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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE OASIS, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2026.

PRESENT: Cllr Alvis, Atkinson, Barber, Carter, Farman, Gay, Goldsmith, Hodson, Mitchell, Savage and Seager.

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public attended.

WARD COUNCILLORS: Cllr Gordon Dunsmuir.

26/152 A one-minute silence was held in memory of Mr Allan Bailey, former Wollaston Parish Council Chair, who sadly recently passed away.

26/153 – OPEN MEETING
Speaker number one requested further information regarding the plans for the new village hall development, as they are in the process of purchasing a property nearby. Councillor Carter will contact the resident directly to discuss this matter further.
Speaker number 2 attended the meeting to gain a better understanding of the role of the Parish Council and to raise concerns about noise pollution and parking issues associated with the gym on Thrift Street. The resident was advised to contact North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Planning, Traffic Enforcement, and Environmental Health departments for further assistance.

26/154 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received from Cllr Jones and Cllr Threadgold (holiday).

26/155 – NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL REPORT
Cllr Dunsmuir reported that he attended an extraordinary meeting in which it was unanimously agreed to approve a devolution plan which will bring additional money to Northamptonshire. Cllr Dunsmuir explained that Devolution is the process where powers are moved across from central government to regions giving more money and control over strategic decision making.
Councillor Mitchell enquired about the North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Planning Committee in relation to the current planning application NN/24/00021/WASFUL. Councillor Dunsmuir confirmed that Minerals and Waste Planning training is scheduled for 26 March, and that the next NNC Planning Committee meeting will take place on 8 April.

26/156 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None relating to business on the agenda.

26/157 - MINUTES
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 19th February 2026 were agreed and signed as a true account. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

26/158 – MINUTES
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on March 4th, 2026, were agreed and signed as a true account. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

26/159 – NN/24/00021/WASFUL PLANNING APPLICATION 30-50 DODDINGTON ROAD
Following the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4 March, 2,000 copies of a new visual leaflet were generously sponsored and printed by local company Print Data Solutions. These have since been distributed throughout the village and Strixton. Thanks were extended to all those who assisted with the distribution.
The barrister's objection letter has been submitted to North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Minerals and Waste Planning, along with a separate letter to David Jones of Highways challenging the Highways Consultee response.
Councillor Atkinson conducted a traffic survey during peak hours to provide a snapshot of traffic conditions; the findings have been included within the correspondence to Highways. Councillor Atkinson will also submit a follow-up letter to NNC Minerals and Waste highlighting discrepancies and errors identified within the appendices.
Councillor Mitchell noted that the Parish Council has taken all possible steps to oppose the application, with considerable time and financial resources committed. At the time of the meeting, 600 objections had been lodged.

26/160 – To REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES
The Asset Register, Financial and Management Risk Assessment Policy, Filming, Photographing and Reporting of Council and Committee Meetings Policy and Internal Financial Controls Policy.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the above policies. Clerk to publish on website.

26/161 - CLERK'S REPORT
To consider and **RESOLVE** that the council adopts the General Power of Competence.
RESOLVED: That this council confirms that it meets the eligibility criteria and hereby adopts the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011."

Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers – communication received from NNC for proposed EV charge points in High Street, Irchester Road, Hinwick Road and Park Street. Cllr Goldsmith has raised concerns with NNC with the High Street location due to the close proximity to the Village Hall and the already congested parking issues and these will be shared and considered in the outcome of the consultation (the consultation has gone to all residents in these proposed locations). Village Hall team to check if an EV charger will be included with the revised new village hall plans.

Lucy Hawes (Project Officer, Greenways) has highlighted that the Irchester Road public footpath (TV3) land is unregistered. The land has not changed hands since 1990, the date at which the registration of land became compulsory. Lucy Hawes is currently contacting all landowners that the proposed Wollaston to Irchester cycle route would pass through.

Resident has made contact regarding dog fouling, 40mph speed limit, poor street lighting and poor workmanship from excavated pathways. Links have been sent for NNC dog warden and the 40 mph A509 damaged sign has been logged on Fix My Street.

Resident has made further contact with the Parish Council regarding noise pollution from the Gym on Thrift Street – link shared with the resident for NNC environmental health noise complaints.

Bleed kit now installed within the de-fib cabinet at the London Road Playing Fields location and registered with East Midlands Ambulance Service. Wilby Parish Council have kindly donated a further bleed kit which will be installed inside the de-fib cabinet at the Hill Club. Free training to follow.

26/162 – FINANCES

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

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	NET AMOUNT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
09/02/2026	Lloyds Bank *823	Interest	£19.06	£0.00	£19.06
28/02/2026	Nationwide Interest *607	Interest	£107.77	£0.00	£107.77
28/02/2026	Nationwide Interest *581	Interest	£245.93	£0.00	£245.93
		TOTAL:	**£372.76**	**£0.00**	**£372.76**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NETT OF VAT	VAT ELEMENT	TOTAL
Tesco Mobile	Monthly mobile Phone Contract	£15.99	£0.00	£15.99
HP Instant Ink	Monthly subscription for printer ink	£114.16	£22.83	£136.99
NPS Shoes	Office Hire & Internet Feb 2026	£318.75	£63.75	£382.50
WhiteStar Ltd	Monthly Website hosting fee	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
Yu Energy	Street Lighting 01.01.26 - 31.01.26	£94.53	£4.73	£99.26
LV Pension (NMPTL)	LV Pension S Grant WPC Contribution	£73.42	£0.00	£73.42
Starboards Systems Ltd	Monthly subscription for Scribe accounts package	£51.00	£10.20	£61.20
Hayeswood Landscapes	January Grass Cutting	£2,006.10	£401.22	£2,407.32
Yu Energy	PF Tennis Court Floodlight charges	£8.01	£0.40	£8.41
Mrs Suzanne Grant	February 2026 salary	£1,400.91	£0.00	£1,400.91
HMRC	Employer NI employee NI Tax payment	£305.12	£0.00	£305.12

Northamptonshire ACRE membership	Annual subscription	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
Midland Trees - audit work	Tree work at PF as per audit	£2,505.00	£501.00	£3,006.00
Renutec Europe Ltd (Damian Scott)	Trouble shooting PC & Laptop	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
Gov.UK	Title Register search on 30 Doddington Road	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
Gov.UK	Title Register search on 20-29 Doddington Road	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
M E Electrical	Tennis Court Lighting fault work	£236.79	£0.00	£236.79
Gov.UK	Title Register search on 30 Doddington Road	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00
Gov.UK	Title Register search on 50-60 Doddington Road	£14.00	£0.00	£14.00
NNC	Local Government Elections 1.05.25	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Amazon	A4 paper	£16.66	£3.33	£19.99
No 5 Chambers Ltd/Collection	Planning Lawyer Fees (opinion/letters & communication)	£5,000.00	£1,000.00	£6,000.00
Off the Streets NN CIC	Bleed Kit and Delivery	£111.99	£0.00	£111.99
	GRAND TOTAL:	**£12,488.43**	**£2,034.46**	**£14,522.89**

Bank Reconciliation as of 28.02.26 was circulated. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the February Bank Reconciliation. Unanimously agreed, motion carried.

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Bank Reconciliation as at 28/02/2026

Lloyds Current account - daily banking *832		
balance as at 28/02/2026		£5,468.15
Lloyds Instant access - General Reserves *823		
balance as at 28/02/2026		£29,605.04
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *607		£44,009.67
Nationwide Business 95 day Saver *581		£100,428.42
Nationwide Building Society - S106 Monies *513		£71,437.42
Earmarked Reserves, Pyghtles, Neale Close		
In Accounts 28/02/2026		**£250,948.70**
	From 2024/2025	£224,179.04
Figures incl VAT	Receipts	£231,071.64
	Payments	£204,301.98
		£250,948.70
	Difference	£0.00

26/163 – REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES/REPRESENTATIVES

(a) New Community Centre/preschool update (MG/JM/GC) – Cllr Carter will be speaking to the Architect to discuss the revised plans for the extended kitchen and the large graphics required for the public consultation which will now take place post Easter due to the delay. There has been no further correspondence from the NNC S106 team regarding the next steps/legal documentation. Cllr Carter to chase.

(b) Playing fields & Parks Management Committee (TS) – (draft minutes attached). (TS) - The Pyghtles play area has had complete new wet pour surface laid to eliminate the trip hazards caused by old flooring. *Street Doctor* –many potholes have been added to the report awaiting repair. *Street Lighting* – St Mary's Church floodlights have been temporarily repaired, but further work may be required. Awaiting quotation.

(c) Footpaths Update - Permissive footpath signage for Shepherds Hill will be put into place shortly and a map together with an explanation will be issued onto social media and the Summer Edition of the Wollaston Together magazine.

(d) Village Hall management Committee Update (MG) – no issues. Busy Bees preschool will be closing their doors on April 29th due to financially being unable to continue due to the reduced hours available at the village hall. The Village Hall committee are to advertise for new tenants. Maintenance work on the roof and flooring has been carried out. Further maintenance for the guttering is imminent.

(e) Crime and Community Safety Update (NF) – figures provided by Northants Police confirmed that 7 crimes were reported in February.

(f) Summers Grange Update (JB) The previously reported dead trees have now been replaced. An additional 20mph advisory speed sign has been installed, and no further reports of speeding have been received. Councillor Barber advised that there is a spare 20mph sign available for installation within the village.

"Dogs on leads" signage cannot be affixed to the new bollards due to their shape; it was suggested that these signs be installed on the dog waste bins within the area instead.

Ongoing issues remain with bins not being emptied. This matter will be raised at the meeting with Bloor Homes scheduled for 20 March, along with concerns regarding the inadequate play area, the provision of solar lighting for bollards, and the "country paths," which are currently not fit for purpose despite the addition of metal to prevent deterioration in wet weather.

(g) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Update (GC) – Draft minutes published from meeting held on March 9th 2026. A call for sites is expected in May 2026 and a further meeting will be held after this event.

26/164 – 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.

25/01709/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.

25/02066/LBC – 23 Hickmire Wollaston - proposed alterations/enclosure of car port to form garage and log burner/flue. WPC – No objection. Application permitted 11.03.26

25/02159/HFUL – 6-8 Rotten Row Wollaston – Single storey glazed link extension from dwelling to existing outbuilding with alterations to fenestration. WPC – no objection. Awaiting decision.

25/00138/TPO – Scott Bader Wollaston Hall High Street/Irchester Road Wollaston – Various tree work to reduce and remove deadwood. 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. Awaiting decision.

26/165 - NEXT MEETING

Meeting of Wollaston Parish Council meeting and the Annual Assembly of the Parish to take place on Thursday April 16th, 2026, 7pm, Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston.

The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance. The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Chair…….. Date: ……