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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2026.

PRESENT: Cllr Alvis, Atkinson, Carter (left the meeting at 8.40pm), Farman, Gay, Goldsmith, Hodson, Jones, Mitchell, Savage and Threadgold.

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public attended.

WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr Gordon Dunsmuir and Cllr Jon-Paul Carr. Apologies received from Cllr Tom Partridge-Underwood.

26/195 – OPEN MEETING
Six members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the recently installed electric vehicle charging points on Irchester Road, Wollaston.
Residents' concerns included:

- A perceived lack of notification prior to installation;
- The adequacy of the consultation process;
- The cost of electricity available through the charging points;
- Previous refusals by North Northamptonshire Council to permit residents to install their own EV charging solutions; and
- The location of the charging points on a busy school route where on-street parking is heavily relied upon by local residents.

The Parish Council noted the concerns raised and discussed the matter with those present. It was agreed that residents should submit their concerns directly through North Northamptonshire Council's formal complaints process. (One resident confirmed that a formal complaint had already been submitted). Once these references have been passed to the Clerk, WPC will write a letter of support for the residents to NNC.

26/196 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received from Cllr Seager.

26/197 – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL REPORT
Cllr Carr reiterated reference to a recent article concerning restrictions on residential development within a 5.9km radius of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
Cllr Carr stated that he would speak to the relevant officer at North Northamptonshire Council to establish whether this matter could be considered in relation to planning application NN/24/00021/WASFUL (Recycling Centre planning application).

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It was noted that objections submitted via the planning portal are not currently visible. Cllr Carr is currently investigating the local Council's review regarding the proposed location of the mortuary (morgue) in relation to the site.
Cllr Carr advised that the deadline for the online Local Plan Scoping Consultation is 1 July.
It was further noted that the Wellingborough Masterplan consultation has now closed. Cllr Carr advised that the Parish Council should be aware of Local Area Partnerships (LAPs), as these may have implications for rural villages.

26/198 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None relating to business on the agenda.

26/199 - MINUTES
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 21st May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true account. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

26/200 – NN/24/00021/WASFUL PLANNING APPLICATION 30-50 DODDINGTON ROAD
Thanks were recorded to Cllr Stephen Atkinson for his continued work in relation to the planning application.
It was noted that a draft barrister's letter and associated appendices are currently being prepared in readiness for submission ahead of the deadline of 26 June.
The Parish Council reiterated its position regarding the Local Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which states that the site is not within the Central Spine area. It was noted that the applicant disputes this interpretation, with implications for whether the site is classified as Rural Hinterland. The Parish Council further noted its understanding that, if classified as Rural Hinterland, the land should be used for local rather than national purposes, as proposed within the application.

26/201 - CLERK'S REPORT
Scott Bader volunteer litter pick and sign cleaning day for the village will be held on July 2nd. Clerk to request that focus is made on litter picking London Road to Strixton A509 stretch.
Notification received that Hickmire will be closed for 8 days for Gigaclear cabling works from July 16th – July 23rd and also Irchester Road will be closed for 3 days from 19th August to safely carry out water mains maintenance. Clerk to inform residents via social media. Road signage will be in place.
Cemetery Soil heap – Clerk has chased this again and it is anticipated to be moved mid-July, weather dependant.
Tree outside the Hill / Indian – branches are overgrown and affecting the cables to the Hill. Clerk currently obtaining quotes.
Graffiti on utility box on the Cobbs Lane roundabout has been reported twice and chased. No update.
Michele Milroy is stepping down as Editor for the Wollaston Together magazine from September edition. Cllr Carter to provide an article by August 17th on the Village Hall Re-development for the September edition.
Overhanging trees in Francis Dickens Close from the unadopted footpath – resident wishes to cut back himself to prevent any damage or excessive leaf dropping over the autumn onto his property. Cllrs agree this would not be an issue as long as all vegetation is removed from the public footpath.

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Bleed kit training update from 17th June – 25 people in attendance, an informative, well-received session. Thanks to Cllr Farman for organising.
Complaint received from a member of the public regarding inconsiderate parking across the entrance to the Village Hall pathway obstructing access to those with mobility issues and pushchairs. Cllr Farman to contact PCSO Fenner, although it was noted that the vehicle has now moved.

26/202 – AVRO MANCHESTER MEMORIAL SERVICE, SHEPHERDS HILL, MONDAY JUNE 22ND 12 NOON.

All arrangements have been made for this 85th Anniversary Memorial Service. It was agreed going forward that WPC will not hold annually, potentially every 5 years. Cllr Threadgold kindly offered to strim the area before the service.

26/203 – FINANCES

Receipts circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve receipts for May 2026. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
11/05/2026	Lloyds Bank *823	Interest	£48.96	£0.00	£48.96
31/05/2026	Nationwide Interest *607	Interest	£120.25	£0.00	£120.25
31/05/2026	Nationwide Interest *581	Interest	£274.41	£0.00	£274.41
		TOTAL:	**£443.62**	**0.00**	**£443.62**

Payments Circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for May 2026. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

PAYMENT	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NETT OF VAT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL
DD274	CPRE	Annual membership	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00
DD275	Tesco Mobile	Monthly mobile Phone Contract	£15.99	£0.00	£15.99
DD276	HP Instant Ink	Monthly subscription for printer ink	£24.16	£4.83	£28.99
DD277	NPS Shoes	Office Hire & Internet May 2026	£318.75	£63.75	£382.50
DD278	WhiteStar Ltd	Monthly Website hosting fee	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
DD279	Yu Energy	Street Lighting 01.04.26 -30.04.26	£55.50	£2.78	£58.28
DD280	LV Pension (NMPTL)	LV Pension S Grant WPC Contribution	£73.42	£0.00	£73.42
DD281	Starboards Systems Ltd	Monthly subscription for Scribe accounts package	£51.00	£10.20	£61.20
DD282	Hayeswood Landscapes	April Grass Cutting	£2,006.10	£401.22	£2,407.32
DD283	Yu Energy	PF Tennis Court Floodlight charges 1-3 April 26	£40.93	£0.30	£41.23
DD284	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Community Account monthly charge ref 449342778	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
BACS1152	HMRC	Employer NI employee NI Tax payment	£276.17	£0.00	£276.17
BACS1153	Mrs Suzanne Grant	May 2026 salary	£1,352.12	£0.00	£1,352.12
BACS1154	AGD Systems Ltd	Annual Rising Bollard Service	£158.33	£31.67	£190.00
BACS1155	Wickes	Ex Quck Dry Woodstain Dark Oak	£34.00	£0.00	£34.00

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BACS1156	Mr Alan Threadgold	Replacement parts for Cobbs Lane Cemetery tap	£7.48	£0.00	£7.48
BACS1157	The Playground Company	MUGA Annual Care Package	£950.00	£190.00	£1,140.00
BACS1158	Amazon	Basketball Nets x 4 (MUGA)	£13.30	£2.66	£15.96
BACS1159	No 5 Barrister Chambers	2nd preparation of letter for NN/24/00021/WASFUL	£4,000.00	£800.00	£4,800.00
		GRAND TOTAL:	**£9,452.50**	**£1,507.41**	**£10,959.91**

Bank Reconciliation as of 31.05.26 was circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the May Bank Reconciliation. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

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Bank Reconciliation as at 31/05/2026

Lloyds Current account - daily banking *832		
balance as at 31/05/2026		£8,111.63
Lloyds Instant access - General Reserves *823		
balance as at 31/05/2026		£125,850.22
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *607		£44,365.60
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *581		£101,240.63
Nationwide Building Society - S106 Monies *513		£48,928.70
Earmarked Reserves, Pyghtles, Neale Close		
In Accounts 31/05/2026		**£328,496.78**
Figures incl VAT	From 2025/2026	£245,533.51
	Receipts	£117,008.80
	Payments	£34,045.53
		£328,496.78
	Difference	£0.00

26/205 – TO RESOLVE THE CLERK PAYSCALE (Due to the private and confidential nature of this subject, members of the public were asked to leave)

It unanimously **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk to SCP23 from July 2026 and to discuss additional hours.

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26/206 – REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES

(a) New Community Centre/preschool update (MG/JM/GC) – Public consultation booked for Tuesday 30th June 3pm – 7pm at the Village Hall with PHP architects in attendance to answer technical questions. Wollaston and Strixton preschool will also be in attendance together with Cllrs. The library window display has been booked between 6th-11th July to display the information boards. The pre-planning application response has been reviewed, and a number of surveys require to be completed as part of our full planning submission (Noise Impact, Drainage, Ecology/Bio-Net Gain/Landscape, Heritage assessment, Sustainability assessment and Topological/existing elevations survey). Cllr Carter will commence reaching out to these contacts. The revised plans provide availability for room in the main Hall for a theatrical stage in the extended area where the storage room is now which will once again allow the VH to have theatrical events from time to time with a reasonable size audience. There has been no further communication from NNC S106 team, Cllr Carter to chase.

(b) Playing fields & Parks Management Committee (TS) – (draft minutes attached). No issues, although a few major financial spends early in the budget year have been required (new wet pour at London Road Playing Fields for the trip hazard, playground repairs and new tractor/Hayter repair). Playground Audits have been undertaken for London Road and St Mary's playground and will be reviewed. S*treetlights* – no issues. *Environmental* –. *Street Doctor* – Report remains extensive, although the current York Road patch repairs will remove a number of issues.

(c) Footpaths Update - No issues. Cllr Threadgold to cut back Mortuary footpath. Clerk to chase Hayeswood for the Feastfield / Hinwick Road footpath cut back.

(d) Village Hall management Committee Update (MG) – no issues. All required repairs have been carried out.

(e) Crime and Community Safety Update (NF) – figures provided by Northants Police confirmed that 13 crimes were reported in May. A summer walk round has been organised for September 9th 10am – 11.30am - Cllr Threadgold, Farman and Savage to attend. WPC are in receipt of 200 Crime Prevention in a Box packs, to be distributed to local communities. Cllr Farman attended the online PLR meeting where Parish's sponsoring their own local PCSO was mentioned.

(f) Summers Grange Update – Planning application WP/20/00314/FUL – Land adjacent 25 Hookhams Path Wollaston **-** Approve details reserved by condition 24 (hard and soft landscaping) of planning permission reference WP/20/00314/FUL for larger play area and new equipment. Clerk to send details of this to Jennine Barber.

(g) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Update – Cllr Carter advised that Cllrs attended the online consultation last week and that the consultation advised that Parish Councils should be updating their Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with the Local Plan. The Public Consultation is open until July 1st, Clerk to communicate to residents via social media and Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Carter to complete on behalf of WPC. Clerk to issue a Call for Sites letter and submission form next week to all landowners and to highlight the public consultation.

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26/207 – 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 – expected October 2026.

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.

25/01709/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.

26/00326/HFUL – 4 Fellows Close Wollaston – Proposed two storey side and first floor rear extension, single storey extension with additional car parking space at front of property. WPC – no objection. Application permitted 21/05/2026

26/00704/FUL – 20-29 Doddington Road Wollaston – Full planning permission for use of the land as B8 storage. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

26/00704/FUL – 180 London Road Wollaston - Demolition of existing single storey structures to side of dwelling and erection of Single Storey Side Extension. WPC – no objection. Application permitted 16/06/2026.

26/00832/HFUL – 39 Park Street Wollaston – Single storey front extension. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

WP/20/00314/FUL – Land adjacent 25 Hookhams Path Wollaston – Approve details reserved by condition 24 (hard and soft landscaping) of planning permission reference WP/20/00314/FUL. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

26/01133/FUL – Abbey Farm, Wellingborough Road, Wollaston – Proposed 3 bedroom one and a half storey self-build agricultural workers dwelling with double garage and farm office hardstanding and landscaping. WPC - no objection. Awaiting decision.

26/01201/TCA – The Hill, 122 High Street, Wollaston – Removal of one Yew Tree. WPC – no objection. Application permitted.

26/01002/TPO – 86 London Road, Wollaston – Crown reduction and crown thinning of Walnut tree. Reduce overall crown height and lateral spread by approximately 2-3m to contain canopy boundaries. WPC – no objection. Application permitted.

26/00891/HFUL – 24 Thrift Street, Wollaston – Rear part two storey rear and part single storey rear and side extensions. Demolition of an existing single storey rear projection. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

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26/01268 – Wollaston House, 51 High Street - Lawful Development Certificate to confirm that Planning Permission reference WP/20/00725/FUL has been lawfully implemented and remains extant. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

26/01351/LBC – 16 Duck End Wollaston – Replacement of two like for like ground floor windows at the front elevation of the property. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

26/208 - NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting of Wollaston Parish Council to take place on Thursday July 16th, 2026, 7pm, Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.

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

Chair…….. Date: ……

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