

Wansford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14^{th} July 2025 at Wansford Community Hall, Wansford

Present: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Taylor Pitt, Cllr Handley, Cllr Stuart Mogg, Cllr Garner, Cllr Stevens

Clerk: Alison Hurford

MINUTES

25/56	Apologies for Absence	
	To receive and note apologies for absence received by the Clerk	
	Apologies received from Cllr Elsey	
25/57	Declaration of Interest	
	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct	
	related to business on the agenda - none	
25/58	Public Participation Session – two members of the public were present but	
	had no comments at this stage	
25/59	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)	
	Minutes of the last ordinary council meeting on 9 th June 2025 were agreed	
	and signed by chairman	
25/60	Matters Arising from meeting on 9th June 2025	
	60.1 Solar Panel Application - email received saying the agreement will be	
	sent in draft by the end of the week	
	60.2 Village Walk and Litter Pick - notes have been circulated with	
	recommendations. There was no litter pick. It was decided to potentially	
	employ someone to do maintenance jobs around the village including	
	maintain the play area. A sub committee will be formed to move this	JTP/PRS/
	forward and will meet to put together a job description. Working party to	GS
	consist of Cllr Taylor Pitt, Cllr Stuart Mogg and Cllr Stevens. Proposed by Cllr	
	Stuart Mogg, seconded Cllr Handley.	
	Rabbits and rabbit holes are becoming an increasing problem around the	
	Nene Close area. Clerk to contact PCC to see if there is anything they can do to help with this.	AH
	60.3 Update on Councillor Vacancy – A couple of potential candidates, FB	
	advert to go out - ongoing	
	60.4 Debit Card – arrived and will be used for future purchases where	
	appropriate	
	60.5 BUS Committee – Cllr Taylor Pitt to meet with the committee on Friday	
	as unavailable for the next meeting, to give her views to be presented at the	
	August meeting. Cllr Clarke to attend the meeting in August in her absence.	JTP/RC
25/61	Reports from City Council Members – No councillor in attendance	
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	The re organisation of unitary boundaries was discussed. Cllr Clarke to draft a response on behalf of WPC. Clerk to resend link to Councillors for personal	
	responses	
25/62	Reports from Councillors Cllr Clarke has been elected to the Economy, Inclusive Growth and Environment Scrutiny Committee and first meeting was on the 10 th July. The policing multi agency alliance project in Millfield area was discussed which is hoping to break down the pattern of crime in that area. JTP resigned from the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	RC
25/63	Reports from Committees and Working Groups	
	funding has been withdrawn for Neighbourhood Plans. PCC are aware, but are urging WPC to keep going with the Plan. It was suggested to create a document for the residents of Wansford, asking about issues and concerns they may have. This would also to be circulated to neighbouring Parish Councils for their feedback. PCC are putting together a method of how to expedite the delivery of the neighbourhood plan. It was felt that it was very important to continue to communicate with other local councils about the development of the plan. The contacts at PCC are Joanna Sawkin (Policy Officer) and Maria Cafano (Strategic Planning Officer). As no financial help available from PCC, WPC agreed to finance £1000 as an initial sum for the development of the Plan. Further funding will be discussed at the budget review in November. Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Garner. Clerk to transfer funds. Cambridgeshire ACRE could potentially run a housing need survey and could help with the Neighbourhood Plan's housing need. Working party to investigate this. WPC would like to officially thank all the people involved in this project for their time and effort in getting this of the ground and for their continued involvement.	АН
	63.2 Report from Christie Hall AGM Minutes have been circulated. Not taking many bookings as unable to accommodate them. A review of the lease will be next year. The lease is held by Wansford, Stibbington cum Sibson and Thornhaugh Parish Councils and the hall is run by the management committee. Last year it made a profit of £3700. Cllr Clarke to contact Lisa Chambers to see the current situation with a potential to maybe organise a joint meeting of the three councils to see the way forward. 63.3 Update on Community Hall Management Committee	RC
	There is a meeting at 7.30pm on the 21 st July in the Community Hall. Update on next Agenda	

25/64	Council Administration Matters	
	64.1 Sign Letter of Engagement for Auditor 2025/26	
	Signed and Clerk to return to Auditor	AH
	64.2 Norton Virus Protection – not needed. Defender in place which will be	
	adequate	
25/65	Finance Matters	
	65.1 To receive and discuss bank reconciliation. This was previously	
	circulated and agreed.	
	65.2 All the following payments were received and authorized for payment,	
	proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Handley	
	Red Shoes Accounting Invoice April/May/June	48.60
	Clerks Wages July	248.93
	Clerks Travel for June and July Meeting 7 miles @.45 x4	12.60
	Clerk's expenses - postage	4.85
	Epson Printing Invoice refund to clerk	47.06
	PAYE April/May/June	205.20
	CAPALC Membership	342.94
	Refund Teams Membership to JTP for June	47.04
	Refund Noticeboard JTP	12.25
25/66	Highways and Transport Matters	
	Official notification was received of the cancellation of the plans for the	
	dualling of the A47, although this has been in the media for the last week or	
	so.	
	Cllr Clarke has asked as to why it has been cancelled and is to do a report on	
	the timetable of decisions made. An A47 safety group has been set up	
	locally which is encouraging. Cllr Clarke to continue correspondence with	RC
	National Highways.	
	The disused picnic site on the A47 was discussed and suggested that it could	
	be refurbished and re-opened. This would provide a place for visitors to park	
	and access the river rather than parking in the village. It was acknowledged	
	that it would need to be locked at night and restrictions in place. Clerk to	АН
	contact PCC/National Highways to see who owns this and if this is a	
	possibility.	
		RC
	Cllr Clarke to chase PCC about the repairs to the bridge.	
25/67	Community Matters	
	67.1 Playground Maintenance – Clerk has contacted several contractors but	
	none have replied. Also see Agenda item 25/60.2	
25/68	Community Hall	

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	Early discussions are happening with Sacrewell about the potential to	
	purchase the pathways or the whole plot.	
	69.2 Lease for Community Hall – in progress on to next Agenda. Cllr Stevens	RC/GS
	to look a new Lease document.	
	69.3 Installation of new windows – survey has been done. Should be fitted	
	at the end of the month	
25/69	Planning - To receive details of planning applications and note or resolve	
	council responses	
	70.1 25/00751/WCPP Proposal: Variation of conditions C2 (plans) and C3 (materials) pursuant to planning permission 22/01122/FUL Site address: Land To The West Of 27 Nene Close Wansford Peterborough Applicant: Edward Clarke Developments Ltd – respond saying as per comments in the original application we still feel the site is too small but in view of planning permission being granted, no objection. Unaware of any objections from neighbours. Clerk to send in response. 70.2 25/00756/WCPP Proposal: Variation of condition C3 (restoration of site) of minerals application 14/01716/MMFUL Site address: Land At Leicester Road, Wansford Peterborough Applicant: Bullimores Sand and Gravel Ltd. Respond saying this should be the final extension, there are several objections from residents about dust, and to be mindful of this. Clerk to respond.	АН
	respond.	АН
25/70	Matters for Future Consideration	
	Nothing	
25/71	Living Villages 3 month rota	
	July/August – Martyn	
	August/Sept – Graham S	
	Sept/Oct – Graham G	
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