

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2023

Item No	
23(03)1	Chairman's Welcome: Cllr John Stannage (Chairman) welcomed all present and asked for volunteers to take notes of the meeting in the absence of the Clerk. Two Councillors agreed to this task.
23(03)2	In attendance: Cllr John Stannage (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clarke (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Martyn Handley, Cllr Graham Stevens, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Gavin Elsey, and two members of the public. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt and the Clerk
23(03)3	Declarations of Interest The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. There were none declared.
23(03)4	Public Time: 22(12)4: This item was brought forward from 'Matters Arising'. A parishioner thanked the Clerk in her absence for contacting Peterborough City Council (PCC) regarding his concerns relating to the A47/Old Leicester Road junction and for later communicating to him the work completed at that junction. The parishioner had viewed the work and he had seen that most of the promised work had been completed although a 'SLOW' sign was still to be painted on the highway. However, it was recognised that further work was still needed at this junction as road traffic accidents continued there. It was noted that there was a lack of reflector posts/bollards on the roadside verges. It was also noted that an electronic warning sign had been recommended by PCC's Road Surveyor in his original report and which had yet to be installed. The Chairman said that a record of road traffic accidents was being compiled by the Clerk with the intention of bringing this to the attention of PCC Highways. Action: Clerk The Teapot: The Chairman informed all present that a regular social gathering was being launched in the Community Hall called 'The Teapot' which would take place on alternative Mondays at 10 a.m. to 12 noon from 3 April 2023. This initiative would be partly funded by the Good Neighbours – Rural Peterborough Scheme. Tall leylandii trees: A parishioner informed Councillors that the issue of very tall leylandii trees growing adjacent to Wansford Mews had not been resolved. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that Wansford Parish Council would liaise with PCC on this matter to research possible actions. Action: Clerk
23(03)5	Minutes of the meetings held on 12 December 2022, 9 January 2023 and 13 February 2023 All minutes of these meetings were agreed and signed.
23(03)6 (a)	Matters arising from the Minutes of 13 February 2023: Updates of progress on the following items: 21(11)12 Wansford Community Hall: Cllr Clarke reported that he was still in liaison with the Trustees of Sacrewell in connection with the ownership of the Community Hall access and curtilage. Action: Cllr Clarke 22(4)14 Weight restrictions on Vehicles entering the village via the Old Leicester Road: The Clerk would write to PCC Highways to obtain an update on the proposal to impose a 7.5 tonnes weight restriction in the Old Leicester Road. Cllr Elsey would be kept informed of progress. Action: Clerk 22(11)16 King Charles III Coronation Celebrations: The Chairman informed Councillors that it had proved difficult to close Elton Road for the Celebrations and alternative venues were being considered. Action: Cllrs Taylor-Pitt, Stannage & Clerk 22(12)4 Public Time: A47/Old Leicester Road Junction (Resolution 14(12)11) Please see the note given in 'Public Time' above. 22(12)15 Access to Wansford Pasture from the Old Leicester Road and Standen Pastures: The Chairman had received correspondence from the Wildlife Trust which initiated a discussion on the

	<p>parish council's concerns regarding access to Wansford Pasture and Standen Pastures. Wansford Parish Council had since been informed that Standen Pastures would be open to the general public during the forthcoming summer months. The Chairman reported that he had requested to meet with a representative of the Wildlife Trust to discuss further access to Wansford Pasture. Councillors also discussed the matter of a blocked footpath leading from the Old Leicester Road adjacent to Wansford Pasture. A parishioner had reported that recently this footpath had been blocked by several vehicles belonging to the Wildlife Trust. This matter would be addressed at the forthcoming meeting with the Wildlife Trust.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Stannage</p> <p>23(02)13 Wansford resident's request for more trees in the parish. This matter was discussed under agenda item 23(03)14b. The Chairman then brought to the attention of Councillors an issue related to trees as the result of a parishioner having written about his safety concerns relating to certain trees on the village green adjacent to his property. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that this matter would be brought to the attention of PCC's Tree Officer. Action: Clerk</p> <p>23(02)16 Signage for the parish: The Chairman informed Councillors that potential costs for the purchase of the already agreed finger signs would be researched and information on this would be brought to the next meeting of the parish council. Action: Cllr Stannage</p>
23(03)7	<p>Planning</p> <p>Reference: 23/00141/TRE</p> <p>Proposal: Pollard 1 willow tree in front garden</p> <p>Site Address: 11 Robinswood, Wansford</p> <p>23/00141/TRE Repollard back to the old cuts approximately a 3m reduction of T1 Willow tree TPO reference 64/00001/TPO Vetlanda House 11 Robinswood Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JQ</p> <p>Councillors noted that this application had been permitted by Peterborough City Council.</p>
23(03)8	<p>Accounts to Date 2022/2023</p> <p>The Chairman proposed and Councillors approved, the Receipts and Payments accounts for February 2023 - March 2023. The new format of the accounts would be presented to the next meeting.</p>
23(03)9	<p>Budget 2022/2023</p> <p>The Chairman noted that expenditure was within budget and no adjustments were necessary.</p>
23(03)10	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors approved the following payment: Parish Clerk's Salary (31hrs x £14.21 for Feb – March 2023 = £440.51). Cllr Garner would seek the assistance of the Clerk to set up his banking account. Action: Clerk & Cllr Garner</p>
23(03)11	<p>A47 Dualling</p> <p>Cllr Clarke reported to Councillors the decision made by the Secretary of State for Transport in respect of the A47 dualling which was that the A47's southern route had been selected in preference to the northern route and Wansford Parish Council would in future be excluded as a Statutory consultee in further discussions with National Highways related to the road's development. This exclusion had been discussed with Shailesh Vara, MP for North-West Cambridgeshire, who had since written to the Minister of State for Transport, Huw Merriman, in attempt to have the consultation decision overturned. It was noted that a closed meeting would be held with Galliford Try (National Highways' construction contractor) at Sacrewell on 27 March 2023 and both Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils would attend. It was further noted that Galliford Try would be holding an all day presentation to members of the public in Wansford's Community Hall on 22 June 2023.</p>
23(03)12	<p>Civility and Respect for Dignity at Work Policy</p> <p>The draft policy was discussed at length and the Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, to seek direction from CAPALC and PCC on this subject as that there was a view that the policy could be presented in a different format. The Chairman also proposed, and Councillors agreed, that policies needed for the parish council would be identified by the Clerk and brought to the next meeting. Action: Clerk</p>
23(03)13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) A Parishioner's Concern about Speeding Traffic in the Yarwell Road</p> <p>The Chairman reported that a parishioner had brought to the attention of the parish council her concerns relating to speeding traffic in the Yarwell Road which has become dangerous for drivers leaving Wansford Surgery. The Chairman informed Councillors that this matter had also been brought to the attention of Yarwell Parish Council. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that a VAS (speed) sign be positioned on the Yarwell Road beside the parish boundary restricting drivers to 30 mph. Action: Cllrs Clarke & Stannage</p> <p>(b) A Parishioner's concern about the increasing encroachment of grass growing onto parts of the pedestrian's footpath in the Old Leicester Road.</p>

	<p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, that the Clerk would contact PCC Highways to seek assistance with the encroachment of grass on the Old Leicester Road pavements as well as other areas within the parish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
23(03)14	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>(a) Bus Survey: The Chairman gave Councillors an update on the parish council's electronic survey for views on the potential for an increased bus service between Wansford and Peterborough. It was noted that the bus survey had received 29 respondents from Wansford, 300 respondents from Wittering and 170 from Castor. All had indicated a need for a regular bus service to be reinstated. A meeting was planned to take place in Peterborough Town Hall on 13 April at 11.30 a.m. to give opportunity for people to express their views further on a bus service.</p> <p>(b) Natural England: Nene Rivers Trust CIO – Nene Rivers Trust Councillors discussed how they could work with Natural England. It was noted that the John Clare Countryside initiative (First Phase) had now come to an end and the next phase was for the parish to work with Natural England. The Chairman proposed and Councillors agreed that representatives of Natural England be invited to the next meeting of the parish council to receive a brief on its work and how it may improve the natural flora and fauna within our parish and work with neighbouring parishes. The Chairman also proposed, and Councillors agreed, to look at the Peterborough Environmental City Trust's (PECT) Parish Nature Recovery Plan. Further involvement with Natural England would be decided after the presentation to be given on 17 April 2023 at the next meeting of the parish council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p> <p>(c) Defibrillator: The Chairman informed Councillors that a programme of maintenance for the Defibrillator would take place in May and June of this year.</p>
23(03)15	<p>Parking in Nene Close</p> <p>A discussion took place on potential action to be taken to ease the congestion of parked cars in Nene Close. The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed, they would seek further information from residents of Nene Close and advice from PCC Highways. The idea of residents only parking would be discussed with PCC Highways.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p>
23(03)16	<p>Teak Bench for Old Leicester Road/Robins Field Junction & potential purchase of a further bench overlooking Standen Meadows</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and Councillors agreed that a teak bench would be purchased for the cost of £399.95 which would be a self-assembly bench.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Stannage</p>
23(03)17	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>To consider Agenda items for the next meeting not already covered above. There were none.</p>
23(03)18	<p>Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages</p> <p>April: Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt May: Cllr John Stannage June: Cllr Graham Garner</p>
23(03)19	<p>Dates of next meeting</p> <p>Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Mon., 17 April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Wansford Community Hall.</p>

Signed: *Marie Lewis*

Marie Lewis, Wansford Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer