



**Members of the Council:** Richard Clarke (RC/Chairman), Fred Aspin (FA), David Johnson (DJ), Tim Pearson (TP), Paul Rudd (PR), Graham Ward (GW), Patricia Stuart-Mogg (Clerk)

**Also present:** Ward Cllr. Diane Lamb, David Stuart-Mogg

	Powers	Action
1. <b>Apologies:</b> None		
2. <b>Declaration of Interest:</b> None		
3. <b>Minutes of the last Meetings – 21 March 2007:</b> These had been circulated, agreed to be a true record of the meeting, and signed.		
4. <b>Matters arising from those minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leedsgate Farm: No decision has been received in respect of this application in East Northamptonshire. The Chairman will contact neighbouring residents to establish whether further progress has been made. The Council viewed strongly that the road was unsuitable, especially as approval has recently been given for a recycling plant at Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate.</li> <li>• The Clerk advised confirmation has been received that Wansford Parish Council has been awarded Quality Status. Following discussion the Chairman asked the Ward Councillor to ascertain whether it would be possible for the new Mayor to make the official presentation.</li> </ul>		RC  PSM
5. <b>Planning Application:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>EN/07/00485/FUL – Erection of cattle shed at land opposite Linley Cottage, Yarwell.</i> A request has been made to East Northants District Council that Wansford Parish Council should be consulted on all applications which directly affect the village. Wansford Parish Council has been advised that it is not a statutory consultee and East Northants had satisfied its statutory duty. Following discussion, concerning in particular the applicant's statement that the building was for rearing young cattle which was felt would require 24 hr supervision, it was the considered view that sequential applications would be staggered until the initial objective of relocating the entire farming operation, with a dwelling, was achieved. There may not be any valid objection because of the existing storage building and the location identified for the proposed additional agricultural building was secluded. It was viewed that a response objecting to the application should be submitted with the provision of a shelter belt as a condition. The Chairman agreed to follow up the poor consultation practice with Trevor Watson, Head of Planning Services at East Northants. Copies of correspondence will be sent to the Leader of P'boro CC and Ward Councillors.</li> <li>b. <i>06/02012/FUL – Two storey side extension – Church Cottage, Yarwell Road, Wansford.</i> Permission Granted.</li> <li>c. An application has been received for 2 The Old Nursery. It was agreed that an additional meeting should be held on the Monday 30 April to consider this application and an anticipated application for a dwelling on Peterborough Road.</li> </ol>		RC  ALL
6. <b>Finance Review:</b> The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit has been scheduled by Moore Stephen for the 1 June 2007 and the relevant notices displayed on the village Notice Board. Attention was drawn to the changes to the Annual Return which placed emphasis on the internal audit assertion in the Annual Governance Statement together with a new disclosure requirement for Trusts. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Statement of Account:</i> The Clerk circulated the Finance Review for the final quarter. Following discussion Graham Ward proposed that the Review was accepted; this was seconded by Tim Pearson and agreed. The Finance Statement will be drafted in preparation for Internal Audit.</li> <li>b. <i>Annual Governance Statement:</i> The Chairman read each statement which was then agreed. The Statement was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.</li> <li>c. <i>Internal Risk Management controls:</i> These were reviewed and agreed adequate.</li> <li>d. <i>Dates for Internal and External Audit:</i> It was agreed the Clerk will arrange for the Internal Audit with John Tindell to be conducted during April or May in order for the Annual Return to be submitted to Moore Stephens by 1 June 2007.</li> <li>e. <i>Accounts for Payment:</i></li> </ol>		PSM



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<p>These were approved and signed.</p> <p>Wansford Community Hall £21.00</p> <p>Wansford &amp; Thornhaugh PCC (Church floodlighting) £80.00</p> <p>George Wingrove ( Feb / Mar) £ 192.10</p> <p>H &amp; A P Stebbings (Notice Board) £1025.43</p> <p>Peterborough C. C. (Election cost) £29.00</p> <p>P A Stuart-Mogg (2006/7 salary &amp; expenses) £1806.40</p>		
<p><b>7. No Cold Call Areas:</b></p> <p>Cllr. Fred Aspin confirmed that following a Community Protection meeting, Nene Close, Swan Hill, Black Swan Spinney, Robins Field and Robins Wood had requested 'No Cold Calling Areas' to be set up to prevent distraction burglaries and rogue trading. It was viewed that possibly Riverside Spinney, The Old Nursery and Thackers Close should also be included in the programme.</p>		
<p><b>8. Village Seat:</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that confirmation has been received from P'Boro CC for the provision of a new village bench which will be located on the green near the village sign. Following discussion it was agreed that the seat should face the road and not the wall. The Clerk would confirm the arrangements with P'Boro CC.</p>		PSM
<p><b>9. Village Notice Board:</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the new Notice Board had been received. The old notice board has been removed and it was anticipated that Sutton Engineering will install the new notice board shortly. A plaque will be obtained acknowledging the full contribution made by the Ward Councillors for its provision.</p>		PSM
<p><b>10. Correspondence Received:</b></p> <p>a. P'Boro CC Notice of National Composting Week May 6 – 12 2007. This was noted.</p> <p>b. Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Minerals &amp; Waste Plan: In view of the significant number of responses, a revised timetable has been suggested. The new schedule was noted.</p> <p>c. New Code of Conduct had been received and will come into effect on 3 May 2007.</p>		
<p><b>11. Matters for Consideration:</b></p> <p>a. <i>Former Little Chef:</i> The Chairman stated that he was continuing to pursue establishing the Letting situation on the property and to notify the Agent of the recent graffiti and condition of the site.</p> <p>b. <i>Noise of A1:</i> Paul Rudd stated that during recent remedial work to the A1 bridge, trees on the embankment had been thinned. This appears to have increased the noise audible from the A1. There was a request for baffling to be installed. Ward Councillor Diane Lamb agreed to investigate.</p> <p>c. <i>Advertising signs:</i> Cllr. Graham Ward noted that there had been a prolific number of unauthorised advertising signs displayed around the village. These should be removed and returned to the owners.</p> <p>d. <i>Low Flying Aircraft:</i> Cllr Tim Pearson commented that one day there had been a number of very low-flying Harriers over the village. The clerk will investigate.</p> <p>e. <i>Commuter Parking:</i> Fred Aspin stated that this problem was increasing causing severe congestion at times. These incidents should be referred to the Police.</p> <p>f. <i>Village Verges:</i> David Johnson stated that the villages verges were being destroyed by the HGVs travelling through the village and quantities of debris were being deposited at the roundabouts. It was confirmed that this will be directed to Messrs. Tebbs and Goodman, PCC Traffic Divn., when they attend the next Parish Council Meeting.</p>		
<p><b>12. Proposed date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Monday 30 April 2007 – Planning meeting at 7.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 29 May 2007 – Annual WPC Meeting at 7.30pm</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting Date TBC</p>		

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

Clerk: Patricia Stuart-Mogg  
29 May 2007

Chairman: Richard Clarke