

I am also the Clerk to Northborough Parish Council and bring some three years experience of working with a Parish Council. Peterborough City Council and other bodies serve them with both Parishes being in the same area. I have lived in Peterborough for a great number of years and my two sons were educated in the City. You can contact me in various ways, about any matter relating to the Village, through the website www.wansfordvillage.com with my email address being clerk@wansfordvillage.com Alternatively you can telephone, 01733 572245 (there is an answer phone if I am not at home), or write to 10 Thornton Close, Peterborough, PE4 7UH.

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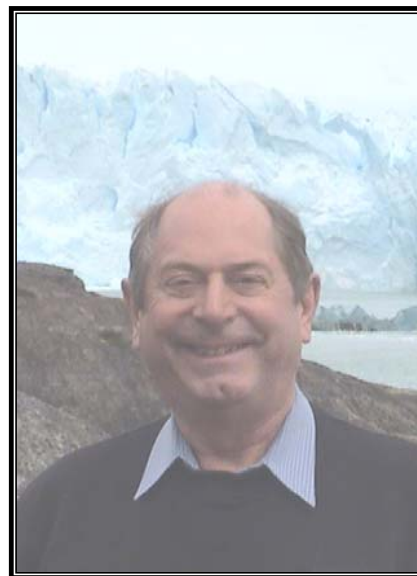
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WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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An introduction



Having recently been elected Chairman of Wansford Parish Council I thought that I should tell you a bit about myself. I retired as Assistant Headteacher and Physics teacher at a school in St. Albans four years ago and moved to 16 Robinswood where I am enjoying retirement with my partner Ruth, doing the garden and seeing as much as possible of my four daughters and one son, snowboarding, SCUBA diving and sharing travel experiences with them.

I became involved with the Parish Council when my neighbour planned to have the house next door demolished and three houses built in its place. All planning applications are vetted by the Parish Council and so it was that I attended my first meeting in the Community Hall. Later some vacancies occurred on the Council and I put myself forward for election. Sadly, no election was necessary since there were fewer candidates than places and I duly took office in December last year. In May we completed our complement of councillors by co-opting David Stuart-Mogg on to the Council and the previous chairman, Richard Clarke, stood



down from office, since he had come to the end of his term of office of 3 years, and I was elected Chairman. Patricia Stuart-Mogg, the clerk to the Parish Council, had “retired” after some 18 years service to be clerk to Stamford Town Council. We would all like to thank her again for her efforts and contribution over the years. We appointed Derek Lea as our new clerk and the new Councillors, Derek and I will have to work hard and well to maintain the standards which led to the award of Quality Status to Wansford Parish Council.

What I hope we can do is work with Peterborough City Council and all the other people with influence over Wansford, especially yourselves, to enhance its reputation as a “most sought after” village, as the Estate Agents put it. I would also like to establish close co-operation with Sibson cum Stibbington Parish Council who have responsibility for the village south of the River Nene. (It is bizarre that Wansford Post Office, Wansford Station, The Haycock and even Wansford Surgery) are not actually in Wansford !). We have adopted the Code of Conduct as required by the Standards Board for England so you should be able to have confidence in local democracy. I will do my best, and hope that you will feel free to contact me or any of your Councillors on any issue with which we may be able to help.

Tim Pearson

Issues raised recently

Lights on the bridge: You will have noticed that the lights have been vandalised again. The suspicion is that this is happening at night when the vandals are returning home. If you have any idea who is responsible, please implore them to stop ruining the environment (ours and theirs) and if they are unable to control their behaviour, please report them to us or the authorities. The following response has been received from Alison Davies, Street.lighting@peterborough.gov.uk, 01733 453523. “We have

been informed that *the contractors* will have to order quite a lot of parts from manufacturers to get these lights working again. Unfortunately the lighting has been so badly vandalised our contractors have had to isolate the electricity supply to the lighting on the Bridge until they are able to obtain the parts needed to complete the repair. Although we do not have any idea of the timescale at the moment, I fear this may take longer than we would hope for and unfortunately the Bridge will be in darkness until the necessary parts arrive. Please be assured that our contractors will try and obtain these parts as quickly as possible.” [Thanks to Martyn Handley for getting this]

Attacks on cars: Not only have there been instances of car vandalism recently but parts have been removed, specifically from BMWs during the night. Please be vigilant and raise the alarm if you see any suspicious behaviour.

Lighting by the crossroads by the church: We are trying very hard to get a good street lamp to illuminate this area. “Lighting” agree it should be done but “Environment” are being ‘slow’ to come up with a design which is acceptable in the Conservation Area of the village.

Trees: We are trying to ascertain exactly which trees in the village come under preservation orders with a view to dealing with some which have grown so much that they no longer enhance our environment.

Another Introduction

New Clerk to Parish Council

I have taken over the role as your Clerk from the beginning of June 2007 and have to follow in the footsteps of Patricia who held the post for some sixteen years.

I am quickly learning about the Village, you the Residents and your own preferences.