

MINUTES OF THE WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WANSFORD
COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 3rd DECEMBER 2007

Present: Cllr T Pearson Chairman
Cllr P Rudd
Cllr D Stuart-Mogg
Cllr G Ward
Cllr D Johnson Secretary

In Attendance: Cllr D Lamb City Councillor
Mr M Handley Member of the Public
Mr J Lenton Member of the Public
Mrs J Lenton Member of the Public
PC1213 N M^cCallum Community Police Officer

Item 1 Apologies

The following Councillors proffered their apologies for non-attendance:

Cllr R Clarke
Cllr F Aspin
Cllr J Holdich

Item 2 Discussion with PC N M^cCallum, Rural Community Police Constable

- 2.1 PC M^cCallum briefed the Council on the status of policing for the Village and that Cambridgeshire was responsible for both the Wansford and Stibbington areas.
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| Recorded Crimes, 2007 to date: | Wansford | 16 |
| | Sibson=cum-Stibbington | 18 |
- 2.2 There was to be a meeting, on 12th Dec 07, between the Highways Authority, PCC and Police concerning the misuse of the picnic area on the A47.
- 2.3 The Council expressed its concern over the number of HGVs ignoring the 2 ton limit on the medieval bridge. PC M^cCallum confirmed that legislation was in place that would permit the Police to issue a 'Notice of Intention to Prosecute' if it was given the details of any offending vehicles. He encouraged members of the public to notify him of vehicles contravening the weight limit with date/ time/ direction/vehicle registration and operator details. PC M^cCallum drew the Council's attention to the documentation he had brought to the meeting, which contained the telephone number 0845 456 456 4 that would permit residents to lodge their observations more readily than the usual Peterborough Control Centre number.
- 2.4 PC M^cCallum also drew the Council's attention to the e-cops brochure: an organisation that he felt offered some significant benefits to both the community and Police in crime prevention and detection.

Item 3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Although closed, Cllr Johnson indicated his Interest in the East Northants approval of the activities at the former KSR site at Kings Cliffe Industrial site.

Item 4 Planning

Action
Required

4.1 The following planning matters were considered:

- a) 07/01639/FUL - *Conversion of integral garage to playroom, shed to side, freeview aerial and satellite dish (retrospective) at 4 The Old Nursery, Wansford.*

The Council considered that it should make the observation that the reduction in off-road parking might have concerns for Emergency Vehicle access and recommended that the proposed shed should never be permitted to be changed to provide garaging or other non-identified uses.

Chairman

- b) 07/00039/FUL – NCC Reference 07/00039/WAS
Information only concerning retrospective approval at the Kings Cliffe Industrial site.

- c) 07/01731/FUL - *Consultation on Planning Application (Full)
Conversion and extension of garage to form new dwelling at Cedar House Riverside Spinney Wansford Peterborough*

The Council noted that the proposed development fell outside the Village Envelope. Under these circumstances the Council agreed that there was no material objection to the proposed development, but that it should defer to the higher authority for guidance.

Chairman

- d) 07/01860/CTR – *Fell and remove 6 Lawsonia at 4 Old Leicester Road, Wansford*

The Council supported the request to remove Lawsonia trees and replace with native items.

Chairman

- e) 07/01815 – *Pollard one Weeping Willow tree at Rivermead, Bridge End, Wansford*

The Council fully supported the Applicant in his suggestion to pollard an intrusive Willow tree. The Council wished it to be noted that it would support the complete removal of this tree as it undermined drainage and obscured the ancient view of the river and bridge.

Chairman

Item 5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 5.1 The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, with the exception of a correction to 7.3 which should read 'complaint'. Thanks were expressed to David Johnson for producing the Minutes.

Item 6 Matters Arising

6.1 The following matters arising were reviewed:

- a) Wansford Conservation Area Appraisal

The Council considered that this was an excellent document and the author should be congratulated.

- b) Lighting

i. The Chairman had no success with the PCC in improving the Street lighting

Chairman

ii. The PCC had been unable to identify a power source for Village Green lighting and the Chairman would pursue this further.

Chairman

iii. The Chairman had been unable to persuade the PCC to move on this matter. Cllr Lamb offered her services to move matters forward.

Chairman

- c) Budget
The Chairman advised that he had recovered the Parish records from the erstwhile Clerk, but also that he had not yet been able to decipher the financial information. This had now become a matter of extreme urgency as the Council was required to set the Precept and could not do this without a Budget. Former Chairman, George Russell a Chartered Accountant, was to be approach for assistance.
- d) Churchyard Committee
The Council Representative had meet with the other committee members and advised that a useful meeting had resulted.
- e) East of England Plan
Nothing to Report

Chairman

Item 7 Road Damage at Swanhill

- 7.1 Cllr Rudd advised that he had inspected the site and that there was no sign of road damage. It was believed that the previous observation resulted from Contractor's debris and not actual surface damage.

Item 8 Footpath between the Old Pump House corner and the Village

- 8.1 The Chairman advised that he had no response from Mr Seed over the trees shrouding the footpath, nor the drainage ditch, and that he would continue his efforts to contact him.

Item 9 Correspondence Received

- 9.1 Several letters had been received from the PCC regarding the outcome of Planning decisions that were deemed most welcome.

9.2 Meetings:

- (i) Parish Council Liaison – Planning Seminar – 18:00 on 4/12/2007 at City Hall:
With Paul Rossington (Head of Planning Services)
T Pearson & D Stuart-Mogg to attend
- (ii) The Changing Face of Peterborough's Workforce – am on 13/12/2007 at the
Bull Hotel, Westgate, Peterborough
- (iii) Local Development Framework – Huntingdonshire DC -
Core Strategy Preferred Options – on 5/12/2007
- (iv) Public Realm Strategy & City Centre Area Action Plan – workshops:
– Broadway Theatre: 11/12/2007: 15:00 – 17:30
– Broadway Theatre: 11/12/2007: 18:30 – 21:00

Chairman
& D S-M

Item 10 New Clerk to the Council

- 10.1 The position of Clerk to the Council remained unfilled and the Chairman would seek to place advertisements in suitable local publications and places.

Item 11 Matters for Consideration

Chairman

- 11.1 Hand written invoices from Mr Wingrove were approved for payment
- 11.2 The Chairman would approach the PCC's Mr Biggadike with a request for the green spaces in Nene Close to be included in the Conservation Area Plan.

Item 11 Date of Next Meeting

Chairman

- 10.1 The next meeting was scheduled to be held in the Community Hall on the 7th January 2008.

Signed:

Date:

All

C.T.J. Pearson (Chairman)