

# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 AT 19.30 Hrs

Participating: Cllr T Pearson – Chairman  
Cllr G Garner  
Cllr D Johnson  
Cllr V Thorley  
Wendy Gray - Parish Clerk

Cllr R Clarke  
Cllr M Handley  
Cllr J Stannage

	Cllr Pearson welcomed everyone to the REMOTE meeting.	<b>Action:</b>
11(5)1	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> All in attendance	
11(5)2	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Johnson (20/00018/WASVOC)	
11(5)3	<b>Planning:</b> 20/00018/WASVOC: Variation of conditions 9 and 19 to allow crushing to produce recycled aggregate of planning consent ref: 15/00092/WASFUL at Stonehill Quarry, Off King's Cliffe Road, Near Wansford/Yarwell, PE8 6NU – <b>Proposed response below (copy to be sent to Yarwell Parish Council and Northants Cllr Annabel de Capell Brooke.</b>  <b>Planning Application 20/00018/WASVOC Stonehill Quarry - Variation of Conditions 9 and 19 of Consent 15/00092/WASFUL</b> <b>Processing to produce recycled aggregate</b> Wansford Parish Council have seen the advertisement in the Stamford Mercury stating that Mick George Ltd has applied for permission to vary the conditions of their existing consent relating to the landscaping of Stonehill Quarry. As the only community effected by this proposal, Wansford Parish Council are very surprised that Northamptonshire County Council chose not to notify us directly. The essence of the proposal is that Mick George wishes to install a concrete crusher at Stonehill Quarry for a temporary but unspecified period to recycle aggregates from the materials already imported to landscape the quarry. Wansford Parish Council opposes this application for the following reasons:- 1. In the existing permission, and indeed the previous permission, the processing of materials for recycling was specifically forbidden. The material that the applicant wants to process has been imported into the quarry even though it was known that crushing and reprocessing of material was not allowed on the site. The correct course of action is for the applicant to remove the material to a location where they have an	<b>Parish Clerk</b>

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existing recycling plant. This can be done using the return journeys of trucks delivering fill material. There is no reason why an existing condition should be varied because of a deliberate action by the applicant.

2. In the application, it states that the crusher will be temporary but no time scale is given. If the change of conditions is granted, there is nothing to stop the applicant importing more material specifically to crush it and recycle the aggregates, effectively setting up a new business.
3. The applicant has included a noise report by LF Acoustics but this is completely meaningless as it simply plucks noise levels from thin air with no references or sources quoted. The Defra Noise Database shows a significantly higher noise level for site crushers than the level that has been used in the calculations. It also shows a significantly higher noise level for the shovels than has been used in the calculations. The results of this noise report cannot be taken to represent the effect on the surrounding properties and community
4. When concrete is crushed, it yields some recycled aggregate but the residue is a sand/cement slurry which is very alkaline. This material has the potential to adversely effect on the ecology of the restored quarry.
5. Less than 150m to the south of the proposed crusher site is the Old Sulehay Forest SSSI. No mention of this is made in the application even though the Defra MAGIC map shows the crusher to be well within the Impact Risk Zone of the SSSI. The SSSI is home to a wide range of fauna and these will be disturbed by the noise from a crushing operation.

Wansford Parish Council would ask Northamptonshire County Council to reject this application and to ensure that Mick George completes this restoration scheme by January 2022. The scheme was originally supposed to be completed in 2016. Only after that can the local community be free of the continual noise and traffic that these operations cause.

**20/00465/HHFUL:** Two storey front extension, erection of garage with gym above and proposed open gazebo with glass roof to the front side of the house at Swanshill House, 5 Peterborough Road.

**Proposed response** – Wansford Parish Council object to the garage etc. Not in conservation area, challenge right of ownership of the land to build on it, layby has been in constant public use for a very long time and is maintained by Peterborough City Council Highways.

**20/00583/CTR:** Reduce overhanging ash tree branch also shorten another branch which overhangs next door at Cedar House, Riverside Spinney, Wansford.

