**

Schedule was circulated with Agenda (Appendix 8). Cllr Carter updated:

**Proposed Recycling Centre, Doddington Rd NCC/20/00017/WASFUL, NNC** – NNC recommending application is refused. This was refused in November 2022 – Clerk to remove from report.

**NW/21/010808/HSC Scott Bader** – Inspection has started. Awaiting decision.

**NW/22/00684/FUL 89 Hinwick Road** – Still awaiting decision. PC no objection

**NW/23/00310/CND 1 Church Lane** – proposed windows, doors, panels etc in line with a listed building consent. No objection from PC. Awaiting decision. PC no objection.

**NW/23/00428/AMD 6 Roses Close** – increase in roof level and addition of roof light. PC no objection. Application has now been since withdrawn.-

**NW/23/00420/TCA 21 Hickmire** – Tree work in conservation area – No PC objection

**23/076 – NEXT MEETING**

Meeting of Wollaston Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 21st September 2023, 7pm, Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

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