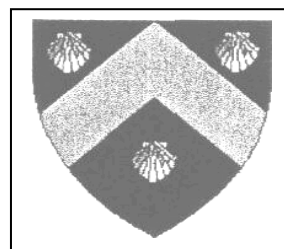


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON
ON THURSDAY 16th May 2024.**

PRESENT: Councillors Alvis (Chair), Boycott, Goldsmith, Jones, Milroy, Mitchell, Talbutt, Threadgold and Mrs S. Grant (Clerk & RFO).

Cllr Griffiths

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public attended.

	ACTION
<p>24/042 - ELECTION OF CHAIR Cllr Boycott proposed Cllr Alvis as Chair. Cllr Mitchell Seconded the proposal, agreed unanimously, motion carried. Declaration of Office signed.</p>	
<p>24/043 - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR Cllr Mitchell proposed Cllr Savage as Vice Chair. Cllr Goldsmith Seconded the proposal, agreed unanimously, motion carried.</p>	
<p>24/044 – OPEN MEETING None.</p>	
<p>24/045 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Alms, Boddington, Carter, Hodson and Savage PCSO Donna Fenner, Cllr Carr and Cllr Partridge-Underwood.</p>	
<p>24/046 – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL – Green Hill Solar Farm - Cllr Griffiths advised that a Steering Group had been formed who will be opposing the Solar Farm due to the sheer scale (would be the largest in the UK) being built on good agricultural land. The petition against this solar farm reached 1100 signatures and the next step is to hold a briefing with Ward members and Parish Councils on how the project is opposed. A Wollaston representative for this steering group would be recommended. Cllr Griffiths updated on the recent Ward tour with NNC Chief Executive, Adele Wylie who was shown the scale of the proposed solar farm. Encouragement and pressure for Wollaston’s LUF application for £600k towards the Village Hall development was raised and will be supported by the NNC Ward. WPC to write to local MP, Gen Kitchen for her support.</p>	
<p>24/047 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None relating to business on the agenda.</p>	

24/048 - MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 18th April 2024 were agreed and signed as a true account. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

24/049 - CLERK'S REPORT

Report circulated with Agenda, appendix 1.

Clerk reminded Councillors of the Kier Highways session on May 21st 1-3pm at Wollaston Library. Clerk to send latest Street Dr report to Kier.

Quote received from NNC for Pedestrian Crossing Signs on A509 Wollaston & Bozeat (£1235) Awaiting Cllr Carr to establish if there is any budget available to move the project forward.

Village Clean up 2024 – Thank you to the Environmental Team who have been out staining benches in the cemetery and painting railings and posts in Cobbs Lane/High Street. Thanks were also passed to Scott Bader who held a volunteer day on May 3rd to litter pick and tidy up the London Road just off the A509 slip road. They have offered a further volunteer day in June.

Manchester Bomber Memorial Service – Saturday 22nd June 12 noon Shepherds Hill, all Councillors welcome. To be advertised on Facebook. Minister and Last Post player are booked and confirmed.

Clerk is unavailable on the following dates: Tuesday 21st May (CiLCA) and Monday 27th-Friday 31st May (holiday).

24/050 – FINANCES

Receipts circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for April 2024. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, Seconded by Cllr Boycott. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

April 2024 - Receipts

RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Lloyds *823	Interest	£11.47	£0.00	£11.47
HMRC	VAT return	£0.00	£2,327.54	£2,327.54
NNC Finance	Precept 24/25	£98,274.00	£0.00	£98,274.00
Nationwide Interest *607	Interest	£194.96	£0.00	£194.96
Nationwide Interest *581	Interest	173.65	£0.00	173.65
	TOTAL:	£98,654.08	£2,327.54	£100,981.62

Clerk

Payments Circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for April 2024. Proposed by Cllr Threadgold, Seconded by Cllr Milroy. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NETT OF VAT
Tesco Mobile	Monthly mobile Phone Contract	£15.99
NPS Shoes	Office Hire & Internet April 2024	£304.17
LV Pension	LV Pension S Grant WPC Contribution	£66.16
Whitestar Ltd	Website monitoring and support	£35.00
CS2 Chartered Surveyors	Preparation of Preliminary Budget Cost (VH)	£1,800.00
E-on	Street Lighting Mainenance for 1/4 ending March 24	£88.00
Wollaston School	Wollaston Festival A5 Laminated posters	£10.00
EDF	Tennis Courts Energy Usage 30/01 - 09/03	£45.86
Hayeswood Landscapes	Village Grass Cut March 2024	£1,387.75
Smith of Derby	Village Clock Repair & site visit	£790.00
Yu Energy	Street Lighting 16 Feb - 31 March 2024	£102.16
Yu Energy	Street Lighting 16 Feb - 31 March 2024	£10.31
Yu Energy	Street Lighting 16 Feb - 31 March 2024	£11.32
Mrs Suzanne Grant	April 2024 salary	£1,317.61
HMRC	Employer NI employee NI Tax payment	£196.18
Renutec	Computer Technical Support	£40.00
Barton Petroleum	Tractor Fuel (PF)	£165.00
Amazon	Ink cartridge & A4 paper	£35.78
Amazon	HP Office Jet pro 8132e Printer	£119.99
ME Electrical	Village Clock LED internal LED Light replacement	£71.16
Renutec	Computer Memory/Hard Drive/Printer Installation	£160.00
	GRAND TOTAL:	£6,772.44

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the End of Year Budget to 31 March 2024.

2023 / 2024 Budget	2023/2024	Mar-24
Receipts	Budget	Actual 23 / 24
Precept	£89,161.00	£89,161.00
Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00
S106 / A509 Grass Cutting	£995.00	£1,991.08
Bank Interest	£1,038.00	£4,857.02
Sports Association	£400.00	£774.50
Cricket Club	£550.00	£557.73
S106 Hookhams Path	£0.00	£0.00
Sundry Income	£50.00	£117.72

Community Centre	£0.00	£0.00
S106 Pyghtles / Neale Close	£4,000.00	£3,400.00
Total Income	£97,194.00	£100,859.05
Payments	Budget 23/24	Actual 23/24
Salary	£16,500.00	£17,247.83
LGCC Pension Provision	£1,000.00	£527.62
Office / General Costs	£7,554.00	£8,823.82
S137 Grants	£11,100.00	£10,895.93
Street Lighting	£2,000.00	£2,465.83
Grass Cutting	£18,090.00	£18,659.67
Playing Field & Parks	£12,000.00	£11,993.44
Sports Association	£400.00	£410.10
Cricket Club	£550.00	£557.73
Election Cost Provision	£3,000.00	£0.00
Maintenance / Purchases	£5,000.00	£957.22
Community Centre	£20,000.00	£2,625.00
S106 Projects	£0.00	£1,710.00
Transfer to Business A/C	£0.00	£0.00
Total Costs	£97,194.00	£76,874.19

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign off internal audit 2023/2024 and report. Confirmation of the dates of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights. Publication dates 3rd June 2024 to 12th July 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the spending of £20,117 Historic S106 monies for Sports Association/Playing Field Committee recommendations and to leave balance of £50k in the S106 Nationwide Account for later consideration and best use. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, Seconded by Cllr Threadgold, Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

24/051 -Wollaston Skate Park Proposal (see appendix 10)

Report produced by Cllr Boddington was circulated and agreement made in principle to support this project as a Green space to incorporate a skate park. Cllr Goldsmith to contact Duchy to confirm change of use for Irchester Road site and establish whether a S106 deed of variation is required. Cllr Mitchell and Clerk to look into pre app application & costs before a community meeting is held.

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24/052 – REPORTS

- (a) **New Community Centre/preschool Update** – pre app has been submitted together with the Transport Statement, awaiting outcome. Regular users of the Village Hall have raised their concerns with finding alternative venues and the timings. This will be looked at once the timings are better known.
- (b) **Playing fields & Parks Management Committee** (Draft Minutes appendix 7) – no issues. **Environmental, Highways, Cemetery & Street Lights Update** –Street Dr/Fix My Street Report – Report circulated (Appendix 8) Clerk to send this report to Kier for Highways session on May 21st.
- (c) **Footpaths Update** – Meeting confirmed for May 29th 2pm with Kexby Estates to discuss the closed Shepherds Hill footpath.
- (d) **Village Hall management Committee Update** – There has been no applicants for the voluntary Village Hall Treasurer position following recent advert, will need to employ for this position.
- (e) **Crime and Community Safety Update** – no report available.
- (f) **Community Events Update** – 6th June D-Day 80th Anniversary Event to be held Thursday 6th June at Beacon Hill in conjunction with the Museum. Gates open 8pm, Beacon Hill opened at 8.30pm with the Beacon lighting at 9.15pm. Cllr Alvis to deliver speech. Wollaston Festival Sunday 30th June 12.30-4.30pm – Volunteers needed.

24/052 – PLANNING**(g) Applications**

Schedule was circulated with Agenda (Appendix 9).

NW/21/01080/HSC Scott Bader – Re-classification of chemicals by H&S – awaiting decision.

NW/24/00059/FUL – Wollaston School 3G synthetic pitch – WPC no objection.

NW/24/00096/FUL – 48 Irchester Road – Installation of air source heat pump – WPC No objection. Application permitted.

NW/24/00128/FUL – 70 York Road – rear extension. WPC no objection.

NW/24/00147/FUL – 92 London Road – Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of two storey, 4 bed detached dwelling with double garage – WPC no objection.

NW/24/00235/PAD – Scott Bader UK – Demolition of portal steel frame building – WPC no objection

NW/24/00242/LDP – 193 London Road – change of use from domestic garage to a aesthetics business. WPC no objection.

24/053 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERS

- (a) Playing Field & Parks Management Committee – Cllrs Savage, Hodson, Jones, Milroy and Mitchell.
- (b) Environmental, Highways & Street Lights – Cllrs Savage, Boycott, Threadgold, Jones & Talbutt.
- (c) Finance - Cllrs Carter, Alvis, & Goldsmith.
- (d) Footpaths – Cllrs Alms & Threadgold.
- (e) Village Hall & Oasis – Cllrs Goldsmith & Carter.
- (f) Crime and Community Safety – Cllr Milroy

- (g) Community Events/Wollaston Together - Cllrs Boddington & Milroy.
- (h) Planning – Cllrs Goldsmith, Carter (Chair), Boddington, Alvis, Jones, Hodson & Talbutt. (Cllr Mitchell for consultation purposes)
- (i) Human Resources – Cllrs Carter (Chair), Alvis and Goldsmith
- (j) Youth Representative – Cllr Boddington
- (k) Greenways (Cycle Path) – Cllr Boddington, Hodson & Boycott.

24/054 – NEXT MEETING

Meeting of Wollaston Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 20th June 2024, 7pm, Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Chair..... Date: