

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The Community Hall, Peterborough Road, Wansford, PE8 6JN

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022

Item No	
22(12)1	Chairman's Welcome: Cllr John Stannage (Chairman), welcomed all present and confirmed the meeting to be quorate. He asked Councillors to sign some Christmas cards and to join him for a Christmas drink after the meeting. The Chairman asked Cllr Taylor-Pitt to take notes of the Parish Council's discussion and also for Cllr Garner to take notes for his contribution to 'Living Villages'.
22(12)2	In Attendance: Cllr John Stannage (Chairman); Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman); Cllr Martyn Handley; Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt; Cllr Graham Stevens; Cllr Graham Garner; and one member of the public who was also a parishioner Apologies for Absence: Cllr Quentin Bambridge; Cllr Gavin Elsey, Marie Lewis (Clerk)
22(12)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 in relation to a Tree Notification under Agenda Item No. 22(12)7
22(12)4	Public Time A member of the public in attendance reminded Councillors of the need to widen the Old Leicester Road/A47 junction and for Peterborough City Council to be urged again to address this. New kerbs had been added to the junction but the hope was that this was not seen as a remedy to the limitations and dangers presented at this junction. The Chairman stated that a decision on this matter had already been made and was within PCC's 3-year Highways plan but PCC would be reminded of the need to widen the junction to accommodate the right hand turn. Action: Clerk
22(12)5	Minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 16 November 2022 Councillors had read the two sets of minutes and the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to adopt them; they were duly signed by the Chairman.
22(12)6	(a) Matters arising from the Minutes of 14 November 2022: Updates of progress on the following items:
	21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall: Cllr Clarke reported that research relating to the Hall's curtilage continued for the eventual registration of the Hall. Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke 21(11)19 A47 Dualling: Councillors had today received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate which informed that there were outstanding comments awaited by the Inspectorate from certain interested parties related to the A47 dualling. Confirmation of receipt of Wansford Parish Council's latest comments to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Member of Parliament for North West Cambridgeshire had been received. 22(4)12 Road Traffic Diversions into Wansford and Traffic Crossing Wansford Bridge: traffic had been diverted from the A47 into Wansford via the Old Leicester Road on 7, 8 and 9 December 2022 to monitor traffic flow during the A1 night closures between Wansford and Jct.17. Cllr Taylor-Pitt would seek feedback from Atkins on the traffic monitoring that had taken place in the village and seek dialogue with Atkins for future road closures. Action: Cllr Taylor-Pitt 22(11)12 Wansford Parish Council's Goal and Strategy: A further Working Party meeting had taken place with Councillors on 5 December 2022 to decide upon the wording of a survey for parishioners (please see Agenda Item 22(12)12 below), the purpose of which was to create a working strategy to reflect the views of parishioners. The agreed timelines would remain. Action: Councillors 22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road: Cllr Stannage would approach Peterborough City Council on this matter to gauge progress. Action: Clerk 22(7)12 Wansford Picnic Site: Cllr Stannage expressed concern that a bin at the picnic site remained full. Further attempts would be made to have it emptied through liaison with Peterborough City Council with the possibility of Wansford Parish Council emptying the bin. Action: Clerk

