



# WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WANSFORD COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST AT 7.30 P.M.

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

In Attendance: Mrs W Gray, Parish Clerk, Pearl Hill, Rita Bullivant  
Cllr J Holdich, G Garner

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Clarke  
Cllr T Pearson  
Mr J Lenton

### 2. Declaration of Interest

None

### 3. Planning

09/00827/CTR – Fell Ash Tree, 2 Riverside Spinney – Wansford – received documentation 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 - defer to Tree Officer.

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009

A true account of meeting – (subject to change item re ParishWatch meeting “*The meeting was also attended by Heather Smith, Northants County Councillor, John Holdich, Peter borough City Councillor*”) proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Stuart-Mogg.

### 5. Matters arising from Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009

o Proposed Gypsy Traveller’s site – Cllr Holdich advised that the applicant had agreed to withdraw his application on the advice of the Planning Officer, but had not done so. PCC had therefore made a decision to reject the application on information already to hand. Cllr Rudd said the applicant could still go to appeal. Cllr Holdich agreed the applicant could appeal and could also submit a further application in tandem. Two meetings had been set up, one with the developer, one with architect who had not turned up, Cllr Holdich said the Agent claimed that at the site meeting an agreement had been reached with WPC. Cllr Aspin expressed surprise as no such meeting with WPC had taken place. Cllr Holdich explained the meeting referred to had also been attended by the WPC chairman and Cllr Clarke. Cllr Johnson observed that no Councillors could speak on behalf of WPC without prior authorisation by the Council and no such authorisation had been given. Concern was expressed by all Councillors present that none of them had received prior notice of the meeting nor been offered the opportunity to

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C.T.J. Pearson, Chairman

attend. Cllr Stuart-Mogg observed that in any event two Councillors did not form a quorum so that any agreement would be invalid from a WPC perspective. Cllr Rudd observed that WPC must not revert to holding meetings without first informing Councillors and of the need to involve all Councillors particularly on planning applications/issues. The Chairman shared the concerns expressed and proposed the matter should be thoroughly discussed as an agenda item at the next PC meeting. Cllr Holdich kindly offered the Clerk the assistance of his Clerk at Glington, should she so wish, in respect of regulations regarding PC representation at meetings.

- o New Road Signs – acceptable resolution still awaited, especially the sign outside the Church.

## **6. Finance**

Living Village – It was agreed that Cllr Ward will speak to David Powell re accounts. (Agenda item for next meeting, invite David Powell).

## **7. Correspondence**

Nil

## **8. Matters for Consideration**

Cllr Stuart-Mogg raised issue on behalf of resident of Nene Close regarding cars parked in Peterborough Road blocking the view of pedestrians accessing the zebra crossing from the Old North Road side causing numerous ‘near misses’. Elderly and infirm pedestrians were especially at risk.

Pearl Hill and Rita Bullivant of Black Swan Spinney raised concerns over people from outside Wansford, who car share, parking their cars all day in Black Swan Spinney and causing residents difficulties in entering and leaving their driveways due to the narrowness of the road. Cllrs Rudd and Aspin said that similar problems were known in Swan Hill and advised in the first instance to contact the local Police Constable Norm MacCallum.

## **9. Reports from Councillors**

None

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009