

WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WANSFORD PARISH ON MONDAY 29 May 2007 AT 7.30 pm IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllr R Clark *Chair*

In attendance Cllr Fred Aspin; Cllr David Johnson; Cllr Tim Pearson; Cllr Paul Rudd; Cllr Graham Ward; Mrs. Jane Tate; Mr. David Stuart-Mogg and Mr Graham Garner.
Mr Clive Goodman [Traffic Management] Peterborough City Council

01 Traffic Management

The Chairman said that there was a continuing concern in the Village about the regular stream of lorries, mainly from the quarry, using the Village as a passageway. There is the noise when they are travelling empty and at speed together with soil dropping off the lorries.

He introduced Mr Goodman from Peterborough City Council.

Mr Goodman said that their surveys show little HGV traffic using the Village.

There are weight restrictions in place and currently only the police can deal with any speeding or other offences. He advised residents to keep details of names, number plate details and times and to pass this to the police who can then target the specific firms.

A suggestion to put additional weight restrictions in place on further roads would have difficulties but existing businesses in the area would be exempt as they would require accessing the roads to reach their premises.

A discussion took place on various possible solutions in respect of introducing additional weight restrictions which would have the affect of reducing the volume of traffic. The introduction of new kerbs at junctions would help with stopping lorries mounting the verges.

The Chairman said that the problem could increase when the roadworks at Carpenters Lodge commences later in the year. He has been advised by the Highways Agency that they may be able to erect temporary weight restriction signs whilst the work takes place.

He agreed to consider the introduction of a weight restriction along a length of the old Leicester Road from its junction with Nassington Road to the north and Wansford Road/Peterborough Road to the south.

02 Little Chef Site

The Chairman said the site is leased to Travelodge who are attempting to withdraw from the lease or to arrange a sublease.

The possibility of the site being split with building being allowed on the northern part and to lease the site of the building. They have indicated that a rent of approximately £40,000 would be sought for leasing the building as a Village Hall.

Some possible use of the land and building is being explored in an endeavour to bring some small businesses to the area. Consideration of a Trust to drive forward various possible ways of using the land and building is being explored by a group of residents in the Village.

Possible uses and means of raising the necessary funds need to be quickly identified.

The Parish Council have been asked if they wish to become involved with the group. A feasibility meeting is possibly being arranged when various people can be identified for their involvement in the project.

03 Minutes of Parish Meeting 8 May 2006

These were accepted as being correct.

04 Matters Arising

The next stage of the Cambridge & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan was not achieved since the Parish Meeting last year.

Additional dog litter bins have been provided and action was taken in respect of overhanging trees and shrubs.

05 Chairman's Report

Cllr Clark said that the Parish Council had met on fifteen occasions throughout the year with the extra meetings being due to the change in the rules requiring some separate meetings to deal with planning applications.

The Parish Council is almost back to strength following the resignation during the year of four parish Councillors. There is a difficulty in filling the final vacancy.

The Cambridge & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan has not gone to the next stage. On account of the number of comments received this is not anticipated to take place until 2009.

The year ended with the resignation of the Clerk after sixteen years in the post. Many thanks were recorded for her work in ensuring the Parish Council achieved Quality Status.

The Chairman said that he considered there was a huge benefit to the Parish Council due to re-organisation which is likely to take place in the coming years and those with Quality Status will benefit.

06 Financial Report

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the accounts for the year end had been approved at the last Parish Council meeting.

Since then they have been approved by the Internal Auditor and are due to be submitted to the external auditor during the next few days.