**Proposed response** – no objections to raise will be guided by TO's recommendations.

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11(5)4	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020:</b> All in agreement that the minutes recorded a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
11(5)5	<b>Matters arising from the above Minutes:</b> All on agenda.	
11(5)6	<b>Accounts to Date 2019/2020:</b> i) Updated spreadsheets of Income and Expenditure have been circulated to Cllrs and were duly approved. Updated copy of Budget also circulated. i) Clerk's Salary – <b>Agenda item for next meeting. Awaiting update re Salary Structure from LALC.</b>	
11(5)7	<b>Review of Standing Orders:</b>	
11(5)8	<b>Finance:</b> a) <b>CLF Fund</b> Screen to be bought in due course. b) <b>To approve following payments:</b> Parish Clerk Salary – May £258.05 D Knibbs – Litter – April/May £160.00 T&WPCBGMC Maint - £2000.00 Community Hall Honorarium - £350.00	
20(3)8	<b>Wansford Play Area</b> Awaiting response re photos sent through to them.	
20(1)11	<b>Old Leicester Road/A47 Junction:</b> Cllr Pearson is continuing correspondence with PCC Highways to highlight the dangerous junction and push for improvements. <b>Agenda item for next meeting.</b>	Parish Clerk
19(10)10	<b>Flashing Speed Signs:</b> Cllr Clarke awaiting further information on how to fit solar panels on the sides of poles. <b>Keep on agenda.</b>	Cllr Clarke
19(11)10	<b>Sibson-cum-Stibbington (Signage on Bridge):</b> Cllr Beuttell met with highways – awaiting response to request. <b>Keep on agenda.</b>	Parish Clerk
	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS:</b>	
19(12)11	<b>Nene Close Water Pump:</b> Advised at last meeting that specialist bricks have been obtained – Parish Clerk to contact contractor again to try to establish a <b>firm date</b> for works to be done. <b>Keep on Agenda.</b>	
18(12)10	<b>Highways:</b> Declassification (road signs) – Cllr Pearson forwarded to PCC highways what we received from HE – still nothing happening. <b>Keep on agenda.</b>	Cllr Pearson Parish Clerk
18(12)11	<b>A47 Dualling:</b> No update received yet. <b>Keep on Agenda.</b>	Cllr Clarke
18(11)12	<b>Kings Cliffe Industrial Site:</b> Cllr Pearson reported no progress - will start right at beginning again. <b>Keep on Agenda.</b>	Cllr Pearson
20(4)14	<b>Correspondence:</b>	

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	<p>Email from resident - Wansford is nearly inaccessible by cycle from Peterborough unless you risk cycling on the A47 or A1 etc etc.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> The Parish Council feels this is not a suitable route for school children and is not something we can support at this moment in time. We sympathise but not a practical idea for children commuting to school, is a permissive right of way but goes over private land.</p>	
<b>20(4)15</b>	<p><b>Matters for Consideration:</b> Village Shop – Satish is delivering to several people and operating full opening hours. Thank you letter from Parish Council to be sent.</p> <p>Noisy Cockerel –several residents have filled in relevant forms (advised by PCC) have not heard anything back – noise getting unbearable – Parish Clerk to contact PCC to see what latest situation is to be able to report back to residents via Cllr Garner.</p>	<b>Parish Clerk</b>
<b>20(4)16</b>	<p><b>Reports from Councillors:</b> Christie Hall Management Committee meeting – re Lease. <b>Agenda item for October.</b></p> <p>Road surfaces being re done in parts of the village.</p>	<b>Parish Clerk</b>
<b>20(3)17</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Provisionally booked Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m. subject to status of Coronavirus outbreak may continue to be held remotely.</p>	
	<p><b>Village Magazine Rota</b> – reports for: June - Cllr Clarke July – Cllr Handley August – Cllr Stannage September – Cllr Garner October – Cllr Thorley November – Cllr Pearson December – Cllr Johnson</p>	

The meeting closed at **8.43 p.m.**

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