

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022 IN THE COMMUNITY HALL**

Item No	
22(5)1	<p><b>Chairman's Welcome</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the two Councillors present whose presence formed a quorum; he also welcomed Tim Pearson who attended as a member of the public but acknowledged Tim's previous outstanding service as a Councillor over a period of 20 years with Wansford Parish Council and all Councillors present joined the Chairman in offering their grateful thanks.</p> <p>The Chairman made reference to the need for a volunteer to write up the Council's summary of work for the June edition of 'Living Villages' and Councillor Garner agreed to do this. <b>Action: Cllr Garner</b></p>
22(5)2	<p><b>In attendance:</b> Cllr John Stannage (Chairman); Cllr Graham Garner; Cllr Martyn Handley</p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr Richard Clarke; Cllr Graham Stevens; Cllr Quentin Bambridge; Cllr Gavin Elsey. The reasons given for their absence were accepted.</p>
22(5)3	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. None were declared.</p>
22(5)4	<p><b>Public Time</b></p> <p>The member of the public in attendance did not report to the Council.</p>
22(5)5	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
22(5)6	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 April 2022</b></p> <p>The Chairman referred briefly to last month's Minute Item 22(4)4 where a member of the public had brought to the attention of the parish council the matter of insulating homes and stated that information on this would be included in the June edition of 'Living Villages'. <b>Action: Cllr Stannage</b></p>
21(11)12	<p><b>Wansford Community Hall</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Cllr Clarke and he had met with a solicitor of Hunt &amp; Coombs to discuss the registration of the Community Hall and said that this matter was proceeding. The hall, its curtilage and driveway were all in the process of being registered and an initial fee of £350 had been paid to Hunt &amp; Coombs as formerly agreed by Councillors. <b>Action: Cllr Stannage</b></p>
21(11)14	<p><b>Old Leicester Road/A47 Junction</b></p>

	<p>Two matters were discussed about this junction. (1) The Chairman reported that PCC had emailed the Clerk to inform that the pot holes on the road between the Old Leicester Road/A47 junction had now been filled. However, Councillors believed that the potholes have not been fixed properly as their preference was to have resurfacing of sections of the road rather than to fill in the potholes. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Clerk would ask PCC to resurface section of that road. (2) The Chairman reported that the A47/Old Leicester Road junction needed realignment. PCC had been informed of the state of the junction some time ago and it is understood that it is built into their 3-year plan for road improvements.</p>
	<p><b>21(11)15 Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS)</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the VAS had been removed from the north end of Wansford bridge and relocated to the Old North Road as it had been identified that data on traffic volume was needed to present to the Planning Inspectorate to assist with their planning of the A47 dualling.</p>
	<p><b>21(11)16 King's Cliffe Industrial Estate (KCIS) Traffic Routing</b></p> <p>The Chairman reiterated that the sign erected at KCIS was not as the parish council had requested. The Clerk had made several attempts to contact the North Northants District Officer responsible but he had failed to respond to our emails. The matter was now with the Chief Executive of North Northants Council who had been asked to look into this matter. Also, the Chairman reported that the Traffic Commissioner had advertised an application to grant a licence for an operator to operate a further 10 HGVs and trailers at KCIS. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that we request PCC to object to this licence application on the basis of environmental reasons (pollution, noise, air quality). Cllr Garner said it would be difficult for an HGV with a trailer to use the A47/OLN junction. It was noted that the deadline for receipt of objections to the Traffic Commissioner was 25 May 2022. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>21(11)18 Highways – Declassification (Road Signs)</b></p> <p>Cllr Handley reported that he understood the replacement signage had been painted and now just needed to be delivered and repositioned.</p>
	<p><b>21(11)19 A47 Dualling</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Cllr Clarke had researched and written a submission for National Highways Planning Inspectorate and its receipt had been acknowledged. The submission, entitled 'A Statement of Common Ground with Wansford Parish Council' listed those specific planning matters on which the Parish Council disagreed. The document can be found within the Documents/A47 Development section of the Parish Council website <a href="http://www.wansford-pc.gov.uk">www.wansford-pc.gov.uk</a>. A response was awaited from the Planning Inspectorate.</p>
	<p><b>21(11)27a Website</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported the launch of the Parish Council's new website which can be found on <a href="http://www.wansford-pc.gov.uk">www.wansford-pc.gov.uk</a>. Councillors had accessed the new website and liked it. The Chairman would write to Phil Jones to thank him for his past support. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to seek user statistics for the new website from Netwise. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>21(11)27b Councillor's email addresses</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that some councillors had not yet been able to install their new gov.uk email addresses. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Clerk would send out emails to both email addresses for each councillor during the interim switch-over period until all Councillors had installed their new email addresses. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>21(11)27c Defibrillator (Webnos training session)</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Thornhaugh Parish Council had not been able to progress this training for which there would have been a charge, and now made more difficult as Thornhaugh Parish Council was not currently in operation as the result of very low parish councillor nominations being made in their recent elections. However, it was noted that there was a contingency for local defibrillator/CPR training available from Heart Safe Communities UK, the dates for which could be found within the Notices section of the parish council website on <a href="http://www.wansford-pc.gov.uk">www.wansford-pc.gov.uk</a>.</p>
	<p><b>21(11) 27d Telephone Kiosk</b></p>

	<p>The Chairman reported that the repainting of the telephone kiosk would take place soon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Councillors</b></p>
<b>21(12)11 Compliance</b>	<p>The Chairman referenced the possibility of archiving parish council documentation external to our current arrangement. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that this matter would be discussed at the parish council's next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>21(12)14 Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme</b>	<p>The Chairman reiterated that he was Trustee of our Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough scheme and had undergone DBS vetting for this as well as to become a volunteer of the scheme. He would join a Zoom meeting with the scheme's local coordinator scheduled for next week to take his work forward. The Chairman reported that he had been informed that Wansford Surgery had not yet been able to arrange administrative support for this scheme from the Surgery.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllr Stannage</b></p>
<b>22(2)15 New Benches</b>	<p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the idea of supplying benches for the Old Leicester Road and Nene Close Play Area be put on hold for the time being because of the potential expense, for example, for the registration of the Community Hall.</p>
<b>22(2)16 Replacement Bins</b>	<p>A discussion took place on the replacement of a plastic bin to a wooden bin in the parish and to reposition the bin in Peterborough Road to be closer to Wansford Mews. This request had been made to PCC some time ago. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the proposed wooden bin(s) be inspected by PCC for compliance and suitability. Cllr Garner said that the size of the lining bags to be fitted into the metal inserts needed to be checked before the wooden bin(s) was constructed to ensure their correct specification.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllrs Garner &amp; Stannage</b></p>
<b>22(2)18 LED Lighting at St Mary's Church, Wansford</b>	<p>The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's financing of the new LED lighting at St Mary's Church had been concluded and our contribution for the electricity costs for external lighting of the church would be 60% less next year.</p>
<b>22(2)7 Planning</b>	<p><b>Reference: NE/21/01744/FULL</b>  Proposal: To extend warehousing with an additional 538 sq metres of storage space  Site address: Brays Solutions Ltd, Kings Cliffe Road, near Wansford</p> <p>Whilst this application had been permitted the signage erected by the exit of Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate which was not as requested by WPC. The Chairman reported that this matter was on-going and a response was awaited from the Chief Executive of North Northants Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Reference: Augean's ENRMF planning application</b></p> <p>Augean proposed to extend their existing landfill site to deposit hazardous waste. The following link gives details of the planning application. <a href="#">ENRMF Planning Application   Augean   Hazardous Waste Specialist (augeanplc.com)</a> The Chairman reported that contact had been made with King's Cliffe Parish Council to seek their views on this application and whilst WPC was aware of their objection, we sought to know the grounds for their objection. A response was currently awaited from King's Cliffe Parish Council on this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>22(4)7</b></p> <p><b>Reference: Seeds Field, Wansford</b>  Wansford Parish Council had submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding an Appeal submitted by Kelland Developments against Peterborough City Council for their alleged failure to determine an application within the relevant statutory timescale in respect of the following proposal:</p>

	<p>Description: Construction of up to 14 prestige self-build dwellings and associated infrastructure in field to the east of the Old Pump House, Old Leicester Road, Wansford.</p> <p>The date, time and location of the appeal hearing had yet to be determined. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had made a submission on this matter to the Planning Inspectorate Appeals Bristol Office. The Parish Council expected the Planning Application to be refused on the basis that it was outside of the Village Envelope. However, if the Planning Inspectorate were to accept the application, Wansford Parish Council's submission had made several conditions for the development. The Chairman had liaised with a number of residents in Robinswood whose properties are adjacent to Seeds Field to inform of the Parish Council's work on this matter.</p>
	<p><b>22(3)12 20mph Road Traffic Speed Restriction in Wansford</b></p> <p>Further discussion took place on extending the existing 20 mph speed restrictions in the Old Leicester Road and the Old North Road, Wansford. The Chairman was aware that some villagers experienced difficulty in crossing the Old Leicester Road near the turning for the King's Cliffe Road and feared for their safety on that corner when walking towards the field. If a 30-mph sign was erected near Paws &amp; Claws it would help with the safety of villagers crossing the road. Also, it was easier to put a 7.5 tonnes restriction on road usage when a 30-mph speed limit was in place rather than a 60-mph speed limit. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that this item be discussed further at the next meeting of the parish council.</p>
	<p><b>22(4)11 Correspondence</b></p> <p>Further discussion took place on the Strategic Plan for North Northamptonshire, guiding development and growth for the period 2021-2041 which will review and replace the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy adopted in July 2016 to take account of changes in policy and to plan for growth. Details of the Plan may be found in the following link.  <a href="#">North Northants Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation - North Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space</a></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Parish Council would submit a response to North Northants Council on this matter by their deadline of 23 May 2022. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Parish Council response would stipulate its objections to the further development of King's Cliffe Industrial Estate because of HGVs entering the village which had a negative environmental impact.  <b>Action: Clerk &amp; Cllr Clarke</b></p>
	<p><b>22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge</b></p> <p>Councillors discussed the volume of traffic entering the village as the result of road work traffic diversions from the A1 and the resultant traffic congestion in the Old North Road and Wansford Bridge. They also discussed the problem of HGVs crossing Wansford Bridge which had a weight limit of 3 tonnes.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that a response had been received from Peter Tebb of PCC after these matters had been brought to his attention. Mr Tebb had proposed the use of CCTV cameras at Wansford bridge. The Police &amp; Crime Commissioner had also been made aware of these matters and who had also suggested the use of CCTV to address the safety of pedestrians crossing the bridge which would, in turn, act as a deterrent to HGVs use of the bridge. The Chairman proposed and Councillors agreed, that a response to the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner would ask for Police Enforcement with CCTV at the bridge due to there being a major concern with pedestrian safety as well as HGVs use of the bridge. Reference was also made to the impact of heavy vehicles causing vibration to the bridge and the example of an old bridge in Oundle was given where significant damage had been caused through the vibration of its structure due to heavy vehicles.  <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>22(4)13 Wild Flower Meadow in Nene Close, Wansford</b></p> <p>Councillors discussed the planting of a wild flower meadow near the children's play area, Nene Close. The area would be known as The Platinum Jubilee Wild Flower Meadow.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Clarke had met with a representative of Peterborough Environmental City Trust (PECT) at Nene Close. The representative of PECT was of the view that</p>

	<p>there was already a potential wildflower meadow on the site but that it could be enhanced with various wildflower plugs. The Clerk had written to PCC to ask for them not to mow that area to allow it to develop naturally, however, sadly the grass in that area had recently been cut by PCC. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Clerk email James Collingridge at PCC to again ask for the mowers not to cut that area. The Clerk would also request that a representative of Aragon inspect the area to seek their advice for its development. PECT had kindly agreed to erect a sign for the Wildflower Meadow. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road</b></p> <p>To discuss the possibility of having a 7.5-tonnes weight restriction on vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to defer this matter for discussion and it would be addressed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<b>22(5)7</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>22/00488/TRE</b> To fell a non-specimen lime tree, plant new trees further from house at 5 Robinswood Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6JQ Councillors had read the details of this application. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that they had no objection to this application. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>22/00474/CTR</b> For various works on trees please see description of works at Bank House 3 Riverside Spinney Wansford, Peterborough Councillors had read the details of this application. It was noted that the felling of an oak tree was in the application and councillors had concerns about this. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that PCC's Tree Officer be informed that they would not wish the oak tree to be felled and, therefore, full consent was not given to this particular planning application. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>22(5)8</b>	<p><b>Accounts to Date 2022/2023</b></p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors, agreed, to accept the accounts. The Chairman reported that an internal audit was in the process of being done. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>22(5)9</b>	<p><b>Budget 2022/2023</b></p> <p>The Chairman informed Councillors that all efforts would be made to keep the 2022/2023 on track, as had been the case for last year's budget.</p>
<b>22(5)10</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk's Salary (30 hrs x £13.21 = £396.30) Annual safety inspection of the Nene Close Play Area by Peterborough Ltd. (£70 + £14 VAT = £84) The Chairman informed Councillors that a further cheque had been written for the Good Neighbours Scheme (£225) as the name of their bank account had been changed recently. This payment had been authorised at last month's parish council meeting. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>22(5)11</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Crimestoppers:</b> Sgt Colin Dobbins was looking for volunteers for his Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers Peterborough committee. The committee would largely focus their time and resources into supporting their local authorities, law enforcement and other charities &amp; organisations with an interest in community safety and reducing crime in communities. <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a></p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to invite Sgt Dobbins to the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk would email Sgt Dobbins. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Listening to Cambridgeshire Land Use:</b> A summary from Cllr Stannage regarding his participation in a meeting with The Food &amp; Farming Countryside Commission with Cambridgeshire ACRE.</p> <p>The Chairman reported on his participation of this meeting and informed Councillors that it had covered the subject of land use for farming production, footpaths, and that 'permissive ways' were diminishing in numbers. It was established that landowners had control of permissive ways and particular concern had been expressed about their decline in southern areas of Cambridgeshire.</p>

	<p>Councillors discussed their concern about the permissive way at Wansford Station. The Chairman reported he was aware that Yarwell Parish and Sibson Parish were considering appointing a Footpath Warden. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to invite PCC's Footpath Officer to the July meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Elsey would be made aware of the invitation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>22(5)12</b>	<p><b>Grey Pouch Box by St Mary's Church</b></p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the grey pouch box by St Mary's Church, Wansford, as it was no longer used or needed by our post operatives. The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to Royal Mail to request that the grey pouch box be removed.</p>
<b>22(5)13</b>	<p><b>Wooden Fence in Conservation Area</b></p> <p>Councillors discussed the fence that has been erected within the village conservation area and the response from PCC's Planning Department as the result of Parish Council enquiries. The Chairman reported that he had spoken with the owner of the property who had been of the understanding that planning consent was not needed. The Planning Department were in liaison with the owner of the fence to clarify the planning requirements.</p>
<b>22(5)14</b>	<p><b>Matters for future consideration</b></p> <p>Councillors had no additional agenda items for the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council that had not already covered above.</p>
<b>22(5)15</b>	<p><b>Date of next meetings</b></p> <p>The following meetings are scheduled to take place in the Community Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Parish Meeting will take place on 16 May at 7.30 p.m.</li> <li>• an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 16 May at 6.30 p.m.</li> <li>• the next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, 13 June 2022 at 7.30pm.</li> </ul>

**Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**