



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WANSFORD COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 11TH MAY 2009 AT 8.00 P.M.

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

In Attendance: Mrs W Gray, Parish Clerk
Cllr J Holdich, Pearl Hill, Rita Bullivant, Ian Freeman, John Neal,
Alan Bell, Jeff Lenton, Kevin Merryweather, Ian Turner, Peter Gatherall,
Chris Price, Gill Fisher, David Baker (members of the public)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Lamb
Mr G Garner

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Rudd item 3 (5 Swanhill)

3. Planning

Not on the agenda - 09/00138/FUL – Planning application just received. Two static caravans, one mobile caravan parking space, two utility cabins and installation of internal access road with parking bays and gravel track at land East of Great North Road and South of A47 Wansford, Peterborough – not on the agenda. The Parish Council discussed in general the application, viewing plans presented to us via projector and screen. There was a lot of interest and concerns from members of the public raised regarding this application. Further information is to be sought e.g. from Anglian Water (who have only just been notified). This planning application will be agenda item which will be discussed in full and our response decided at the next meeting. Extension of deadline to be sought from PCC.

09/00301/FUL – Detached Garage, 5 Swanhill, Wansford.

The Parish Council discussed the application.

The Parish Council recommends approval but deplores the quality of the plans presented to us.

Proposed Cllr G Ward, seconded Cllr T Pearson, all in favour. Cllr Rudd did not vote.

09/00455/CTR – Consultation on Conservation Area Trees Notification – Removal of 3 Conifers at Lindens, 7 Old North Road, Wansford.

The Parish Council recommend approval of application.

Actioned by

Parish Clerk

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C.T.J. Pearson, Chairman

Proposed Cllr D Stuart-Mogg, seconded Cllr F Aspin, all in favour.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 6th April 2009

A true account of meeting.

Proposed Cllr D Stuart-Mogg, seconded Cllr D Johnson, all in favour.

5. Matters arising from Minutes of 6th April 2009

1. Bridge and Village Green lighting – Cllr Rudd still progressing.
2. Cllr Pearson had requested copies of Community Hall annual accounts – he is currently working through these to achieve clarification.
3. Road markings A47/A1 Junction – Cllr Pearson reported that the matter would be pursued after the current road works were completed.
4. Kerbstones – Bridge End. These have now been installed and Cllr Stuart-Mogg confirmed a note had been sent to Brian Rowcroft PCC thanking him for excellent job done by contractors.

Cllr Rudd

Cllr Pearson

Cllr Pearson

6. Finance

Payments approved for the following:

- o Wendy Gray, Parish Clerk - £420.93
- o Paul Taylor, Internal Auditor - £80.00
- o Elton Parish Council (Clerk Training) - £10.75 (half share)
- o George Wingrove – amount to be calculated
- o NALC, Return of Portfolio Quality Status - £8.41

7. Correspondence

- o Cycle West Group, letter from Mr Nash – Cllr R Clarke recommended that Mr Nash should write to PCC who have a cycling plan.
- o The Firs, Peterborough Road – letter from Mrs Blake re Nene Valley Walk which runs alongside her property. As this land is owned by Anglian Water suggest that Mrs Blake writes to them in the first instance.

8. Matters for Consideration

- o Community Hall – hole in fascia board, noise from fan in toilet.
- o Cllr Rudd – Swanhill Road sign damaged – Cllr Pearson asked Cllr Rudd to report to PCC.
- o Cllr Aspin – who is our Policeman? – could we invite to our next meeting.

Cllr Pearson

Cllr Rudd

Parish Clerk

9. Reports from Councillors

Cllr R Clarke and Cllr D Stuart-Mogg met with Canon Christie and representatives of PCC Cemetery Maintenance team Dave Adams and Steve Tyler at St. Mary's, Wansford, to discuss tree overgrowth and perimeter wall damage. It was confirmed St. Mary's is a closed churchyard and the maintenance team's responsibilities are limited to maintaining churchyard in the same state as pertained when responsibility

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for upkeep was taken over by PCC. The perimeter wall had been inspected by a civil engineer and tenders invited by PCC for rebuilding had attracted quotes between £50k and £70k. After inspection and discussion, PCC agreed to carry out essential remedial work to wall and repair/replace loose, damaged and missing stonework and repoint as required. It was agreed that ornamental conifers which had been planted in the borders alongside the south and east walls of the church were detrimental to the structure of the church and should be removed. Other ornamental conifers had been allowed to grow unchecked and required reduction or removal. The large yew tree in the south east corner, subject to permissions, required reduction to prevent further, future root damage to perimeter wall and overhang of garage of adjacent property. An illustrated storyboard describing proposed remedial work will be displayed in St. Mary's later in year (after nesting season). Cllr Stuart-Mogg confirmed the Wansford & Thornhaugh Burial Ground Committee had agreed to a contribution towards cost of a yew tree reduction.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st June 2009

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm

Signed: Date:
C.T.J. Pearson, Chairman