

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, WANSFORD

Item No	
23(01)1	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman, Cllr John Stannage, welcomed all present and wished everyone a 'Happy New Year'.
23(01)2	In attendance: Cllr John Stannage (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martyn Handley, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Graham Stevens; Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt, Marie Lewis (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), and three members of the public Apologies for Absence: Cllr Quentin Bambridge; Cllr Gavin Elsey. Apologies for absence were received after the meeting.
23(01)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 a personal interest relating to the planning application for 9 Robinswood, Wansford.
23(01)4	Public Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarification was given to a member of the public in attendance by Cllr Taylor-Pitt relating to the draft minutes of the parish council's meeting held on 12 December 2022 which had in fact been written and signed by the Clerk from rough notes made by Cllr Taylor-Pitt. The Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor-Pitt for her notes.A member of the public enquired of agenda items that had been proposed at the last meeting: Flickering Lights in A47 underpass and their LED replacements (this matter had already been addressed as an urgent safety issue); the hedge at the Community Hall (its cutting was imminent, NB this has now been done); expenditure for a second larch wooden bin (a parishioner was donating the cost for this): Buses (there was currently no news on this matter). These matters would be reported on at the next meeting of the parish council.22(12)4 Public Time: A47/Old Leicester Road Junction (Resolution 14(12)11). Please see this item in 'Matters Arising' 22(12)4 below.A member of the public expressed concern, on behalf of the residents of Wansford Mews, over some very tall leylandii trees that blocked a significant amount of natural daylight from their homes and which were also a safety risk for damage to their properties in the event of strong winds. The trees were also adjacent to garages in Nene Close which posed a safety risk at that location. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the owner of the property on which the leylandii trees grew would be contacted and respectfully requested to reduce the height of the trees to a maximum of 5m. Action: Clerk
23(01)5	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12 December 2022 were approved subject to the following amendments: 22(4)12 the words "the contractor working on the A1" were removed. 22(12)17 add the words "to the north of the A47" after the second reference to the milestone. 22(12)1.8 remove reference to "1 April 2021". 22(12)4 Remove reference to HGVs and replace with "right hand turn". Action: Clerk
23(01)6	Matters arising from the Minutes of 12 December 2022: Updates of progress on the following items:
	21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall: Cllr Clarke had continued to work with Sacrewell's Trustees on the matter of the Hall's curtilage and confirmation was expected from them very soon to confirm their acceptance of Wansford Parish Council having ownership of this. On receipt of this, registration of the Hall would proceed with Hunt and Coombes. Action: Cllr Clarke 21(11)19 A47 Dualling: Cllr Clarke informed that a response had been received from National Highways on Wansford Parish Council's latest comments objecting to the A47's dualling being built on unstable land close to the River Nene. After discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to write to the Secretary of State for Transport (the draft of which had already been seen by

Councillors) and to copy this to the MP for North-West Cambridgeshire. That letter would reiterate the parish council's views against National Highways' proposal to build the new road on the southern route at greater expense on unstable land in contrast to the local preferred northern route. After discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to inform the BBC of the current situation with the proposed new A47. A press release would be prepared in consultation with Sutton Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge: A virtual meeting had taken place with the relevant A1 contractors and agencies on Monday, 9 January 2023. During that meeting it had been agreed that additional diversion road signage would be strategically placed to reduce traffic coming into Wansford. It was recognised that the traffic diversions in the Old Leicester Road and Old North Road had worked well in December 2022 and that National Highways were listening to our views in attempt to address traffic congestion. The signage in London Road and Elton Road would be reviewed. Cllr Taylor-Pitt informed of a road traffic incident on the A1 on 16 December 2022 which had brought redirected traffic into Wansford and regretfully larger vehicles had used the old bridge until the police had been informed and were able to address this.

22(11)12 Wansford Parish Council's Goal and Strategy: the forthcoming results of the recently agreed survey would be assessed in order to create a suitable goal and strategy for the work of the parish council.

22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road: The Chairman reported that PCC had committed to researching the parish council's request to have a 7.5 tonnes limit in the Old Leicester Road and would be forwarding their results to the parish council on this matter. The Chairman had learned that the car registration recognition camera positioned by St Mary's church was operated by Northants Police.

22(7)12 Wansford Picnic Site: The Chairman reported that, in view of the lack of success in Aragon emptying the bins at the picnic site, they would be emptied by volunteers during the next Wansford Litter Pick.

22(11)16 King Charles III Coronation Celebrations. The Chairman reported that Wansford Parish Council had already agreed to support the organisation of this event and currently awaited further information from Sibson-cum-Stibbington parish council.

22(12)4 Public Time: A47/Old Leicester Road Junction (Resolution 14(12)11). The Chairman reported that in Jan 2021 Wansford Parish Council had discussed the layout of what was thought to be a solution for this junction. It had been agreed to consult with Peterborough City Council's Highways Department. They had since agreed to assess the junction and include it in their 3-year plan. Recent resurfacing of the A47 between the western roundabout and the A47/Old Leicester Road junction had also included remedial work at the junction but there had been no realignment of this. A member of the public reiterated that traffic coming from the direction of Leicester and turning right held up traffic. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the parish council again write to PCC (Charlotte Palmer) to reiterate that the junction needed improvement and to explain that our perception was that any significant work on this had become "stuck".

Action: Clerk

22 (12)12 Parishioners' Feedback for Parish Council Decision-Making: The Chairman reported that 8 responses had been received to the parish council's leaflet inviting parishioners to complete either an electronic survey (the content of which had already been agreed) or to speak to a parish councillor. The parish council's 'Survey Monkey' survey would be sent to those email addresses provided by parishioners as well as the Wansford Parish Council website, Wansford Community Facebook site and some parishioner Whatsapp groups. A reminder to complete the survey would also be published in Living Villages (the Clerk would write to Craig Bunday on this matter).

Action: Clerk & Councillors

22(12)15 Access to Wansford Pasture from the Old Leicester Road and Standen Pastures: Cllr Stannage had circulated to Councillors a draft email to the Wildlife Trust which reflected their agreed views relating to the greater access needed by parishioners to Wansford Pasture and Standen Pastures.

Action: Cllr Stannage

22(12)16 Air Pollution in Wansford: The Chairman reported that WHO and DEFRA air pollution acceptable limits had been researched and were very different. DEFRA were in the process of reviewing their limits which could bring them closer to WHO limits. It had been found that, whilst traffic was the greatest pollutant in urban areas, Wansford may also have agricultural air pollution but Wansford Parish Council would continue its attempts to restrict the volume of HGVs coming into Wansford Parish.

22(12)18: Ordnance Survey: The Chairman reported that some Councillors had expressed an interest in having access to the Ordnance Survey website and had sent their consent to the Clerk (ICO Data Controller). Cllr Clarke would liaise with his OS contact and release those Councillor email addresses to allow them access to the OS site.

Action: Cllr Clarke

Planning**Reference: 22/01709/TRE**

Proposal: T1 and T2- large Lombardy Poplar Trees-80/00007/TPO- Fell and grind stumps.
T3, T4 and T5- dead Pine Trees- 80/00007/TPO-Fell T6, T7 and T8- Pine Trees- 80/00007/TPO-Fell
Site address: 13 Robins Field, Wansford

The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to support this application and believed it to be a good tree management decision. PCC would be informed. **Action: Clerk**

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Reference: 22/01695/HHFUL

Demolition of front part and erection of front, side and rear extensions with internal alterations

Site address: 9 Robinswood, Wansford, PE8 6JQ

Councillors had scrutinized this planning application and expressed a view that the width of the plan very much filled the width of the site. The Chairman said that notice must be taken of neighbours' objections. Councillors felt that the size of the plan was excessive for the site. A proposed summerhouse would have the facility of a toilet and would require a foul drain which meant digging through tree roots. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, not to support this planning application and PCC would be informed accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

[22/01695/HHFUL | Demolition of front part and erection of front, side and rear extensions with internal alterations | 9 Robinswood Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JQ](#)

Reference: 22/01725/TRE

Notice of Works to Tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Proposal: 2 x Weeping Willow Trees (78/00006/TPO) - Pollard

Site address: 13 Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough

The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to support this application and PCC would be informed accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

[22/01725/TRE | 2 x Weeping Willow Trees \(78/00006/TPO\) - Pollard | 13 Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JR](#)

Reference: 22/01764/HHFUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Site address: Nimrod 9 Swanhill Wansford

The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to support this application and PCC would be informed accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

[22/01764/HHFUL | Erection of single storey rear extension | Nimrod 9 Swanhill Wansford Peterborough PE8 6LG](#)

Reference: 22/01780/CTR

Proposal: Remove Ash tree to just above ground level (T1)

Reduce height of 2 Ash trees 3.5m and reduce lateral branches by 1.5m to balance shape (T2 & T3)

Site address: 19 Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough

The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to support this application and PCC would be informed accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

[22/01780/CTR | Remove Ash tree to just above ground level \(T1\) Reduce height of 2 Ash trees 3.5m and reduce lateral branches by 1.5m to balance shape \(T2 & T3\) | 19 Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JR](#)

Appeal No. APP/J0540/W21/3287538 – Seeds Field

At the time of Wansford Parish Council's meeting held on 9 January 2023 no decision had been received in relation to this appeal. The appeal hearing took place in Peterborough Town Hall on 22 November and 6 December 2022.

The appeal was made by the developers of Seeds Field (Kelland Developments) to the Secretary of State against Peterborough City Council's failure to determine an application within the relevant statutory timescale in respect of the following proposal:

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.

Site Location: Field to the east of Old Pump House Old Leicester Road Wansford Peterborough

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
23(01)8	Accounts to Date 2022/2023 The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to approve the Receipts and Payments accounts for December 2022 - January 2023. A new format of the accounts would be presented for the new financial year.
23(01)9	Budget 2022/2023 The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that no changes were necessary for the agreed budget and spending remained within its limits.
23(01)10	Finance (a) The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to the following payments: Parish Clerk's Salary (12hrs x £14.21 for Dec - Jan = £170.52); Zurich Insurance renewal premium for Wansford Parish Council: £749.69. Action: Cllrs Clarke & Stannage (b) Cllr Garner was currently waiting for his card reader and banking card to be delivered to enable access to the parish council's bank accounts. (c) A discussion took place relating to a savings account into which parish council funds could be invested. There was a view that monies may be needed for the running costs of land at Seeds Field in the event that consent was given for its development. Some Councillors expressed reservations over locking in parish council monies which could be used elsewhere. The Chairman proposed that £10,000 be invested in a savings account at 3.3% for one year. However, the vote failed. As agreed earlier, funds would continue to be invested in a low interest savings account and would be readily available if and when needed. Councillors agreed to review the parish council's monies from time to time to see how bank account interest rates and investments time limits changed.
23(01)11	Communities Prepared Earlier discussions had taken place between Councillors regarding the creation of a plan in the event of unplanned events such as heavy snow, storms, flooding and heatwaves. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that in the event of disasters occurring within Wansford the parish council would "deal with it" and, whilst no specific volunteers had been allocated to assist, the Chairman had confidence that the community would pull together.
23(01)12	Civility and Respect for Dignity at Work Policy The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that in line with the recommendations made by the National Association of Local Council, the draft policy would be discussed at a Working Party to be arranged within the next couple of weeks. That Working Party would also discuss the different roles of Councillors and the Clerk to further their understanding of these. Action: Clerk
23(01)13	Licence Application to the Traffic Commissioner by Oak Logistics Ltd. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to request that Peterborough City Council write to the Traffic Commissioner to object to the heavy vehicle licence application made by Oak Logistics Ltd. for a further 6 goods vehicles and 6 trailers to operate from King's Cliffe Industrial Site. Action: Clerk
23(01)14	Matters for future consideration To consider Agenda items for the next meeting(s) not already covered above. (a) The Community Infrastructure Levy and a potential application to be made for this (b) Bus service for Wansford (c) Correspondence (d) Councillors' Reports Action: Clerk
23(01)15	Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages January: Cllr Richard Clarke (combine last two months) February: Cllr Martyn Handley March: Cllr Quentin Bambridge April: Cllr Graham Stevens May: Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt June: Cllr John Stannage
23(01)16	Dates of next meetings Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Mon., 13 February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall.

Signed: *Marie Lewis*

Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer