

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 19.30 Hrs

Participating: Cllr T Pearson – Chairman
Cllr G Garner
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr V Thorley

Cllr R Clarke
Cllr M Handley
Cllr J Stannage
Parish Clerk W Gray

		Action:
	Cllr Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Clarke for arranging the Skype session.	
9(11)1	Apologies for Absence: None.	
9(11)2	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Clarke 20/01398/TRE	
9(11)3	Planning: 20/01398/TRE - Cut down x3 Larch trees to ground level, replant with trees further from property x1 Beech tree to be replanted (79/00009/TPO) at 10 Black Swan Spinney Wansford Peterborough – no objections – we will be guided by Tree Officers recommendations. Application for a Development Consent Order at East Northants Resource Management Facility – Parish Council considered that it is up to Kings Cliffe Parish Council to respond, no comments from other local villages, Wansford Parish Council not minded to respond in any way at all.	
9(11)4	Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020: All in agreement that the minutes recorded a true and accurate record of the meeting. Subject to change (the meeting was not held in Community Hall but held remotely).	
9(11)5	Matters arising from the above Minutes of 12th October 2020: All items covered on agenda.	
9(11)6	Accounts to Date 2019/2020: Updated spreadsheets of Income and Expenditure have been circulated to Cllrs and were duly approved. Updated copy of Budget also circulated.	
9(11)7	Finance: a) Use of CIL monies to reinstate OLR footpath to OPH Corner – Parish Council request to PCC to recondition of the footpath along the Old Leicester Road from Robin’s Field to the junction of the Old Leicester Road and the King’s Cliffe Road – we would like the footpath reinstated to a similar standard to that being installed at Alwalton; but our representations have always returned a ‘lack of funds’ response.	

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Accordingly, we would wish to explore with you what alternative funding might be available, CIL for instance. The footpath was originally installed by the City Council using ‘scalpings’. Time, and the activities of GigaClear installing fibre-optic cables, have rendered the path very uneven, lacking drainage and unusable in places. The issue has been exacerbated by the closure of the Permissive Footpath across the SSSI into the Wansford Quarter of Sulehay Woods requiring all walkers to use the footpath at the junction of the Old Leicester Road and the King’s Cliffe Road. This is a dangerous blind corner with much daily high-speed traffic. 2000 vehicles a day are logged routinely by a Parish Councillor, and there are many near misses as vehicles cross the priority Old Leicester Road traffic to access the King’s Cliffe Road.

PCC Response - PCC visited the location and noted that there was previously a footpath of sorts from Wansford to the bend near the Public Right of Way. We will look to reinstate this section of path with road planings (or similar). We will also be investigating the frequency that the Wansford Quarter of Sulehay Woods will be closed and whether the most recent closure is a one off as this would determine whether the path is reinstated in its full length or just to the Wansford Quarter of Sulehay Woods.

Parish Council Response - The footpath was originally laid down by PCC using rolled road planings, but destroyed by GigaClear and others installing fibre optic communications cable. Any idea when the works might commence?

PCC Response - We don't currently have a date for the works, but we would expect these to be carried out this financial year. It would be whether the path reinstatement would be to the field currently locked, or reinstated round to the Public Right of Way (as previous).

Parish Council Response - Obviously, we would prefer it to be reinstated to the Public Right Of Way at the OPH corner as many people use this route to access the PRow north to cross the A47 and to access the Sulehay Woods.

b) Provision of Litter Bin by the seat adjacent to the Church –
PCC’s deadline for completing the work has passed. The Parish Clerk will contact PCC to learn the expected delivery date.

c) To approve following payments:
Parish Clerk Salary – £265.20
D Knibbs Litter October/November - £160.00
ElanCity Speed Sign – £2,550.00
The above payments were approved.

Parish Clerk

9(11)8	Wansford Play Area Parish Clerk to contact again re our enquiry following photos sent to them.	Parish Clerk
9(11)9	Community Hall Cllr Stannage confirmed Covid Grant received £10,000. Currently hall is not in use as per second lockdown. This grant will help tremendously.	

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9(11)10	Old Leicester Road/A47 Junction: Need to be doing in conjunction with A47 – Councillors to prepare suggestions (including proposed layout plans) for the next meeting. Agenda item for next meeting.	Cllr Pearson/ Parish Clerk
9(11)11	Flashing Speed Signs: Speed sign up and working, set at 30 mph – should receive another invoice for the clips. Difficult to install on wooden posts, need to decide where others need to go. 20mph speed restriction signs: Further emails received from resident – email responses to be sent to Resident by Chairman and Cllr Clarke.	Cllr Clarke Cllr Pearson/ Cllr Clarke
9(11)12	Sibson-cum-Stibbington (No HGV's - Signage on Bridge): Email response received from Emyr Price to which Cllr Pearson will respond but still ongoing. Keep on agenda. Response 19th October from Emyr Price Please find response from Highways England as regards signage for Wansford - “Yes lots of correspondence and on the former A6118 at Wansford. The latest agreement is I am going to notify Peterborough City Council as to when we have suitable traffic management out for their contractors to patch the remaining 2 signs at Wansford exit slips both north & southbound. All sign patching in relation to the reclassification should have been carried out by PCC. It looks like Mr Pearson is asking for a 3T warning sign on one of your roads. All blue weight warning signs are in situ on HE routes.”	Parish Clerk
	PROGRESS REPORTS:	
18(12)10	Declassification of A6118 Re. Removal of large signs in the village. Cllr Clarke will liaise with Peter Tebb, PCC. Keep on agenda.	Cllr Clarke Parish Clerk
18(12)11	A47 Dualling: Meetings scheduled for 15 th and 16 th December – Cllrs Clarke and Stannage will be participating. Cllr Clarke updated Councillors on the current situation and progress (and lack of it). He will continue to pursue Historic England, Highways England and Galliford Try, drawing attention to their incorrect information and lack of understanding of the problems. Keep on Agenda.	Cllr Clarke
18(11)12	Kings Cliffe Industrial Site: Cllr Pearson has nothing to add except that the sign advising traffic to turn right has gone. Take off Agenda.	Cllr Pearson
9(11)13	Correspondence: No external correspondence, all emails circulated to Cllrs. Email re Parish Councillors remuneration – Cllr Pearson to complete return.	Cllr Pearson
9(11)14	Matters for Consideration: Overgrown greenery on western boundary of Telephone Exchange on Old North Road. Reported to BT. Garages Nene Way – agreed to wait until full planning application received. It was agreed that we should apply for public Right of Way status for the	Parish Clerk Parish

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	footpath from the site to the Community Hall	Clerk
9(11)15	Reports from Councillors: Christie Hall currently closed for non-essential use. Covid Grant monies received to help towards new heating installation system. Agenda item for next meeting.	Parish Clerk
9(11)16	Date of next meeting: 14 th December 2020 - decision to be made, after current lock-down restrictions are reviewed, to decide type of meeting.	
	Village Magazine Rota – reports for: December – Cllr Johnson January – Cllr Clarke February – Cllr Handley March – Cllr Thorley April – Cllr Garner May – Cllr Stannage June – Cllr Pearson	

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm

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