

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST 2010, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bailey, Fowler and Higgins, Messrs Alvis, Bailey, Goldsmith (in the Chair), Savage (late arrival), Simmons, Taylor and Woodrow.

ACTION

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public.

10/001

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillors Messrs Hollowell and Tyrrell.

10/002

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Simmons	Item No. 10/005	WAY Group. Mr Simmons is involved with one of the organisations.
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10/003

MINUTES

Proposed by Mr Woodrow, seconded by Mr Bailey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday December 17th 2009 were read and to be signed as a correct record.

10/004

POLICE REPORT

There were 11 recorded crimes for December.

10/005

WOLLASTON ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH (WAY)

Two representatives of the group had attended the open meeting and updated members. The current situation is that the group is still very keen to have a designated building for the Scout Group, Wollaston and Strixton Pre School and also for the newly formed Wollaston Out Of School Club (WOOSP). The Primary School has set aside the site where an existing pre-fabricated building stands for use by WAY so that a permanent building can be built. WAY has applied for planning permission and informed the meeting that funding will be made available to them. The representatives of WAY expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for their support previously and for offering the site at the playing field but feel that the primary school grounds are more suitable. Members of the Parish Council were unanimous in offering their full support to the project and felt that in principal they could see no reason to object to the planning application.

10/006

FINANCE

- Quarterly budget review. Figures were agreed and noted (see appendix 1).

10/007

PLANNING

Applications received

- WP/2009/0499/F – Two dwellings on land rear of 7 Little Lane – land adjacent to 7 Little Lane – Mrs C & I Groom & Wetherall – TIME EXPIRED – COMMENTS REGARDING THE ACCESS ONTO LITTLE LANE WERE LODGED WITH THE PLANNING OFFICER

- WP/2010/0009/F – Conversion of the former school room with new two storey side extension to form a new residential unit – The Old School Room, Bell End – Mr Neil Perkins – OBJECTIONS.
- WP/2010/0012/F – Demolish existing garage. Replace with new double Garage – 2 London Road – Mr M Forbes – NO OBJECTIONS.

Decisions of the Planning Authority

- WP/2009/0418/LB – Replacement of existing wooden gate with a new wrought iron gate and addition of railings to existing wall – Stony Thatch, 10 Church Lane – Mr P Thurland – LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
- WP/2009/0269/F – Single storey side extension; conversion of garage and link to house – 1 Francis Dickins Close – Mr G Dixon – PLANNING PERMISSION

Other Planning Business

None.

10/008

REPORTS OF THE BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- Borough – see cemetery.
- County – County Councillor Sue Homer had sent her apologies. Ms Homer has applied for funds for the mobile vehicle activated sign. Ms Homer is trying to get the County Council to agree to make the cycle path between Wollaston and Irchester a higher priority than it currently is.

10/009

PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Quotations are still being sought for the upgrade of floodlights to the tennis courts and out to the field.

10/010

REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES

Environmental & Highways

a) Cemetery

- The Environment Agency will not allow burials on 26 pre-purchased plots at the cemetery as there is a minor risk of contamination. All plot purchasers have been/are being informed by the Borough Council and offered alternative plots. Members agreed that the Parish Council should once again write to the Borough Council asking that they investigate reclaiming the land on entry to the cemetery on the right hand side. Afternote: done.
- Mr Taylor advised that he has one more hole to dig for the benches.

b) Footpaths

Nothing to report

c) Sand & Gravel

Nothing to report.

d) Street Lighting

Street lighting is generally in good working order throughout the village

e) Environmental & Highways

- County Council – Section 136 Mowing Agreement. RESOLVED to sign the agreement to cut the grass verges on behalf of the County Council.
- Repairs to bus shelter South Street. RESOLVED not to make a claim on the insurance for the repairs as it is not economically viable. The Clerk will order replacement galvanised steel panels instead of glass. Afternote: ordered.

- Gritting/snow and ice clearance. A new salt bin has been delivered on the junction of Duck End and York Road. The bin on Cobbs Lane will be moved to the other side of the road making it easier to grit the path. This will hopefully make it more accessible to be used in the cemetery. Afternote: done.
- The Clerk will write to the secondary school inviting the Headmaster to attend a Parish Council meeting to work together on community projects such as a Travel Plan.

f) Village Hall

The final inspection of the storage extension will be taking place this month prior to the release of the retention monies. The lounge area has had new floor covering.

g) Sports Association Representative

Nothing to report.

h) Community Safety Representative

Mrs Bailey reported there is a new Sergeant and that the next twelve weeks priority is monitoring of speeding throughout the village. The Clerk will ensure the date of future meetings are advertised on the notice board and on the website.

i) Website

The website is now live and has been since Christmas. Councillors have sent minor amendments/comments to the Clerk who in turn shall pass them onto Mr Woodrow. The Google analytical report has been received and shows that the site is being visited regularly.

j) Youth Project

The County Council will not be granting any further funds to the project during this financial year. There is now one structured session per week with a programme of events and one drop-in session per week. It was suggested that a list of events and pictures of the leaders could be put on the Parish Council website.

k) Pocket Park Representative

Nothing to report.

10/011

NCALC/ACRE

- **Training** – none.
- **Consultation documents** – none.
- **Correspondence** – none.

10/012

Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Mr Woodrow, seconded by Mrs Fowler and RESOLVED to approve the accounts for payment as appendix 2, in the sum of £4,390.64.

10/013

Correspondence

- Borough** - Invitation to the Mayors Ball.
- Town Centre Public Realm Design Consultation
- County** - Draft Plan & Budget Consultation
- Other** - Northants Rural Housing Association – Annual Report.
- East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centres – centralisation of areas.
- Wollaston Heritage Society – request for grant of £1500 to replace both wooden ‘cobbler’ signs – RESOLVED to grant the funds.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.05pm.

Chairman