	<p>22(11)15 Community Warm Hubs: The Chairman reported that the availability of the Community Hall for use as a warm hub had been advertised in the 'News' section of the parish council website but no responses had been received from parishioners. Volunteers had been allocated to assist with this initiative in the event that requests were received.</p> <p>22(11)16 King Charles III Coronation Celebrations: The Chairman reported that Wansford Parish Council would be working with Sibson-cum-Stibbington parish council to have a street party on Elton Road. Action: Councillors</p> <p>22(9)17 Collaboration with Sibson-cum-Stibbington and Yarwell Parish Councils for Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme: The Chairman reported that Sibson-cum-Stibbington parish council had agreed to join the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme but that Yarwell Parish Council had not. The explanation given was that Yarwell Parish Council worked with Volunteer Action in Oundle which did not have links with Wansford Surgery. There will be further discussion with Yarwell Parish Council. Action: Cllr Stannage</p>
	<p>(b) Matters arising from the Minutes of 16 November 2022: Updates of progress on the following items:</p>
	<p>4. The Precept for 2023-2024: The Chairman reported that Councillors had scrutinised the potential financial needs of the Parish Council for the financial year 2023-2024 and a relatively modest increase of 5% had been identified for its next Precept. The Precept application had been submitted to Peterborough City Council by the Clerk.</p> <p>5.2 Closure of one of the Parish Council's two Barclays Premium Accounts. As agreed, the Clerk had instructed Barclays to administer the closure.</p> <p>5.3 Investing in Cambridge & Counties Bank (please see Agenda item 22(12)10 (c.) below). The account identified for investment of Parish Council funds had since become unavailable as the attractive rates offered by the Cambridge & Counties Bank were on restricted time limits. Further liaison with that bank was needed. Action: Clerk</p>
<p>22(12)7</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Reference: 22/01609/TRE Proposal: Cut overhanging branch (64/00001/TRO) Site address: 7 Robinswood, Wansford, Peterborough, PE8 6JQ https://planpa.peterborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=RLG9WJML0GP00 Research had found that this Tree Notification had already been approved by Peterborough City Council but Councillors had no particular concerns about the removal of the overhanging branch. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Reference: 22/01122/FUL Proposal: Erection of 2-bedroom bungalow Site address: Land To the West Of 27 Nene Close Wansford 22/01122/FUL Erection of 2no. bedroom bungalow Land To The West Of 27 Nene Close Wansford Peterborough Councillors discussed this planning application and considered those modifications of the original plan which had been considered previously by the Parish Council at their September 2022 meeting. Councillors expressed the view that the modifications did not address the continued concerns of parishioners in relation to access to their parking areas. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to support parishioners and PCC Highways Department over their concerns for this planning application and the Clerk would notify Peterborough City Council accordingly. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Appeal No. APP/J0540/W21/3287538 – Seeds Field The Appeal Hearing for this proposed development had taken place in Peterborough Town Hall on 22 November and remotely on 6 December 2022. Mrs C Dillon of the Planning Inspectorate chaired the Hearing and a decision on this matter was currently awaited which would, in turn be published on the Parish Council's website. The Appeal had been 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</p>

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22(12)8	Accounts to Date 2022/2023 The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Receipts and Payments accounts for November - December 2022 be approved as well as the new presentation of the accounts.
22(12)9	Budget 2022/2023 The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that no changes were necessary for the agreed budget and that expenditure was within agreed limits.
22(12)10	Finance <p>(a) To approve the following payments: Parish Clerk's Salary (35hrs x £14.21 for Nov. - Dec = £497.35; payment to Ascot Graphics for Living Villages leaflets £45: The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to these payments. Action: Cllrs Stannage & Clarke</p> <p>(b) Councillors were asked to confirm the status of their internet banking accounts for the parish council. Three of the four signatory accounts were in working order. One Councillor was yet to complete the administration for this which was progressing. Action: Cllr Garner</p> <p>(c) To discuss and agree on a savings account into which Parish Council funds will be invested. After some discussion, the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that as a first step towards maximising Parish Council funds, £5,000 would be retained for the liquidity of the Parish Council in its current account and the remaining funds currently held in that account would be transferred to the Barclays Premium account. Action: Cllr Stannage & Clarke</p>
22(12)11	Communities Prepared The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to move this agenda item to the next meeting of the Parish Council. Agreement was to be made on contacts who are able to offer assistance and support in the community (as had been requested through 'Living Villages') in the event of unplanned events such as heavy snow, storms, flooding, and heatwaves. Action: Clerk
22(12)12	Parishioners' Feedback for Parish Council Decision-Making The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the draft survey compiled at the Working Party held on 5 December 2022 be made available to parishioners. Councillors would also speak to those parishioners who had asked to meet a Councillor in person. The survey and face-to-face meetings with parishioners aimed to obtain the views of parishioners to represent them in the Parish Council's decision-making. Action: Clerk & Councillors
22(12)14	Connectivity of Footpaths between Wansford and Thornhaugh Councillors discussed feedback to be given to National Highways on connectivity for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders between Wansford and Thornhaugh. Councillors presented to the meeting their ideas after speaking with parishioners and having walked the footpath. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that Cllr Clarke would collate the views of Councillors and parishioners and submit these to National Highways via the Clerk on behalf of Wansford Parish Council. Action: Cllr Clarke
22(12)15	Access to Wansford Pasture from the Old Leicester Road and Standen Pastures Councillors discussed and agreed to liaise with Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust regarding the closure of a footpath and access to Wansford Pasture on the Old Leicester Road and Standen Pastures. It was noted that The Wildlife Trust had removed a gate along the permissive footpath and erected a fence alongside the hedge but that this route was not traversable. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Chairman compose a letter for Councillors' scrutiny and for the Clerk to send it to The Wildlife Trust to express concern that the footpath was partially closed to walkers and that full access was needed in order to access the Site of Significant Scientific Interest when there were no animals in that area. Cllr Stevens suggested an alternative route for dog walkers. Action: Clerk
22(12)16	Air Pollution in Wansford Councillors discussed air pollution in Wansford. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors, agreed, that (a) research would continue to obtain air pollution levels within the parish; (b) take action to prevent an increase in levels of air pollution within the parish, and (c) seek accurate data in order to prevent further pollutants entering or passing through the village, either through construction, increased traffic flow or other undetermined causes. Action: Clerk
22(12)17	PCC Consultation on Heritage List for Peterborough Councillors discussed those buildings that were of local importance within the parish and which buildings/objects should be included in Peterborough City Council's Heritage List. Councillors discussed the purpose of the Heritage List which was to raise the profile of those buildings/objects that needed protection because of their contribution to the heritage of the parish. However, it was

	<p>recognised that those buildings considered to be part of the community's heritage were already within the Conservation Area and, as such, were protected by building regulations, the exception to this being the milestone which was positioned on the far side of the A47 underpass within the Old North Road. It was also recognised that parishioners had personal responsibility to liaise directly with Peterborough City Council for any proposed modifications to buildings which were Listed (within the terms of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990). The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the milestone to the north of the A47 be added to the existing PCC Heritage List.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(12)18	<p>Councillors' Registration with PSGA for use of Ordnance Survey Mapping</p> <p>Councillors discussed their decision made four years ago to have access to Ordnance Survey Mapping but access at that time, despite repeated attempts, had not been possible. The original decision made by Councillors was to release their email addresses to the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) which had expired and which was superseded by the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement for access to the Ordnance Survey Data Hub. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to an amendment of resolution 11(1)18 to release their email addresses to PSGA and not to PSMA as originally agreed for the purpose of accessing the Ordnance Survey Data Hub. (Clerk's note: Councillors were subsequently asked to send their written consent for this to the Clerk who is WPC's ICO Registered Data Controller). The Chairman asked Councillors not to access the Ordnance Survey Data Hub for their own personal use but for Parish Council business only.</p> <p>The PSGA Government and public sector Ordnance Survey.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Councillors</p>
22(12)19	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>Councillors proposed that the following Agenda items be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council not already covered above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faulty lighting within the A47 Underpass and replacement LED lights. • Bus service between Wansford and Peterborough • Overgrowing hedgerows by the Community Hall and Wharf House • Expenditure for a second wooden bin <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
22(12)20	<p>Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages</p> <p>December: Cllr Graham Garner January: Cllr Richard Clarke February: Cllr Martyn Handley March: Cllr Quentin Bambridge April: Cllr Graham Stevens May: Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt June: Cllr John Stannage</p>
22(12)21	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Mon., 9 January 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall.</p>

Signed: *Marie Lewis*

Clerk, Wansford Parish Council