

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2022

Item No	
22(11)1	<p>Chairman's Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr John Stannage, welcomed all Councillors present as well as a member of the public and Mr Lee Moore, PCC Highway Inspection Team Manager & Public Rights of Way Officer. He also welcomed the Clerk, Marie Lewis.</p>
22(11)2	<p>In Attendance</p> <p>Cllr John Stannage (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martyn Handley, Cllr Graham Stevens, Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt, Marie Lewis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Quentin Bambridge, Cllr Gavin Elsey</p>
22(11)3	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. On this basis, Cllr Stannage (Chairman) declared a pecuniary interest under Agenda Item 22(11)10 which related to an expense claim for his purchases made on behalf of the parish council.</p>
22(11)4	<p>Public Time</p> <p>(a) Presentation given by Mr Lee Moore, PCC Highway Inspection Team Manager & Public Rights of Way Officer. Mr Moore briefed the parish council on PCC's 150km of footpaths (rights of way and permissive rights of way), their maintenance and liaison with members of the public, including landowners, and organisations such as the Ramblers Association and the British Horse Society. A discussion took place with Councillors relating to their concern of some local footpaths with examples given where (a) a footpath had been subsumed into a garden and where the right of way had in recent years become contentious, and (b) for reasons of pedestrian safety a permissive right of way should be established at the Site of Special Scientific Interest within the parish. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that these matters be addressed to benefit parishioners. Mr Moore then informed Councillors of resurfacing work to take place on the A47 for two nights (28 and 29 November 2022) which involved the closure of the A47 between Wansford and Duddington. Parishioners would be informed by letter of the closures within the next few days.</p> <p>(b) A member of the public requested to speak regarding Planning Application 22/01367/WCPP for 23 Old North Road, Wansford. The parishioner explained that the application was a reconfiguration of what was already there. There was an error in the architect's plan where a window was shown but in fact there would be no window and no one would be overlooked. After some discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to accept the proposed Planning Application without objection and PCC would be informed of this. Subsequent to this discussion, the parishioner brought to the attention of Councillors the lack of drainage in the Old North Road and the lack of a roadside curb by his property. The Chairman advised the parishioner to pursue these matters with PCC. Action: Clerk</p>
22(11)5	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2022</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to adopt the minutes.</p>
22(11)6	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of 10 October 2022: Updates of progress on the following items:</p>

	<p>21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall: Cllr Clarke reported that Saville's were in liaison with Sacrewell about the curtilage of the Community Hall and a meeting between these two parties would take place in the coming weeks. It was hoped that this would result in a positive outcome to give ownership of the curtilage to the Community Hall and for its registration to then take place with Hunt & Coombes, the solicitors. Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke</p> <p>21(11)19 A47 Dualling: Cllr Clarke reported that the Secretary of State's decision on the development of the A47 dualling was awaited. Galliford Try, the outsourced company used by National Highways, would be giving presentations of their proposed development in the Community Hall all day on 9 March 2023. National Highways had revised their plans for access to Wansford Picnic Site which would now have a single gate entrance and this was welcomed.</p> <p>22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge: The Chairman reported on a recent Zoom meeting with James Gradwell of Atkins Global, a company outsourced by National Highways for a forthcoming safety barrier upgrade scheme on the A1 between Jct 17 and Wansford and welcomed his proposals to partly restrict traffic from entering Wansford and most importantly to prevent HGVs from using Wansford's old limestone bridge. James had invited Councillors to meet with him at Jct 17 Services for a full briefing of the works on Wednesday, 16 November 2022. A trial of the rerouting would take place during night time hours of 8, 9, and 10 December 2022. Action: Councillors</p> <p>22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road: Cllrs Stannage, Handley and Clarke had met with Peter Tebb of PCC in Wansford to discuss a 7.5t weight restriction on the Old Leicester Road and also the installation of a camera and additional signage by the old bridge. Peter Tebb had agreed to consider all of these matters and to inform Councillors of progress in due course.</p> <p>22(7)12 Wansford Picnic Site: Nearly all bins had now be emptied at the picnic site, although one still remained full. The Chairman expressed his frustration over the delay in getting all bins emptied.</p> <p>22(10)12 Plaque for Jubilee Oak Tree: The Chairman reported that a dedication plaque had been positioned in front of the Jubilee Oak Tree and had been mounted on wood and then secured to a concreted stone.</p> <p>22(10)13 Plaque for Wooden Waste Bin: The Chairman reported that a dedication plaque had been secured to the wooden waste bin opposite the church.</p> <p>22(9)17 Collaboration with Sibson-cum-Stibbington and Yarwell Parish Councils for Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme: Cllrs Stannage and Taylor-Pitt had attended the recent meeting of Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council which confirmed its willingness to work with Wansford Parish Council and the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme and this was very much welcomed. Yarwell Parish Council had declined to work with the Scheme as they worked with a group of Oundle volunteers. However, Cllr Stannage had been asked by the North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust to liaise with Yarwell to encourage their involvement and which would make the work of the Scheme and Wansford surgery more effective. Action: Cllr Stannage</p> <p>22(10)15 Government Funded EV Charging Points: The Chairman reported that the initial excitement over the prospect of obtaining Government grants for the installation of EV charging points had subdued as the deadline for receipt of applications had long since gone. Councillors recognised the need for such charging points in the future, however, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that there was little point in pursuing these when funding was currently unavailable.</p>
22(11)7	<p>Planning Reference: 22/01367/WCPP Proposal: Variation of condition C2 (approved drawings) to allow internal layout of Plot 1 to include accommodation within roof space above attached garage pursuant to planning permission 19/01466/FUL Site address: 23 Old North Road, Wansford 22/01367/WCPP Variation of Condition C2 (approved drawings) to allow internal layout of Plot 1 to include accommodation within roof space above attached garage, pursuant to planning permission 19/01466/FUL 23 Old North Road Wansford Peterborough PE8 6LB After discussion of this particular Planning Application, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to accept it and PCC be informed. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Appeal No. APP/J0540/W21/3287538 – Seeds Field The date for this Appeal has now been arranged and will take place on an informal basis in the Viersen Room of Peterborough Town Hall at 10 a.m. on 22 November 2022. The appeal has been made by the developers of Seeds Field (Kelland Developments) to the Secretary of State against</p>

