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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022 IN THE COMMUNITY HALL**

Item No	
22(6)1	Vice-Chairman's Welcome: The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Clarke, chaired the meeting and welcomed all present, particularly one member of the public and Cllr Graham Stevens and Cllr Quentin Bambridge who attended their first parish council meeting as parish councillors since their election in April.
22(6)2	In Attendance: Vice-Chairman Richard Clarke, Cllr Graham Stevens, Cllr Quentin Bambridge, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Martyn Handley; and one member of the public attended. Apologies for Absence: Cllr John Stannage and Cllr Gavin Eley. Their reasons for absence were accepted.
22(6)3	Declarations of Interest The Vice-Chairman reminded councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. There were none declared.
22(6)4	Public Time A member of the public attended to represent Thornhaugh & Wansford Parochial Church Council to revisit the financing of LED external lighting at St Mary's Church which is a building of historical importance within Wansford village. The final invoice for lighting had been greater than originally quoted due to the necessity for larger safety cages. Thornhaugh & Wansford Parochial Church Council thanked the parish council for their support with this matter. The increased invoice was now £750.84 (inclusive of VAT). The Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, to pay in full the increased invoice which also included the cost of a safety certificate for the electrical work done amounting to £80. Action: Clerk
22(6)5	Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 16 May 2022. The Vice-Chairman proposed, and all councillors agreed, that the minutes were an accurate record of their meeting with Bullimore.
22(6)6	Matters arising from the minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 16 May 2022. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
22(6)7	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2022 Cllr Garner proposed, and all councillors agreed, that the minutes were an accurate account of the parish council meeting held on 9 May 2022. Action: Clerk
22(6)8	Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 May 2022
	21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall Cllrs Clarke and Stannage had met with a solicitor at Hunt and Coombs who informed that the community hall curtilage appeared not to be registered with the parish council, but that sections of its curtilage were registered to the Sacrewell estate. Cllr Clarke planned to meet with the trustees of Sacrewell in the very near future and would discuss this matter with them. A Wansford Parish Council minute of a meeting held many years ago had recorded the solicitor that did the conveyancing of the hall's original deeds and it was known that that particular solicitors' practice was now with Chatterton's of Stamford. Cllr Stannage would write to Chatterton's to get the original deeds and then register the curtilage. Cllr Clarke would also draft a letter to the trustees of Sacrewell to explain the problem with the curtilage to achieve a resolution to this matter. Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke
	21(11)14 Old Leicester Road/A47 Junction A discussion took place regarding the state of the road between the Wansford west roundabout and the Old Leicester Road/A47 junction. PCC had informed the parish council that work on this stretch of road was within their long-term plan. A discussion took place regarding the road sign at the King's

	Cliffe Road/Old Leicester Road junction. The Vice-Chairman proposed that this sign have A1 added to it to deter HGV traffic from entering the village. The Clerk volunteered to amend the sign. Action: Clerk
21(11)15 Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS)	The two VAS speed signs were currently positioned in the Old North Road and the Old Leicester Road. After some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and all councillors agreed, to move the sign in the Old North Road to Yarwell Road. Action: Cllr Clarke & A.N. Other
21(11)16 King's Cliffe Industrial Estate Traffic Routing	The signage issue at King's Cliffe Industrial Estate had been resolved by a replacement sign which read 'HGVs – No access in Wansford Village'. The Vice-Chairman expressed his thanks to King's Cliffe Industrial Estate for their co-operation with this matter. The Vice-Chairman reported that PCC had submitted an objection to the Traffic Commissioner in response to a Vehicle Licence Application made by Vital Transport Limited of 555 Lincoln Road, Peterborough to operate 10 HGVs and 10 trailers from King's Cliffe Industrial Estate. The objection had been raised on the basis of environmental issues within Wansford (increased pollution, noise, and safety issues).
21(11)18 Highways – Declassification (Road Signs)	Cllrs Stannage and Clarke had in recent days fitted the replacement finger posts which had the correct spelling and punctuation for King's Cliffe.
21(11)19 A47 Dualling	The Vice-Chairman gave an update on latest developments through correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate and National Highways. He said that the Hearings were mostly complete and the most significant deadlines had passed. The Planning Inspector had queried all the traffic modelling that had been done, and questioned why all options had not been considered. National Highways had yet to respond. The Vice-Chairman believed the Planning Inspector to be very good with his scrutiny of National Highways. Wansford Parish Council had, in conjunction with National Highways, produced a Statement of Common Ground. However, whilst the parish council felt that all plans east of the old railway line were acceptable, those plans to the west were not. Cllr Clarke would write to the Secretary of State for Transport to highlight that the current plans made by National Highways were unnecessarily costly and estimated an overspend of between £7m - £11m because of their decision to build the new road on the southern route. Disappointingly, Historic England had carried out no actual analysis of the site. Action: Cllr Clarke
21(11)27b Councillor's email addresses	All parish councillors now had gov.uk email addresses. Some discussion took place relating to the delayed receipt of some emails which was a server problem. Feedback would be given to the supplier. Action: Clerk
21(11) 27d Telephone Kiosk	With the onset of clement weather, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and all agreed, that work on the telephone kiosk could commence on Thursday, 16 June 2022. A Risk Assessment would be written by the Clerk. The work area would be cordoned off. A layer of paint would be removed with a powerbrush before applying a prime paint. Masks and goggles would be worn. Cllr Clarke would email councillors to seek volunteers for Thursday. Action: Clerk & Councillors
21(12)11 Compliance	Discussion took place on parish council documentation, its storage and potential archiving. Further parish council documentation had been retrieved and records of parish meetings now went back to 1893 as well as parish council minutes from 1972 onwards. The parish council's filing cabinet was full and a further cabinet was needed. Research on either purchasing or receiving a donated cabinet was taking place. It was recognised that the parish council documents reflected parish heritage and history and needed to be stored carefully. The member of the public in attendance recommended that the parish council contact Peterborough Library for their expertise on archiving. Action: Clerk
21(12)14 Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough	The Vice-Chairman reported that Cllr Stannage had recently attended a meeting with the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Co-ordinator, Cate Harding. There had been a request from Wansford Surgery to extend the Good Neighbours territory to include Yarwell and Nassington and contact details had been forwarded to the Co-ordinator to enable this.
22(2)16 Replacement Bins	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. Cllrs Garner and Stannage were working on the wooden bins. The Vice-Chairman reported that he and Cllr Stannage had recently met with James Collingridge of PCC who agreed to move the bin as requested. Mr Collingridge had stated that PCC would no longer install dedicated dog excrement bins as it was recognised that both general rubbish and dog excrement all go into the same incinerator. It was expected that dog excrement would in future go into general rubbish bins. Cllrs Stannage & Garner

	<p>22(2)18 Replacement LED Lighting at St Mary’s Church, Wansford This item discussed the financing of replacement LED lighting at St Mary’s Church in view of the increased cost for their safety cages. The discussion was addressed at the beginning of the parish council meeting to assist the member of the public who was in attendance and is minuted in item 22(6)4 above.</p>
	<p>22(3)12 20mph Road Traffic Speed Restriction in Wansford A discussion took place relating to speed limits within the village and the possibility of extending the existing 20 mph speed restrictions in the Old Leicester Road and the Old North Road, Wansford. The Vice-Chairman noted that this matter had been considered just prior to the current 20 mph speed limits being introduced and it had been decided to apply that limit to the central area of the village only. After some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that the parish council would ask Lewis Banks of PCC if it was possible to extend the 30 mph limit up to Paws & Claws to reduce the speed of vehicles arriving at the end of Robinsfield. Action: Clerk</p>
	<p>22(4)11 Correspondence The Vice-Chairman reported that, after consulting parish councillors, he had sent a response to North Northants Council for their Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation for guiding development and growth for the period 2021 – 2041. That Strategic Plan had replaced the North Northants Joint Core Strategy adopted in July 2016. The parish council response had expressed concern about industrial development in rural areas and had referenced King’s Cliffe Industrial Estate. Recommendation had been made for greater control on high density rural residential developments such as the Yarwell Mill residential park.</p>
	<p>22(5)11 Correspondence Crimestoppers The Vice-Chairman reported that Cllr Stannage had recently participated in discussions with Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers (Peterborough Committee). That committee focused their time and resources to support local authorities, law enforcement and other charities & organisations with an interest in community safety and reducing crime in communities. The Crimestoppers initiative were looking for volunteers to feed into an area coordinator on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed their local knowledge about local crime trends and other issues into the area coordinator (who would in turn take that to the committee meetings) • Promote Crimestoppers in their community and at local events and meetings, and also include Crimestoppers logo/information on crime prevention information you may put out on your parish websites/community establishments/campaigns. • Crimestoppers would ensure that the area coordinator fed back to the volunteers the Crimestoppers statistics for Cambridgeshire and provide them with materials to support any activity they may plan in their areas to support parishes. <p>Cllr Stevens said that he knew of someone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer for this initiative. The Vice-Chairman advised Cllr Stevens to speak with Cllr Stannage for further information. Action: Cllr Stevens & Clerk</p> <p>Cambridgeshire Land Use Cllr Garner drew attention to a map of “permissive ways” around the Wansford locality which showed a number of permissive ways but he had become aware that some of these had closed in 2012. Another attempt would be made to invite the PCC Footpaths Officer to a parish council meeting in order to further understanding of these and this was likely to be for the August meeting. Action: Clerk</p>
	<p>22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge A discussion took place on the volume of traffic entering the village as well as the problem of HGVs crossing Wansford Bridge which had a weight limit of 3 tonnes. Research with the Police and Crime Commissioner and PCC had identified that responsibility for weight limits on bridges now lies with the Highway Authority. The discussion also looked at the procurement of a camera to position at Wansford Bridge but concluded that their cost was outside of the capability of the parish council’s budget. The parish council would continue to pursue the idea of obtaining a camera to position by the bridge and continue to liaise with Peter Tebb of PCC for this. Action: Clerk</p>
	<p>22(4)13 Wild Flower Meadow in Nene Close, Wansford Further discussion took place on the development of a wild flower meadow near the children’s play area, Nene Close, known as the Platinum Jubilee Wild Flower Meadow. Cllrs Clarke and Stannage had met with Sean Mee of Aragon and agreement had been reached on grass cutting for that area. Also, it was identified that the area would be enhanced with the planting of plug plants in the autumn to be donated by Cllr Clarke. A group activity day would take place in September/October to plant the plug plants.</p>
	<p>22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road</p>

	<p>A discussion took place on the possibility of having a 7.5 tonnes weight restriction on vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road. The idea was to have a 7.5 tonnes limit from Paws & Claws to the junction of Yarwell Road. The Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that PCC would be approached to ask if this was possible. Action: Clerk</p>
	<p>22(5)12 Grey Pouch Box by St Mary's Church A discussion took place regarding the removal of the grey pouch box by St Mary's Church, Wansford, as it was no longer used or needed. Royal Mail had been requested to remove it but they had indicated that their final decision was yet to be made on this matter. There was a view that perhaps the village's Jubilee Beacon could be repositioned from the Old Leicester Road to the site of the Grey Pouch Box after it had been removed.</p>
	<p>22(5)13 Wooden Fence in Conservation Area A discussion took place regarding the 2m fence that has been erected within the village's conservation area. PCC had informed the parish council that the owner had been instructed to apply for planning permission for the fence and that the deadline for its receipt was 20 June 2022.</p>
<p>22(6)9</p>	<p>Planning Reference: 22/00643/HHFUL Proposal: the erection of a garden room to the side of 21 Old North Road, Wansford 22/00643/HHFUL Erection of Garden Room to side Carradale 21 Old North Road Wansford Peterborough Peterborough PE8 6LB After some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that they had no objection to this planning application.</p> <p>Reference: 22/00665/HHFUL Proposal: to revise the already approved plans of 21/01778/HHFUL at 8 Robinswood, Wansford https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage After some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that they had no objection to this planning application</p> <p>Expansion of Rockingham Forest Park Proposal to have a further 80 caravan lodges in Rockingham Forest Park accessible from the King's Cliffe Road, near Wansford. Please access the following link to scrutinize all documentation. https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R7VB9LGON4100 .</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman reported that four councillors had recently visited the site. Wansford parish council's main issues with its development were traffic, ground pollution, ground water pollution and the effect on wildlife. Councillors had scrutinized the existing site and the proposed plot of the new site. It was the view of councillors that RF Park had done everything they promised and possibly exceeded these. They were creating a lake with access for disabled persons which had a proper path to it.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed further development of Rockingham Forest (RF) Park which concluded that the parish council would not object to it but would insist upon fulfilment of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local RF Park traffic volumes would be monitored and if there was congestion on local roads the parish council would request that RF Park stagger their booking in/booking out times. 2. The development map showed 6 caravan lodges on the link between the existing park and the new development. The parish council would expect those specific lodges to be excluded from the scheme to allow better access for wildlife. 3. The sewage from the new development will be pumped to King's Cliffe where the system is reported to have capacity to treat the effluent. However, in the event of a power-cut the pump would become inactive and cause problems. The parish council insists that a buffer tank be installed with capacity for storage for a minimum of 24 hours in the event of a power-cut. <p>Some discussion took place relating to a concerned parishioner of Nassington about the creation of the lake, the cutting down of trees and a perceived non-compliance of planning conditions in Phase 1 of the development.</p> <p>Light pollution had been a concern to councillors but they found that public lighting were all downlights to avoid such pollution. It was noted that there was currently no plan to have a third or fourth phase for development at the site. None of the caravan lodges were for sale and holiday bookings were</p>

	<p>administered by Landal. It was also noted that all dark green areas on the site map was protected woodland. External visitors could use the site's paths but trail bikes would not be permitted. It was recognised that there would be some effect on wildlife but that this would be minimal. It was felt that the actual development site was currently a low value wildlife area although the immediate surroundings have a very high wildlife value. It was noted that the caravan lodges had wheels on their floors which meant that they were technically mobile homes and as such their Planning restrictions were less onerous. The parish council had been asked to comment on the site's new map and Cllr Garner volunteered to edit this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(6)10	<p>Accounts to Date 2022/2023</p> <p>All parish councillors had scrutinized the following accounts and forms and, after some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, to accept their content as correct. Peterborough Accounting Services Ltd had audited all accounts who had also found them to be correct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accounting Statement for 2021/2022 • The Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022. • The Certificate of Exemption for the Annual Governance & Accountability Return <p>The Clerk reported that the VAT return was still to be done and that there had been issues with not having all HMRC identification data to hand. The Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that the VAT return be administered by Peterborough Accounting Services Ltd. Action: Clerk</p>
22(6)11	<p>Budget 2022/2023</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that a quarterly review of the parish council's budget would take place at their next meeting in July 2022.</p>
22(6)12	<p>Finance</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <p>Parish Clerk's Salary (28 hrs x £13.21 = £369.88) LED Lights for St Mary's Church, Wansford (£750.84 inclusive of VAT). The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd. (annual support cost of £198.00 inclusive of VAT)</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on progress for the introduction of internet banking for the parish council. Councillors had completed the change of mandate forms and these would be returned to Barclays for internet banking to be arranged.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(6)13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>East Midlands Airport</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the airspace modernisation programme for East Midlands airport to decide whether or not Wansford Parish Council would participate in the airport's discussions to understand the potential impact of any changes to flight paths to and from that airport. The Vice-Chairman proposed, and councillors agreed, that the parish council would not pursue this matter.</p> <p>Whilst all councillors had researched the information sent to them in relation to the modernisation programme for East Midlands airport, after some discussion, the Vice-Chairman proposed, and all councillors agreed, that the parish council would not participate in these discussions. Action: Clerk</p>
22(6)14	<p>Wansford Picnic Site</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman reported that he had met with Cllr Stannage and James Collingridge of PCC to discuss the concrete litter bins at Wansford picnic site for (a) their litter to be removed; (b) their ownership to be clarified and (c) the potential for the bins to be removed as this site has been closed. PCC would arrange for the bins to be emptied and the matter of ownership and removal of the bins would be investigated by PCC.</p>
22(6)15	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>After some discussion, it was decided to have two new Agenda items for the next meeting relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise from empty trucks driving along the A47 exacerbated by the uneven road. • A replacement Wansford sign near the Old Leicester Road/Paws & Claws junction which would also have a sign stating that HGVs had no access. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(6)16	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday, 11 July 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall, Wansford.</p>

Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer