

## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

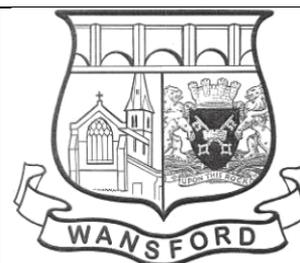
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### **Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Community Hall on Monday, 16 May 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

Agenda Item	Title
1,	<b>Chairman's Welcome:</b> The Chairman welcomed all present and explained that the purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council had been called to allow a discussion to take place with representatives of Bullimore Sand & Gravel Ltd. (Excavators) who proposed to commence excavations of their site just 600 metres west of the village from June 2022.
2.	<b>In attendance:</b> Cllr John Stannage (Chairman); Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martyn Handley (the Chairman confirmed a quorum); Mrs Marie Lewis (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) <b>Members of the Public:</b> James Bullimore, Quarry Manager of Bullimore Sand & Gravel Ltd. (Excavators); Liam Tolson of Heatons Planning <b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr Quentin Bambridge, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Graham Stevens. The Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. None were declared.
4.	<b>Presentation</b> The Chairman invited Mr James Bullimore of Bullimore Sand and Gravel Ltd. (Excavators) to present information about that company's planned excavation work which would take place 600m west of Wansford village between the King's Cliffe Road and the A47. During the discussion, Parish Councillors had opportunity to ask questions.  (a) Phasing and Restoration Plans were presented by Mr Bullimore. (b) Planning Permission had been given for the excavation of the site on 10 April 2015 to excavate 700,000 tonnes of limestone over a period of 5 years but Bullimores expected to complete work on this site in 3 phases over a period of 3 years from commencement. (c) Contractors would work at the site this summer and next March/April when Bullimores would do the excavation. (d) James Bullimore would provide a contact phone number and email address) (james@bullimores.net) in the event of any issues from parishioners so that they could be addressed by Bullimores. (e) James Bullimore explained that the extracted stone goes through a crusher on site and that most of the stone is used for local construction. (f) Dust from the work would be minimal as the crushing machinery had

	<p>dust suppressors. Also vehicles and all equipment go through a wheelwash before leaving the site which was just south of the weighbridge.</p> <p>(g) No blasting was permitted for the excavations. James Bullimore explained that the stone was already fairly fragmented and so use of a breaker would be minimal.</p> <p>(h) Permissions required excavation to stop before reaching the clay level and excavations would go to a depth of 6 – 8 metres. There would be no risk to the water table as this was about 15 metres down.</p> <p>(i) There would be no extraction of ironstone as this had already been removed.</p> <p>(j) James Bullimore was confident that the work would be kept within permitted noise levels.</p> <p>(k) Work would commence at 7 a.m. and probably finish before 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. They may work an occasional Saturday but Saturdays tended to be a catch-up day for the maintenance of equipment and not excavation.</p> <p>(l) There would be a foreman on site who would probably be the loading shovel driver.</p> <p>(m) Noise banks had been built which would be seeded and the grass growth controlled.</p> <p>(n) A storage bund would be erected along the A47 as well as a fence which would help to alleviate noise levels. The fence would be erected first. A fence would also be erected along the King's Cliffe Road.</p> <p>(o) There had been evidence of diesel theft from the site and so there would be security guards on the site who would have their own self-contained welfare vans. There would be no flood lighting on site.</p> <p>(p) Machinery and vehicles used for the extraction of the limestone would be travelling along the A1 and A47 from Peterborough. Entry to the site would be from the A47.</p> <p>(q) The majority of excavation would take place in the summer months – it was more difficult to extract the stone in the winter months.</p> <p>(r) When the work was complete the site would be top soiled. Bullimores owned the land and on completion of the excavation it would be rented back to the previous tenant.</p> <p>(s) The owners of Sibberton Lodge had not been informed of the excavations. The Clerk would ensure their awareness.</p>
5.	<p><b>Public Time</b> There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>
6.	<p><b>Closure by the Chairman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman summarised the main facts of the discussion as outlined above.</li> <li>• The Chairman asked the Clerk to inform Sibberton Lodge (which is near to the site) of the forthcoming excavations.</li> <li>• The Chairman thanked James Bullimore and Liam Tolson for their information given to councillors and the meeting was then closed.</li> </ul>

**Mrs Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**