	<p>Peterborough City Council's 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 with access secured and all other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved.</p> <p>Site Location: Field to the east of Old Pump House Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough</p> <p>The outcome of the appeal will be published on http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs/17/00550/OUT Construction of up to 14 prestige self-build dwellings and associated infrastructure with access secured and all other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved Field To The East Of Old Pump House Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he would attend the Appeal meeting on 22 November 2022 and that he had requested to speak although he understood that this could only be granted if the Appeal Inspector allowed him to do so. The Chairman reported that the Appeal meeting would conclude the planning application with either permission to develop the site or for it to be declined. Councillors had in previous discussions voiced a mixture of views on this application. However, Cllr Stevens reminded Councillors that the majority view of the parish council had been to oppose the application and that this still stood on the basis that it was outside of the village envelope and that Seeds Field is adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It was understood that some external objections had been withdrawn by other organisations and that certain development conditions had been made by other parties. Cllr Clarke said that, in the event of the development going ahead, perhaps the parish council could apply to manage the area of public land on the site but that this matter was separate to the current appeal.</p>
22(11)8	<p>Accounts to Date 2022/2023</p> <p>After Councillors had scrutinised the Receipts and Expenditure accounts for October - November 2022 the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to accept them.</p>
22(11)9	<p>Budget 2022/2023</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that expenditure of parish council funds was within the budget.</p>
22(11)10	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk's Salary (35hrs x £14.21 for Oct. - Nov = £497.35 + 1 April backdated salary increment of £1 x 150 hrs = £150 therefore £495.35 + £150 = £647.35); Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke</p> <p>(b) The Clerk proposed, and Councillors agreed, to approve the following payments: Cllr John Stannage expenses for 2 x Printer Cartridges = £64.97 + £104 for 2 plaques for Larch Bin and Jubilee Oak and concrete base (£8.25) = Grand total of £177.22</p> <p>(c) Cllr Clarke kindly offered to support Cllr Garner with the setting up of his Barclays internet banking account. Action: Cllr Clarke</p>
22(11)11	<p>Communities Prepared Online Hub</p> <p>Councillors discussed further the idea to have a contingency plan in place in the event of unplanned events within the village such as flooding, heavy snow, extreme heat, storms and power shortages. Some Councillors had participated in Zoom discussions to understand better the 'Communities Prepared' Scheme and agreed that, whilst continued liaison with that Scheme may not add value, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to continue discussions within the parish council to identify possible coordinators and volunteers for such events. The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church had kindly agreed to allow parishioners the use of the church in the event of extreme heat during the hottest hours of summer days as it is a large stone building and potentially a cooler place to sit.</p> <p>www.communitiesprepared.org.uk</p>
22(11)12	<p>Wansford Parish Council's Goal and Strategy</p> <p>A Working Party meeting had taken place on 1 November 2022 to discuss a Goal and Strategy for the parish council. The Working Party identified the need to improve communication with parishioners and that a survey would be designed and presented to parishioners in order to create a strategy that reflects their views. The Working Party would meet again on 5 December 2022. Please see Agenda item 22(11)14 below for further information on communication with parishioners. Action: Councillors</p>
22(11)13	<p>Car Share Scheme for Wansford</p> <p>A discussion took place on the idea of having a car share scheme within the village where some coordination could take place through the parish council website between volunteers to give lifts and persons seeking a lift to the same destination. Rather than the parish council having its own car share scheme, the Chairman proposed and Councillors agreed, to advertise the website 'Lifeshare' on the parish council website which could give parishioners the opportunity to seek and offer lifts to mutual destinations. Whilst the Liftshare scheme would be advertised on the parish council website the</p>

	<p>arrangements made by all volunteer drivers and lift seekers would be independent of the parish council. Participants of the Liftshare scheme are advised to meet each other in advance of agreeing on any lift arrangements. www.liftshare.co.uk</p> <p>This scheme is being promoted in order to save parishioners fuel costs, reduce traffic on roads, as well as a recognition that public transport for Wansford is very limited. In this connection two parishioners will be attending an event at the Mayor's Parlour, Peterborough Town Hall, on 18 November 2022 where they will be given the opportunity to explain to the Mayor their difficulties in travelling to Peterborough because of the lack of a bus service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(11)14	<p>Parishioners' Feedback for Parish Council Decision-Making</p> <p>Councillors had identified at a Working Party held on 1 November 2022 that proactivity was needed to more accurately obtain the views of parishioners to represent them in the parish council's decision-making. Such feedback would also help to formulate a goal and strategy for the parish council. After discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that a leaflet be issued to parishioners in 'Living Villages' to ask for their preference of how to communicate with the parish council, for example, either by a councillor speaking with them at their door, or through completion of a survey on-line. The parish council website (www.wansford-pc.gov.uk) would continue to be a communication tool as well as the Wansford Parish Council Noticeboard, Wansford Community site on Facebook and various Whatsapp groups within the parish. Also, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that a budget of £100 be available for costs incurred relating to the leaflet. The leaflet would be issued in the December issue of 'Living Villages'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Stannage & Clerk</p>
22(11)15	<p>Community Warm Hubs</p> <p>A discussion took place to make available to parishioners some 'Community Warm Hubs' during the winter months in view of the severe increase in energy prices. The Warm Hubs could take place in the Community Hall. There were funds available from the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that if the parish council became aware of a need to make available such 'Community Warm Hubs' then it would do so. Cllr Taylor-Pitt suggested that the idea of the Warm Hubs be advertised on the parish council website (linked to the Wansford Community site) and that parishioners alert the parish council (via the Clerk) in the event of their being a specific need for any parishioners.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(11)16	<p>Coronation Celebrations May 2023</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Sibson-cum-Stibbington Parish Council wanted to work with Wansford Parish Council to arrange a Street Party for King Charles III's Coronation within the community and a Working Party would be set up for this. Elton Road would be closed for the occasion. A budget for this would be agreed at an Extraordinary Meeting of Wansford Parish Council on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 in order to discuss the annual budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Councillors</p>
22(11)17	<p>Vital Transport Ltd.</p> <p>The Chairman informed Councillors of the outcome of Vital Transport's application to the Traffic Commissioner for 10 HGVs and 10 trailers to operate from King's Cliffe Industrial Estate which was that their application had been withdrawn. PCC had submitted an objection to their application which was prepared by Wansford Parish Council by reason of air pollution, noise pollution, and a health and safety hazard to pedestrians in a residential area. The Chairman had become aware that a further application was being made by Oak Logistics Limited for 10 HGVs and 10 trailers also to operate from King's Cliffe Industrial Estate. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that PCC again be requested to submit an objection to this most recent application on its behalf by the deadline of 30 November 2022, and that the same environmental reasons be used. The Clerk would write to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to pressure the Traffic Commissioner to accept objections from parish councils which are currently excluded from the right to do so. Action: Clerk</p>
22(11)18	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above would be as follows: Air pollution in Wansford; Liaison with Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust regarding the closure of a footpath and access to the Wansford Pasture on the Old Leicester Road and Standen Pastures.</p>
22(11)19	<p>Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages</p> <p>November: Cllr John Stannage December: Cllr Graham Garner January: Cllr Richard Clarke</p>
22(11)20	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Mon., 12 Dec. 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall. Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting: Wed., 16 Nov. 2022 at 7 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall.</p>

Signed: *Marie Lewis*

Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer