



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WANSFORD COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Cllr T Pearson (Chairman)
Cllr F Aspin
Cllr R Clarke
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr P Rudd
Cllr D Stuart-Mogg
Cllr G Ward (Vice Chairman)

In Attendance: Mrs W Gray (Parish Clerk)
Mr & Mrs Tate (2 Yarwell Road)
Cllr D Lamb PCC
Cllr J Holdich PCC
G Garner, A Coe, G Russell (members of the public)

Wendy Gray, the new Parish Clerk, was welcomed and her contract signed. She then took the minutes of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Biggadike

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Planning

07/01932/FUL – Erection of 4 bedroom house and garage at 2 Yarwell Road, Wansford – lengthy discussions followed and questions asked of the applicants Mr and Mrs Tate. The Council considers the access onto the main road to be at a dangerous location. If the existing objection to the TPO [tree ref: 3698 (Purple Beech)] were withdrawn the Council would be happy with the proposals. Existing trees on the development should not be affected by the construction.

The Parish Councillors requested that the full Planning Committee consider the Application with reference to the Wansford Village Design Statement (supplementary Planning Guidance adopted by Peterborough City Council on the 22nd August 2003) which states:

New building on the peripheries of the village should continue to give high priority to landscaping to protect and enhance all village approaches.

The development of a 'hard edge' to the village contour should be avoided.

Care should be exercised not to compromise existing open aspects by overdevelopment of individual sites or properties, nor materially change existing relationships between buildings and open space.

It was acknowledged that the "Outcome" letter must be written and delivered to PCC on Tuesday, 5th.

08/00097/TRE – Fell Tree of Heaven – TPO 10-94 at 23 Old North Road, Wansford –

It was agreed to refer to the Tree Officer for advice on the extent of damage to neighbouring properties near the tree.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2008

The minutes were amended to show Cllr Diane Lamb's apology for absence
- all Councillors approved the minutes.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Precept & Budget – under Item 7

Lights on Old Wansford Bridge – the Chairman had received information from Martin Medlock, Street Lighting Manager – the low level, vandal resistant Skimmer AL3200 lighting suggested by him was approved – the Chairman will follow this up.

6. Appointment of Clerk

The Chairman reported that very satisfactory references had been received for Wendy Gray from her two referees. As Clerk to Elton Parish Council she is much appreciated.

7. Finance:

Precept 2008/2009

A precept of £5,300 was approved. The need to increase the Council's reserves is a priority.

Budget 2008/2009

The contribution for the Churchyard would be £2,000.

Clerk training and computer software costs will be shared with Elton parish council.

The £350 Community Hall Keeper honorarium was instead of Hall rental.

A new window for the Community Hall would be the responsibility of the Community Hall Management Committee.

A contribution towards Christie Hall rental (£1,010) had been agreed until 2010.

Accounts for payment

Moore Stephens £141.00,

Zurich Insurance £205.00,

George Wingrove Dec/Jan £158.20

- all Councillors approved payments.

8. Correspondence

A1 Southbound Repairs w.e. 8/2/2008

The East of England Rural Forum's Annual Conference 5th March 2008

Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to Conduct of Local Authority Members in England

Notes from Helen Buckingham, Police Community Support Officer, re:

Hare Coursing,

Theft from vehicles,

Burglaries from 10 schools in Northants area

Parish Council Briefing Session - 19th March

The CPALC Bulletin for January

Councillors Professional Development Stage I, II, III (Chairman to copy to all)

Workshops on Archiving and Allotments

9. Matters for Consideration

Thornhaugh Churchyard Committee – Cllrs Stuart-Mogg & Tim Pearson attended meeting –

It would seem that an insurance claim on the missing wall stonework should be successful.

Local rat infestation

Computer projection equipment –

Display board for the Community Hall – a request to Diane Lamb by the end of February.

10. Dates of next meetings in the Community Hall

Monday 3rd March 2008, Monday 7th April 2008