

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

Item No	
22(10)1	Chairman's Welcome Cllr John Stannage (Chairman) welcomed all Parish Councillors present as well as two members of the public. The Chairman reminded Councillors of the schedule for their written contributions to 'Living Villages'.
22(10)2	In attendance Cllr John Stannage (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martyn Handley, Cllr Quentin Bambridge, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Graham Stevens, Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt (who was co-opted as a Parish Councillor during the meeting) Apologies for Absence Cllr Gavin Eley had submitted his apologies for absence.
22(10)3	Declarations of Interest The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. Cllr Graham Stevens, declared to all present that the Planning Application relating to 8 Robinswood, Wansford, was the home of his next door neighbour.
22(10)4	Public Time – The Chairman invited members of the public to speak. A parishioner brought to the attention of Councillors that two cables had been positioned across Peterborough Road which he believed had been secured by National Highways to gauge the volume of traffic entering and exiting Wansford on that road. He believed that the cables had been positioned incorrectly as, rather than being placed close to the A1, they were positioned further along Peterborough Road and would capture the internal traffic exiting Wansford Mews and driving into the village, thereby producing an inflated result of road usage. Cllr Clarke said that Highways England had perhaps put the cables there in connection with the A47 dualling. The Clerk informed the Chairman that Peterborough City Council had in recent days informed that the cables had been positioned to gauge the usage of Peterborough Road as part of research for the A47 dualling project. Cllr Clarke was due to meet with representatives of Highways England on 12 October 2022 and he would raise this matter with them. The Chairman thanked the parishioner for his observations.
22(10)5	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2022 The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to their content. They were, therefore, adopted.
22(10)6	Matters arising from the Minutes of 26 September 2022: 21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall: Cllr Stannage reported that efforts were still being made to register the Hall. Cllr Clarke had written to the Chairman of Sacrewell Trustees and others to reiterate that Wansford Parish Council were keen to register the Hall but that the solicitor's searches had found parts of the curtilage to be registered to other people. Cllr Clarke planned to meet with the Chairman of Sacrewell Trustees to discuss the curtilage. The Chairman said that when all facts were gathered he and Cllr Clarke would report these to their solicitor to progress the registration of the Hall. Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke 21(11)19 A47 Dualling: Cllr Clarke reported that he and Cllr Stannage would be meeting with representatives of Galliford Try (the National Highways contractor), on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 which would give opportunity to ask questions. The Clerk confirmed that the letter to the Secretary of State for Transport had been issued by both email and surface mail on 29 September 2022 and also copied to the MP for North West Cambridgeshire. Cllr Clarke said the Planning Inspectorate were not allowed to take into account the cost of the A47 dualling in their findings but this would, however, be a major consideration of the Secretary of State. (NB: since the parish council meeting Cllr Clarke has become aware that the Planning Inspectorate's findings will not become public until January 2023.) Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke 22(2)16 Replacement Bins: The Chairman reported that the transfer of the plastic bin (by the village map) had been completed and was now positioned by Wansford Mews. The new wooden bin was in place. A second larch wooden bin (with separate sections for recycling and rubbish) would be

constructed by Cllr Stannage and the existing plastic bin by the church would be moved and put elsewhere. **Action: Cllr Stannage**

22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge: The Chairman reported that the Network and Traffic Manager of PCC had been asked to advise on the possibility of erecting a law enforceable CCTV camera by the old bridge but full information was still outstanding. Councillors discussed options for the protection of the bridge as its continued use by HGVs would eventually result in extortionate costs for repairs. Cllr Clarke suggested that a camera (with a time and date recording capability) could be positioned on a post by the bridge to photograph any vehicle above 7' in height. With photographic evidence, it was believed that PCC Highways could then prosecute offending motorists. Cllr Clarke was unaware of the cost of such a camera and its installation but he would endeavour to find out. Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported awareness of vehicles parked in Bridge End which were damaged by large vehicles driving on that road. Cllr Taylor-Pitt also reported the existence of a CCTV camera on the corner of Bridge End and Peterborough Road but that this would not show vehicles crossing the bridge. Cllr Stevens felt that there was adequate signage to forewarn of the 3 tonnes weight limit on vehicles crossing the bridge. PCC would be approached again on this matter. **Action: Cllr Clarke & the Clerk**

Cllr Clarke said that he would move one of the existing speed cameras and position this by the old bridge now that the autumn leaves were falling and allow the speed cameras to be powered by sunlight in that area. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

The subject of road traffic diversions and their resulting congestion within Wansford, particularly on the bridge was also discussed. National Highways had been asked to inform the parish council of all diversions into the village but this did not always happen. The Clerk would liaise with National Highways again to request that the parish council be given advance notification on all diversions from the A1 and A47 which were likely to affect the volume of traffic entering the village. Cllr Bambridge added that road traffic accidents on local roads and diversions into the village from these was also a considerable problem. **Action: Clerk**

22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road: The Chairman reported that the Network and Traffic Manager of PCC had been approached in relation to a weight restriction on this road although he had not been in favour of this. However, he had been approached again and invited to attend a site meeting. A response was awaited. **Action: Clerk**

22(7)12 Wansford Picnic Site: The Chairman reported that several attempts had been made to have the site's bins emptied. He was aware that PCC had, in turn, been in contact with Aragon on several occasions over this matter. A site visit had also taken place with James Collingridge of PCC. Aragon had said that they could not open the bins (although two are open topped). They had also stated that they had difficulty in getting through the fencing to the site although the on-site people had been briefed and knew that Aragon could be given entry to the site. Communication was ongoing with James Collingridge in this respect. **Action: Clerk**

22(7)13 Traffic Noise from A47: The Chairman reported that PCC Highways had arranged for the A47 to be resurfaced adjacent to the parish and this would commence on 28 November 2022.

22(9)13 Rockingham Forest Park Map of Local Area: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had sent an update for the description of Wansford on the map and Cllr Garner had revised some of the detail relating to footpaths. Cllr Clarke pointed out that there was an inaccuracy relating to a footpath at the far end of the Old Leicester Road but that this would remain.

22(9)16 Wansford Parish Council's Goal and Strategy: The Chairman reported that a Working Party had been arranged for 26 October 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall. The meeting would discuss and formulate a goal and strategy for the working of the parish council.

22(9)17 Collaboration with Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council for Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted both the Chairman and Clerk of that council to propose collaboration with the Good Neighbours Scheme but, to date, no response had been received. It was felt that the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme would operate better with their collaboration and cooperation. Cllr Clarke suggested that the Clerk write to all councillors within that parish on this matter. The Chairman would attend the next meeting of Sibson-cum-Stibbington parish council to explore how collaboration could be achieved. (NB: Sibson-cum-Stibbington have since confirmed their willingness to work with Wansford Parish Council on this Scheme). **Action: Cllr Stannage**

22(10)7 Planning

Reference: 22/01299/HHFUL

	<p>Proposal: erection of a single storey rear extension - retrospective Site address: 8 Robinswood, Wansford, PE8 6JQ</p> <p>The Chairman introduced a retrospective planning application for 8 Robinswood and invited comments. Clarification was given that this was actually a modification to a previous planning application for a rear extension to be built at the address and that it was being made retrospectively. It was understood that no parishioners had concerns about this application. The Chairman proposed, therefore, and councillors agreed, that there were no objections to submit to PCC. Action: Clerk</p>
22(10)8	<p>Accounts to Date 2022/2023</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the second precept payment and burial ground monies had been received from PCC into the parish council's current account and confirmed that expenditure was on track, as reflected in the Receipts and Expenditure accounts for September - October 2022. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the accounts were correct.</p>
22(10)9	<p>Budget 2022/2023</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that expenditure against the 2022 – 2023 Budget was on track. The Clerk suggested that the Barclays accounts be discussed at November's Extraordinary Finance Meeting with a view to seeking a better return of interest on parish council bank accounts.</p>
22(10)10	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) To approve the following payments: Parish Clerk's Salary (24 hrs x £13.21 for Sept. - Oct = £317.04). The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to this payment.</p> <p>(b) Three of four appointed Councillors confirmed that their internet banking accounts for the parish council were fully operational. Cllr Garner was still to complete the administration for becoming an authoriser of payments for the parish council. After some discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the long-term plan was for all Councillors to be added to the banking mandate. Action: Cllr Garner</p>
22(10)11	<p>Bus Shelter in Old North Road</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the cost of repainting the bus shelter and its refurbishment and cork board for notices would be in the region of £250 - £300. Cllr Clarke proposed that, for the notice board, a high-grade plywood be purchased and for cork tiles to be affixed to this. The Chairman had also seen aluminium backed noticeboards with cork. Staples were currently damaging the hard wood of the shelter and would be removed. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the project go ahead with a budget of £300. He said that there would be no time limit on its refurbishment but it would not appear on the agenda every month. Cllr Clarke suggested that a light oak stain be purchased as soon the refurbishment of the wood started as it would need to be protected with the stain. Action: All Councillors</p>
22(10)12	<p>Plaque for Jubilee Oak Tree</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the subject of a plaque to be purchased and positioned by the Jubilee Oak Tree in Nene Close which had been planted in commemoration of the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. A brass plaque measuring 7" x 3.5" was proposed and this could be attached to an oak post to be knocked into the ground by the tree. The Chairman asked Councillors to email their suggestions for the wording to appear on the plaque. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to a total expenditure of £100 for the plaque, its inscription and installation. Action: Cllr Stannage</p>
22(10)13	<p>Plaque for Wooden Waste Bin</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that a plaque be affixed to the larch bin opposite the church and that total expenditure for this would not exceed £100. Suggested wording for the plaque would be forthcoming from Councillors. Action: Cllr Stannage</p>
22(10)14	<p>Communities Prepared Online Hub</p> <p>The Chairman introduced a new initiative which aims to prepare communities for unplanned events, details for which may be found in the following link: www.communitiesprepared.org.uk</p> <p>A discussion took place to consider if this was something that the parish would wish to have. Each Councillor agreed to research the link and come back to the next meeting with their views. Action: All Councillors</p>
22(10)15	<p>Government Funded Electric Vehicle Charging Point within Wansford Parish</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the idea of installing Electric Vehicle Charging points within the parish. A discussion took place which highlighted the deadline of 2030 for fuel based vehicles to be banned. Also, it was mentioned that the use of a public charging system is 5 x expensive as the use of domestic charging and there was some doubt expressed about the positioning of charging points within the parish. However, it was recognised that many houses within the parish would not have the capability to charge electric cars because of access. The Clerk stated that there were webinars within</p>

	the email that informed councillors of the EV points. Further research on this subject would take place and it would be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council. Action: Clerk
22(10)16	Car Share Scheme for Wansford The Chairman introduced the idea of a car share scheme for Wansford community. The Clerk had set up such a scheme for a large company and which had been well received although this was through the purchase of an employee website to seek and volunteer rides. A discussion took place to explore the idea. Councillors expressed concerns about the safety of such a scheme. Cllr Taylor-Pitt agreed to explore this idea further. Action: Cllr Taylor-Pitt
22(10)17	Parish Councillor vacancy (this agenda item was discussed at the early part of the meeting) The Chairman confirmed receipt of an application from a parishioner for their co-option to become a Parish Councillor. Full details of that application had been sent to Councillors for their careful consideration. The candidate was considered to have a wide range of skills and knowledge and Cllr Stannage proposed her co-option and this was seconded by Cllr Garner. Jane Taylor-Pitt was invited to join Councillors at the table as Cllr Taylor-Pitt after signing her 'Acceptance of Nomination Form'. The Clerk would address all administration for her appointment. Action: Clerk
22(10)18	Matters for future consideration There were no Agenda items proposed for the next meeting not already covered above.
22(10)19	Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages October: Cllr Graham Stevens November: Cllr John Stannage December: Cllr Graham Garner January: Cllr Richard Clarke
22(10)20	Dates of next meetings Working Party to discuss a Goal and Strategy for the Parish Council, 26 October 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Mon., 14 November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall. Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting: Wed., 16 November 2022 at 7 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall.

Signed: *Marie Lewis*

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