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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2026.

PRESENT: Cllr Alvis, Barber, Carter, Gay, Goldsmith, Jones, Savage, Seager and Threadgold.

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public attended.

WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr Gordon Dunsmuir.

26/127 – OPEN MEETING
No open meeting.

26/128 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received from Cllr Atkinson, Farman, Mitchell (holiday) and Hodson (work).

26/129 – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL – Apologies received from Cllr Carr and Cllr Partridge-Underwood. Cllr Dunsmuir reported that there were no updates over the festive period. Next meeting is on 22nd January.

26/130 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None relating to business on the agenda.

26/131 - MINUTES
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 18th December 2025 were agreed and signed as a true account. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

26/132 – To review and approve the Wollaston IT Policy.
It was unanimously agreed to approve the Wollaston IT Policy. Clerk to publish on website.

26/133 - CLERK'S REPORT
The Climate and Nature Representative (CAN) for Wollaston Parish Council has unfortunately had to step down. NCALC have been informed. Awaiting potential new candidate. Request from a High Street resident for a grit bin at the junction of Rotten Row/High Street to be installed – NNC criteria allows for requests for grit bins each year between May and October only and the location must tick at least 5 criteria's for a grit bin to be considered. Clerk to apply in May for Rotten Row and for Summers Grange Estate.
Clerk has been assisting residents from Wellingborough Road, Wollaston with missed bin collections and with Cllr Threadgold providing advice for pest control.

Councillors are encouraged to complete the online consultation for the Greenway Wollaston-Irchester cycle path. NNC are paying for the design study, which is currently being undertaken, hence the request to complete the form.
Free Tree giveaway – NNC have partnered with the Woodland Trust to run a free tree giveaway throughout North Northamptonshire.
Complaint has been received from a resident regarding the parking issues around Wollaston Secondary School. Traffic Enforcement Team have confirmed that they will be visiting the area and Wollaston School have responded to confirm that the new car park (70 spaces) will relieve these issues. The Head of School will also endeavour to reassert sensible parking in the weekly school newsletter.

26/134 – FINANCES

Receipts circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for December 2025. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
09/12/2025	Lloyds Bank *823	Interest	£25.66	£0.00	£25.66
31/12/2025	Nationwide Interest *607	Interest	£124.21	£0.00	£124.21
31/12/2025	Nationwide Interest *581	Interest	£283.43	£0.00	£283.43
15/12/2025	Wollaston Vics	Floodlight Usage	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00
		TOTAL:	**£449.30**	**£0.00**	**£449.30**

Payments Circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for December 2025. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

PAYMENT	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NETT OF VAT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL
DD225	Tesco Mobile	Monthly mobile Phone Contract	£15.99	£0.00	£15.99
DD226	HP Instant Ink	Monthly subscription for printer ink	£68.74	£13.75	£82.49
DD227	NPS Shoes	Office Hire & Internet December 2025	£318.75	£63.75	£382.50
DD228	WhiteStar Ltd	Monthly Website hosting fee	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
DD229	Yu Energy	Street Lighting 01.11.25 - 30.11.25	£88.38	£4.42	£92.80
DD230	LV Pension (NMPTL)	LV Pension S Grant WPC Contribution	£73.42	£0.00	£73.42
DD231	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Community Account monthly charge ref 449342778	£5.40	£0.00	£5.40
DD232	Starboards Systems Ltd	Monthly subscription for Scribe accounts package	£51.00	£10.20	£61.20
DD233	Hayeswood Landscapes	November Grass Cutting	£2,006.10	£401.22	£2,407.32
BACS1103	Mrs Suzanne Grant	December 2025 salary	£1,376.41	£0.00	£1,376.41
BACS1104	HMRC	Employer NI employee NI Tax payment	£290.75	£0.00	£290.75
BACS1105	Mr L. Alvis	Chairman's Allowance	150.00	0.00	150.00
BACS1106	ME Electrical	Repairs to MUGA Floodlights	£460.09	£0.00	£460.09
BACS1107	Mr Gregory Carter	Annual Subscription to Survey Monkey for NHP purposes	£330.00	£66.00	£396.00
BACS1108	SJN Property Maintenance	Installation of VAS units & repair to South St noticeboard	£173.74	£0.00	£173.74

BACS1109	North Northamptonshire Council	Bin Emptying at Playing Field 01/01/26 - 31/03/26	£228.16	£0.00	£228.16
BACS1110	B&Q Wellingborough	Sand for Basketball bases	£15.80	£0.00	£15.80
BACS1111	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Slalom Run & Stepping posts for St Mary's Play area	£3,125.45	£652.09	£3,750.54
BACS1112	JD Tree Surgery	Tree works as per the annual tree audit	£1,680.00	£0.00	£1,680.00
		GRAND TOTAL:	**£10,493.18**	**£1,211.43**	**£11,677.61**

Bank Reconciliation as of 31.12.25 was circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the December Bank Reconciliation. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

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Bank Reconciliation as at 31/12/2025

Lloyds Current account - daily banking *832		
balance as at 31/12/2025		£5,148.26
Lloyds Instant access - General Reserves *823		
balance as at 31/12/2025		£46,792.12
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *607		£43,778.96
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *581		£99,901.94
Nationwide Building Society - S106 Monies *513		£71,437.42
Earmarked Reserves, Pyghtles, Neale Close		
In Accounts 30/11/2025		**£267,058.70**
	From 2024/2025	£224,179.04
Figures incl VAT	Receipts	£227,501.53
	Payments	£184,621.87
		£267,058.70
	Difference	£0.00

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the budget spend to December 2025. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

2025 / 2026 Budget					
	Budget	**Quarter 1**	**Quarter 2**	**Quarter 3**	**Actual 25/ 26**
RECEIPTS					
Precept	£107,756.00	£107,756.00	£0.00	£0.00	£107,756.00
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
S106 / A509 Grass Cutting	£995.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,255.50	£1,255.50
Bank Interest	£3,000.00	£1,385.54	£1,396.32	£1,302.38	£4,084.24
S106 Hookhams Path	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sundry Income	£300.00	£313.00	£522.00	£20.42	£855.42
Community Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
S106 Pyghtles / Neale Close	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Income	**£112,051.00**	**£109,454.54**	**£1,918.32**	**£2,578.30**	**£113,951.16**
Earmark 22 / 23 CCTV / PF	2300				
PAYMENTS	**Budget**	**Quarter 1**	**Quarter 2**	**Quarter 3**	**Actual 25/ 26**
Salary	£19,478.92	£4,644.75	£5,152.01	£5,108.38	£14,905.14
LGCC Pension Provision	£870.00	£207.24	£207.24	£220.26	£634.74
Office / General Costs	£9,978.88	£5,484.11	£2,127.70	£1,899.75	£9,511.56
S137 Grants	£8,600.00	£30.00	£40.00	£7,334.41	£7,404.41
Street Lighting	£1,750.00	£230.57	£290.11	£308.34	£829.02
Grass Cutting	£22,073.28	£5,266.47	£5,416.47	£3,917.08	£14,600.02
Playing Field & Parks	£12,200.00	£2,467.84	£888.97	£8,226.78	£11,583.59
Election Cost Provision	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Maintenance / Purchases	£3,100.00	£196.56	£573.49	£925.40	£1,695.45
VH Redevelopment	£25,000.00	£25,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
Parks Wet pour project	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan update	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£330.00	£330.00
S106 Projects (£2k transferred)	£0.00	£585.17	£806.83	£2,032.35	£0.00
Total Costs	**£112,051.08**	**£44,947.71**	**£15,502.82**	**£30,302.75**	**£86,493.93**

26/135 – REPORTS

(a) New Community Centre/preschool update (MG/JM/GC) – The S106 Business Case application will be completed by Cllr Carter and submitted by the deadline of the 30th of January. The Architect has prepared and updated the ground floor plan based on discussions with Wollaston and Strixton preschool for us to review. The pre-application report will need to be re-visited and a Community Consultation prior to planning permission.

(b) Playing fields & Parks Management Committee (TS) – (minutes to follow) The S106 business case for a 2-year ground maintenance plan and new hybrid cricket wicket was submitted in December for work to commence in April, but monies will not be

available until later in the year - Clerk to forward details to Cllr Dunsmuir. Most of the urgent play area repairs have been carried out. Floodlights are still tripping and continue to cause an issue, being investigated. Balance of the tree audit work will be completed next week. MUGA continues to be well used. (TS) *Street Doctor* –many white faded lines and potholes have been actioned including High Street. London Road stream and vegetation has still not been actioned by the Duchy. A review of all yellow lines within the Village is scheduled with Kier (Ben Wright) for January 30th. Cllr Savage is attending the Highways briefing in Corby on 19th January. *Street Lighting* – St Mary's Church lights are not working due to a fuse continually shorting; this is being investigated.

(c) Footpaths Update (AT) –Permissive footpath signage has been delivered for Shepherds Hill as Kexby Estates have agreed to the permissive path. Awaiting confirmation of a new gate from Kexby Estates Manager.

(d) Village Hall management Committee Update (MG) – no issues with the day to day running and bookings, some of the repair works have now commenced. Busy Bees will remain the Village Hall until the new hall is built.

(e) Crime and Community Safety Update – figures provided by Northants Police confirmed that 8 crimes were reported in December. PCSO Fenner will send out an invite nearer the summer for all Councillors to walk around the village with her to highlight any issues. North Northants now have their own parking team, and they can be contacted on trafficenforcement@northnorthants.gov.uk

(f) Summers Grange Update (JB). The safety entrance bollards are now installed (awaiting chains). Dogs on lead notices will be installed shortly. The 20mph speeding signs seem to be having an impact. Clerk to send inadequate play area complaint details email trail to Cllr Dunsmuir. Cllr Barber to consider a poll on the Summers Grange Facebook page for the play area feedback.

(g) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Update – Communication received from NNC's Planning Policy Manager is that the recommendation is to take the Local Plan forward under the new planning system, which has a lot of advantages for plan making, rather than trying to meet timescale for submission by the end of the year. The aim is (subject to the formal outcome of the report recommendation at the Executive on 20th January) to update Parish Councils on the work, timescales and implications through workshops to be arranged in February. Cllr Alvis advised that the PPG (Patient Partnership Group) for Wollaston and Bozeat Doctor Surgeries has folded – all complaints will need to be directed straight to the Surgery.

26/136 – PLANNING

(h) Applications

Schedule was circulated with Agenda

NW/24/00448/EXT – Green Hill Solar Farm - Consultation on draft statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). Awaiting decision.

NW/25/00195/FUL – 24 York Road, Wollaston – Change of use of pastureland to residential garden, including erection of wall, gates and boundary fencing. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

25/01707/TCA – 16 Duck End Wollaston – to reduce height and crown of Pleached Privets and Cherry Trees – WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

25/01709/FUL – Wollaston House, 51 High Street – full planning permission for new building for storage use only located behind existing garage block. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

25/02065/AOC – 23 Hickmire Wollaston – Approval of details reserved by condition pursuant to condition 3 (windows and rooflights) of listed building consent reference NW/22/00492/LBC.

NN/24/00021/WASFUL – Land between and rear 30 to 50 Doddington Road, Wollaston – proposed development of an industrial/commercial building including office space for purpose of plastic, paper and metal recycling. WPC – strong objection letter sent 12/08/2025. A letter was received by Wollaston Parish Council on December 10th from the agent requesting the removal of our objection due to new information addressing our objections. Cllr Alvis reported that since the last meeting of the Parish Council the HSE had been consulted, but this is not in their remit. All surrounding villages (Great Doddington, Strixton, Irchester, Earls Barton and Grendon) have added this planning application to their agenda and have raised objections. Chair has consulted with the Duchy, Kier Highways, Sarah Bool (MP), Summer Leys and Clerk continues to raise awareness via social media and posters. Clerk to check Fire and Resue consultee response with the case officer. Should this application go to planning, then it was felt that external assistance of a Barrister or a professional in this area would be appropriate for the public consultation. There have been approximately 150-200 objections raised at this stage.

26/137 - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wollaston Parish Council to take place on Thursday February 19th, 2026, 7pm, Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Chair…….. Date: ……