

Minutes of Wansford Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Hall on
Monday 6th March 2006 at 7.30 pm

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Members of the Council: Mr. Richard Clarke (Chairman), Mrs. Lisa Chambers Mr. Bill Dunnakey, Mr. Alan Jones, Mr. Paul Rudd, Mrs. Jane Tate, Mrs. Patricia Stuart-Mogg (Clerk)

Also Attending: Wansford Residents - David Stuart-Mogg, Eric & Sue Joyner, Tony Caruth, Martyn Handley, Judith Fuller, Clive Fuller, Richard Hill, Sheree Taylor, Graham & Claudine Garner, Mike Glenister, Eddie & Rosie McDonnell, Hilary Axelsen, David Baker, Mary Smith.
Clerk to Thornhaugh Parish Council - Hubert Warren
Stibbington PC Residents - Gill Fisher, Terry Foster

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Apologies: Mr. David Johnson (unwell), Cllr. John Holditch – Ward Councillor (meeting clash), Mr. Arthur Towell – Rutland Oil		
1. Minutes of the last meetings – 9th January & 6th February These had been circulated, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed.		
2. Matters Arising from those Minutes: None (<i>Parish Council Meeting adjourned</i>)		
3. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Mr. Lester Hannington – Peterborough City Council (PCC) Minerals Officer outlined the suggestions put forward in the above Plan and presented an overview of the nature and locations of the proposed options at Cross Leys and Thornhaugh 2 sites. He further explained that with the continuing expansion of Peterborough, significant quantities of stone are required, not least for road building, and that the area adjacent to Wansford provided the most convenient, economical local resource of significant quantities of the required materials. He confirmed that PCC was actively considering moving away from landfill and was considering extraction of energy from waste (by combustion). The Chairman offered the considered view from published articles that any such power station would, in order to be viable, be required to process some 1 million tonnes of waste annually and be serviced by vehicles each typically carrying 20T of waste. This would inevitably put huge pressure on local roads and blown waste material would be an unwelcome feature over the whole locality. The Chairman also offered the professional view that any chimney at the processing site would likely be 50 or 60 metres high and that it could be expected that any chimney fallout would be deposited some 1 – 1½ kms. downwind of the stack. By the very nature of domestic waste, it is not possible to guarantee the chemical composition of chimney emissions which, from pragmatic experience, could at times contain numbers of toxins however well managed. Mr Hannington stressed that at this early stage these sites were only under consideration by PCC. This was just the first phase of consultation; and responses were required from interested parties by 13 th March. Public Participation: Residents repeatedly expressed great concern that there had not been wider publication with a longer consultation period in respect of the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Mr. Clive Fuller advised that most of the proposed Cross Leys quarry sites are Church Commission Land and currently utilised as valued, productive farmland. Several Residents, having conducted exhaustive web searches, expressed a considered fear that the construction of a considerable power station in such close proximity to a number of surrounding villages would have detrimental effect on health, given the toxins that would inevitably escape into the atmosphere from the chimney, and also expressed concern at the likely impact on neighbouring SSI sites and the surrounding farmland and countryside in general. There would also be a negative impact on property values in all the surrounding villages. Residents unanimously requested the Parish Council circulated all Wansford with a list of issues and points they might consider before submitting any letters of objection to Peterborough CC.		

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<p>4. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan: (<i>Parish Council Meeting resumed</i>) After detailed discussion and consideration the Parish Council unanimously agreed to oppose the various mineral site extensions and the major non-landfill waste management facility incorporating a power station at Thornhaugh 2. The responses would be drafted by Alan Jones on the mineral sites and by the Chairman on the new waste management site.</p>		Alan Jones / Chairman / Clerk
<p>5. Rutland Oil Quarry: The Clerk reported that Mr. Arthur Towell had stated he would submit a brief outline of the recent excavations and earthworks at Rutland Oil for the meeting, however nothing had been received. He had advised the Clerk by telephone that the excavations have been carried out to create a large tank or reservoir from which the emergency services could draw water in the event of a fire. The construction was a requirement of his insurers. The site is considered to offer potential for future terrorist attack and therefore public access to the whole site is prohibited. Mr Towell confirmed that the reservoir would be appropriately landscaped and it was hoped that it would attract bird and other wildlife to the area. The Clerk stated that there used to be a footpath from Sulehay Woods across the Rutland Oil site and recommended that the status of the footpath be investigated and, if such remains the case, establish whether an alternative route skirting the site had been identified and agreed.</p>		Clerk
<p>6. Quality Status: The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on her passing the Local Council Administration Certificate (CiLCA) and gaining a Distinction. The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate computer software to create the Parish Council's Newsletter had been purchased at £109.99 and a £75.00 grant towards obtaining this had already been received.</p>		Clerk
<p>7. Christie Hall: This was postponed to the next meeting.</p>		
<p>8. Budget 2005/2006: Copies of the cash book, itemising the latest receipts and payments were distributed to the councillors. A more detailed report will be made at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>9. Elections May 4th 2006: All councillors were shortly to complete their term of office and fresh elections are due. The Chairman stressed that the composition and activities of the Parish Council were open and transparent and strongly encouraged all residents wishing to become involved to come forward and compete for election. The Clerk would circulate the Nomination Papers as soon as they were available and confirmed that they must be handed in to the Returning Officer by noon on the 3rd April. A timetable of the process was distributed to all councillors. This item will be highlighted in the Living Villages.</p>		Clerk
<p>10. Village Environmental Projects: a) <i>Composting Scheme</i> – The Chairman confirmed that contact had been made with Dr. Takhar to investigate if such a site could be located near the surgery but there were concerns in respect of this location. The old bottle bank site by the garages at the top end of Nene Close was an alternative site which the Clerk was pursuing with Peterborough City Council, having discussed the possibility with the Chairman of the Nene Close Association. b) <i>Traffic Calming in the village</i> – The Chairman confirmed he had written to PCC outlining the points discussed with them during a recent site visit (i.e. extending the 7.5T Weight Limit throughout the village and the 30mph</p>		Clerk

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speed limit beyond the surgery entrance along the Yarwell Road.) Due to PCC budgetary constraints, it was not likely that full funding will be available for any traffic-calming, however a 20% contribution was possible with the remainder being found by the Parish Council. The Chairman would request a costing regarding the latter to enable grant funding to be investigated.		Chairman
11. Training: Councillors were reminded of the following training day: a) SLCC – Introduction Monday 20 th March b) The Council's Decision Making Process – 27 th March		
12. Planning Applications: a) 06/0075/FUL, 6 Thackers Close, Wansford – Parish comments had been acknowledged and a decision was awaited. b) 06/00153/FUL, 35 Old North Road, Wansford – Revised plans had been received but these outlined the tree and shrub line and did not address any of the Parish Council's objections or comments. A further letter of objection would be submitted. c) 05/01954/REM, 32 Old North Road, Wansford – It is understood that revised plans are being submitted.		
13. Standing Orders: The Chairman recommended that the Parish Council meet monthly to assist in reducing the duration of the meetings. The resolution to alter the Parish Council Meetings from bi-monthly to monthly was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Bill Dunnakey and unanimously agreed.		
14. Accounts for payment: Wansford Community Hall (4 th July & 5 th Sept) £12.00 CALC 2006/2007 Affiliation fees £122.65 George Wingrove (Dec, Jan. & Feb) £282.50 These were approved and signed.	LGA1972, s214 LGA1972, s143 Litter Act 1983, ss6	Clerk
15. Correspondence Received: None		
16. Date of next meeting: Monday 3 rd April in the Community Hall.		