

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON

ACTION

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bailey and Mrs Fowler, Messrs Alms, Alvis, Bailey (Chairman), MacKenzie, Mitchell, Savage, Simmons and Tyrrell.
Mrs A Young (Clerk).

OPEN MEETING: One member of the public for the majority of the meeting to inform Members of cars parking on the bus stop at South Street, making it difficult for the driver and passengers.

18/010

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor Dr Goldsmith and Mr Rooney.

18/011

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Sue Fowler – planning application WP/18/00053/FUL – 45 York Road –
Councillor Mrs Sue Fowler personally knows the applicant.

18/012

MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wollaston Parish Council, held on 18th January 2018, were read and to be signed as a correct record.

18/013

POLICE REPORT

Councillor Mr MacKenzie reported on burglaries/thefts in the area over the past month. Councillor Mr MacKenzie has attended several Police meetings during the month, one being the PCC where it was discussed that Parish Councils will be asked to help fund the rural PCSO's. This matter was discussed several years ago and as there is no guarantee that the resources will be retained in the villages, it was previously agreed that we would not assist with the funding. The next Joint Action Group meeting is scheduled for 14th March at Earls Barton fire station – Councillor Mr Allan Bailey will attend with Councillor Mr Geoff Simmons and intends to get the locally identified priorities reflecting what is needed in Wollaston.

18/014

CLERKS REPORT

- Wellingborough Norse have now removed unused wheelie bins that were situated at the front of Pearsons Mews. It was agreed that a standard letter will be written and given to residents whose bins remain on the highway.
- The two replacement Durapol benches for Priory Road and The Pyghtles have been ordered and should be delivered and installed on 9th March.
- Yellow lines around the village were being renewed this week.
- Wellingborough Norse have completed the hedge work at the Cobbs Lane cemetery.
- The replacement street name sign for Bell End is now in place.
- The website has had a thorough update.
- The Parish Councillor vacancy has been re-advertised on the Community Facebook page and placed on the noticeboard at The Hill.

- A resident of Newton Road has emailed to highlight the problem of litter and general untidiness around the Co-op. It was agreed the Clerk will discuss with the Co-op manager to ask that staff make a conscious effort to keep the area tidy.
- Councillor Mr Allan Bailey reported on the Clerks Annual Review which took place on the 13th February. Objectives set for the previous and upcoming year were discussed and set, including sourcing a commercial archive company to store historic paperwork.

18/015**FINANCE**

- **Payments for authorisation.** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for February 2018:

A M YOUNG	1009.27
HMRC	142.94
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	376.04
HAYESWOOD LANDSCAPES	1460.70
OXFORD INNOVATION LTD	407.50
EON	51.29
WHITESTAR SYSTEMS LTD	15.00
WELLINGBOROUGH NORSE	<u>30.51</u>
TOTAL:	3493.25

18/016**PLANNING**a) Applications

Outstanding application status:

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	P C RESPONSE TO BCOW	STATUS
WP/18/00075/LBC	10 Hickmire	To replace old tin roof with a thatched roof (in need). To raise the level of one chimney to comply with fire regulations.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/18/00053/FUL	45 York Road	Conversion of garage and removal of garage doors with minor internal alterations.	No objections. Ample off road parking so no issues with loss of garage in this area.	Pending.
WP/17/00796/FUL	77 York Road	Two storey rear extension.	No objections.	Pending.
WP/18/00020/OUT	196 Hinwick Road	Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the erection of up to two dwellings (access to be determined at this stage)	No objections.	Pending.
WP/17/00744/FUL	15 Newton Road	Division of single dwelling into 2 dwellings.	Support application but ask for site visit to ascertain off street parking provision and access to it.	Permitted.
WP/17/00765/FUL	69 Priory Road	Rear extension and internal alterations.	No objections.	Permitted.
WP/16/00438/FUL	Flat 3, 10 Fellows Close	Conversion from 1 x 2 bedroom flat to 2 x 1 bedroom flats	APPEAL. PC OBJECTED	Pending.

b) Any other planning business

Update on development of land east of Hookhams Path. Councillor Mr John Mitchell advised that he had received an update from the Duchy of Lancaster that they have made developers aware that the above land is available. Once a suitable developer is interested they would like to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council, probably later this year, with a view to submitting planning applications early 2019.

18/017

- **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** – no representative in attendance.
- **BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Mr Geoff Simmons advised of Borough Council small grants up to £500 being available – Councillors were asked to report to their respective committees (ie playing field) and advise at the meeting next month whether there are any suitable projects.

Councillor Mr Geoff Simmons has received waiting restriction review forms with details of how to apply. Following discussion, it was agreed that a form will be submitted for a bus stop box to be installed at South Street; in the meantime the Clerk will also contact the County Council highways representative to ask if this can be carried out.

18/018

REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES

a) Environmental & Highways.

Councillor Mr John Mitchell reported that he had received notification from Northamptonshire County Council that the funding for Hardwater Road work is no longer available as all work, unless already started or statutory, has been halted whilst government investigation is being carried out.

b) Cemetery.

Councillors Mr Lindsay Alvis and Mrs Sue Fowler were asked to report back to the next meeting with any work that may need carrying out that could be eligible for the Borough Council small grant funding.

c) Footpaths.

Councillor Mr Jonathan Alms will be starting his familiarisation with the footpaths in the village.

d) Playing Field & Parks.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Payments made since the last meeting: £27.62 EON for floodlight charges, £23.50 Rushden Graphics for replacement play equipment sign at St Mary's, £46.00 M E Electrical for floodlight repairs.

The budget for 2018/19 was discussed, in particular the need for the Parish Council to tighten up on spending due to unknown expenditure that will be incurred due to the County Council budget cuts. The revenue allocation from the Parish Council has been decreased by £1,000.00 for the coming financial year and the only item feasible to cut from the Playing Field budget is the amount spent on having the septic tank emptied; as this was originally paid for by the Sports Association and assistance given over the past few years when the Association was experiencing financial difficulties, it was agreed that this will revert back to the Sports Association to pay.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage handed the reports to the Clerk. Mr Silsby mentioned the edges of the play area surface lifting at London Road – it is planned that these surfaces will be renewed in the new financial year.

POCKET PARK

The Clerk spoke with Scott Bader security who very kindly agreed some years ago to lock and unlock the gates. Due to staff holidays and the poor weather, the gates have not been unlocked as per original agreement but the Clerk has now been assured that the winter opening times (9am-4pm) will resume. There is currently a lack of volunteers; the Clerk assists where possible and will try to encourage some more volunteers.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Green advised of the 125th year anniversary of the Wollaston Vics club this year and a celebratory day at the field is planned for the 24th March.

The youth football clubs have been asked not to train on the top pitch for a few weeks as it was getting in poor condition. In future there will be no training on the top pitch December and January.

The Clerk and treasurer of the Sports Association have arranged for a new electricity supplier and are hopeful that a Smartmeter can be installed so that any high consumption items can be highlighted and rectified.

Reinstatement work around the replacement water pipe on the field and play area needs looking at as the ground appears to have sunk – Clerk to investigate.

There is still some outstanding work to be carried out on the CCTV system.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Silsby is making contact with Door Spring Supplies to organise the rest of the shutters to be replaced.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

Nothing to report.

e) Street Lighting

Mr Savage advised of one light out in Briarwood Way and that considering most faults being reported are in this area, requested Councillors living in the vicinity report faults to Mr Savage.

f) Village Hall

The doorway between The Oasis and Village Hall lounge is currently being installed. Inconsiderate parking and parking by non-users of the facility were mentioned.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 8.10pm.

Chairman.....