

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 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Item No	
	It was agreed that Cllr Tim Pearson would act as temporary Chairman.
24(02)1	Chairman's Welcome: Cllr Tim Pearson welcomed Wansford Parish Councillors, Ward Cllr Gavin Elsey, one member of the public and Elinor Beesley who minuted the meeting.
24(02)2	Attendance: Cllr Tim Pearson, Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Graham Stevens, Cllr Martyn Handley PCC Ward Cllr Gavin Elsey Guest Clerk Elinor Beesley and one member of the public. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr Richard Clarke (personal) and Cllr John Stannage (ill health).
24(02)3	Declarations of Interest Councillors were reminded of their obligations under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and pecuniary interest. No declarations of interest were made.
24(02)4	Public Time The member of the public: (a) Attended to hear the update on Item 23(09)15. (b) Raised the issue of green waste that had been discarded behind the garages in Wansford. Ward Cllr Elsey informed WPC that he had reported the issue at the recent Police Surgery on
24(02)5	Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024. Councillors expressed their thanks to Charlie Newman (absent) for minuting the meeting and after review, the minutes were agreed and adopted.
24(02)6	Matters arising - updates of progress on the following items: 23(03)11. A47 Dualling. It was reported that the Archaeology dig has begun (not on the south side). 23(06)12. WPC Strategy Document. It was agreed to defer this item to the meeting on 8 th April 2024. 23(08)16. Peterborough Mayor's donation towards Wansford and Wittering Parishioners' Transport to receive healthcare at Wansford and King's Cliffe Surgeries. Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that staff at the Surgery are aware of the fund and that patients from Wansford and Wittering have started to call the Wansford and King's Cliffe surgeries to arrange taxis for Surgery and Hospital appointments that are funded by the donation. 21(11)12. Community Hall. It was noted that Wansford Community Hall has its own website and bank account, and as a Charity it is run as a separate entity to WPC. It was decided that a review of members of the Committee is required. Action – Cllr Handley to circulate information on the Community Hall to Council. Action – Clerk to add Committee membership to a future agenda, when advised by Council. 23(09)15. National Highways Designated/Social Fund. Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that new funds should be available from April and suggested WPC should continue to try to secure funding for this financial year as well as financial year 2024/25. The funding sought would be used to create a noise reduction barrier between Robins Wood and the A47. Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to contact Galliford Try in Cllr Clarke's absence, and Cross Keys Homes to enquire if a joint funding venture is possible. Action – Clerk to item to March's agenda to receive an update. 24(01)16 Purchase and installation of two defibrillators. Cllr Garner and Cllr Stevens reported both boxes have been installed and quotes are being sought for the connection of the electrical supply. Members discussed the benefits and disadvantages of allowing public access to the defibrillators, and the potential installation of signage to make the public aware of the locations. Action – Clerk to add discussion of public access to the defibrillators as an item to March's agenda.

	<p>Action – Cllr Garner to register the defibrillators with The Circuit when they are ready for use.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to publicise the new defibrillators on the Facebook and in the next Newsletter; Cllr Handley to publish information of the WPC website.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Garner to bring proposal for connection of the electricity supply to March’s meeting.</p> <p>Any other matters arising which Councillors may wish to raise:</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Stevens would pursue the matter of 8 Robinswood.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens reported that the footings for a wall in front have been constructed. It was noted that Council understands that there is a covenant on properties in Robinswood that prohibit the construction of walls in front of properties in Robinswood, and planning permission is required for walls above 1m in height.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens reported that 9 Robinswood has been fully demolished. It was noted that the original planning application to fully demolish the property was permitted and the subsequent planning application to partially demolish was withdrawn by applicant. It was reported that a degree of disruption was experienced by residents of Robinswood, in particular due to no regulation of traffic and no use of wheel wash during the demolition, as indicated as a requirement by PCC Planning Control. Council expressed concern that there will be a lack of drainage on the hardstanding. It was noted hedges and a tree had been removed.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Stevens to contact Ward Cllr Eley to convey WPC’s concerns.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Handley to forward SUPS word document to Cllr Taylor-Pitt.</p>
24(02)7	<p>Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p>It was decided to accept the offer of Elinor Beesley to take and draft the minutes for the next two meetings and to advise on WPC’s AGAR responsibilities, after which a new Clerk will be actively sought.</p>
24(02)8	<p>Peterborough Local Plan</p> <p>Report from Cllr Taylor-Pitt on Parish Councils meeting with PCC: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that she and Ward Cllr Eley had attended and representatives of all but one of the Peterborough Parish Councils were present. It was noted that WPC is concerned regarding the Local Plan suggestions for Wittering and Thornhaugh Parishes. Ward Cllr Eley reported that both Parish Councils are considering adopting a Neighbourhood Plan. He advised that a Neighbourhood Plan takes 12-18 months to complete and that after consultation, support of minimum 70% of residents is required to take a Plan forward. If this is achieved the Secretary of State will make the order. A consequence of a successful Neighbourhood Plan is that development cannot take place outside of the build areas as designated within the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that there will be another PCC Local Plan meeting late summer 2024.</p> <p>Action - Ward Cllr Eley to send Neighbourhood Plan steps and requirements to WPC.</p> <p>Action – Clerk to invite Mick Grange? And Ward Cllr Peter Hiller to the next WPC meeting and add discussion of Neighbourhood Plan to the agenda.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to circulate slides from the meeting to WPC.</p>
24(10)9	<p>Planning</p> <p>Reference 24/00064/CTR T1: Walnut Tree - Reduce height by 4.5m and reduce lateral branches by 2m to balance shape, Church House 5 Bridge End Wansford Peterborough PE8 6JH.</p> <p>It was agreed that WPC has no objections to this application providing the Tree Officer is in support.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Handley to respond to PCC Planning Services.</p> <p>Reference 24/00111/HHFUL: 21 Peterborough Road Wansford Peterborough, Proposed rear glazed veranda, adjustments to rear elevation fenestration and replacement windows throughout.</p> <p>Members discussed the impact of the installation of uPVC windows in a conservation area and the possible precedent it would set. It was decided that MPC has no objections to this application providing the conservation officer is in support.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Handley to respond to PCC Planning Services.</p>
24(01)10	<p>Accounts to Date 2023/2024</p> <p><i>To approve the Receipts and Payments accounts for January-February 2024:</i></p> <p>It was agreed this item be deferred to the meeting of 11th March 2024.</p>
24(01)11	<p>Budget 2023/2024</p> <p><i>To agree any changes to the budget if necessary:</i></p> <p>It was agreed this item be deferred to the meeting of 11th March 2024.</p>
24(01)12	<p>Finance</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the following payments:</p> <p>(a) Payment for temporary Clerk services by Charlie Newman = £71.05</p> <p>(b) WPC annual web site maintenance? fee to Netwise = £600</p>

	<p>It was agreed that this payment is to be paid from the Community Hall bank account: (c) Wansford community hall web site fee £75 Action – Cllr Handley to circulate Community Hall details to Council.</p>
24(01)13	<p>Councillors Reports</p> <p>a) New bus route: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that the new bus route from Peterborough to Stamford, stopping at Castor, Ailsworth, Wansford and Wittering, has been approved by PCC. It was noted that WPC’s budget allows for £120.00 to be spent on publicising the new route to residents. Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to advertise the new route and the availability of free bus passes to those eligible on Facebook and in the Newsletter. Action – Cllr Handley to do the same on the WPC website.</p> <p>b) River use: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that residents raised concerns about users of the river trespassing into the gardens of adjacent properties; the police advised residents to report any issue of abuse to the Police use signage and ring doorbells for surveillance. It was also reported at the meeting that a wooden structure under the bridge (to stop boats damaging the bridge) has been damaged. Action – Cllr Stevens to report the issue to the Environment Agency.</p> <p>c) Speeding through Wansford: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that speeding through the Village continues to be a problem and it was noted that the zebra crossing lines require repainting. Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to report to PCC. Ridge narrowing?</p> <p>d) Misuse of footpath: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that there has been misuse of the path, including fly tipping poaching and inappropriate behaviour near Cross Leys Farm and Bedford Purlieu Wood and police had given the complainants advice on reporting issues and working with rangers.</p> <p>e) Police Surgery: Cllr Taylor-Pitt reported that she will be unavailable for the next Police Surgery Friday 3rd May 2024 and asked for another Councillor to volunteer to be present on the day; Cllr Stevens volunteered to host, with agreement from Council.</p>
24(02)14	<p>Committee Reports There were no Committee reports.</p>
24(02)15	<p>Correspondence Correspondence had been received from City College Peterborough asking for a poster to be displayed in the noticeboard(s). Action – Cllr Taylor-Pitt to display.</p>
24(02)16	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>a) Cars parking on Kingscliffe Road, behind Cook’s quarry. b) Use of bridge by vehicles and traffic through the Village. c) Community Hall Committee members. d) Defibrillator access and signage.</p>
24(02)17	<p>Wansford Parish Council contributions to Living Villages Confirmed as: February: Cllr Jane Taylor-Pitt March : Cllr Graham Garner April : Cllr Richard Clarke</p>
24(02)18	<p>Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday, 11th March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall, Peterborough Road, Wansford.</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:

Temporary Chair, Wansford Parish Council