



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WANSFORD COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.

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

In Attendance: Mrs W Gray (Parish Clerk) Mr J Lenton, Mr M Handley

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr R Clarke, Cllr P Rudd, Cllr D Lamb, Cllr J Holdich

2. Declaration of Interest.

None

3. Planning

09/00942/FUL – Consultation on Planning Application (Full) – Use of land for one extended Gypsy family consisting of two living caravans and one family room caravan and two communal facilities blocks, revised access, parking and facility block (part retrospective) at land South of A47 and East of Great North Road, Wansford –the plans of the above being circulated raised several questions. Cllr Pearson made request that meeting should be held with PCC Planning and Mr Sam Jefford to obtain answers. Parish Clerk to speak with PCC to arrange meeting. Questions from Planning Application as follows:

No. 6 Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway (No) ??

No. 7 Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste (No) – why not?

No. 11. Vehicle Parking

Total proposed spaces for cars (16) – why so many?

No. 16. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character (No) ??

Action

Cllr Pearson/
Parish Clerk

Signed: Date:

C.T.J. Pearson, Chairman

No. 18. Residential Units
A 4+ bedroom caravan ??

Has a Health & Safety risk analysis been undertaken in respect of unsupervised children playing at riverside location?

How many people will be living on site?

Ask for a determination of what 'an extended gypsy family' might comprise and to ensure that 'residential' means exactly that – no commercial activities conducted on site with the exception of operating the marina for which planning consent has already been established.

EN/00942/FUL (East Northamptonshire Council) extension to the existing surgery at Wansford to form two additional consulting rooms – although we have not seen any plans we have no objection.

Parish Clerk

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 5th October 2009

These were agreed as correct.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 5th October 2009

Road Signs – still pending.

Living Villages – Parish Clerk to follow up.

Parish Clerk

Parking – A letter has been sent to PC McCallum advising him of the situation with regards to parking to see if anything can be done. A petition has been raised from residents of Black Swan Spinney - Cllr Stuart-Mogg will draft letter to be forwarded to PCC. Cllr Aspin will ask residents of Swanhill if they wish to do the same.

Cllr Stuart-Mogg

Natural Environment Projects Grant 2009/10 – Cllr Stuart-Mogg obtained a quote for removal of ivy, further quotes to be obtained. Cllr Pearson will enquire if grant would cover the cost of this work to be done.

Cllr Pearson

Buildings of local importance - Cllr Stuart-Mogg produced a list of buildings of local importance together with photographs. Cllr Pearson recommended article should perhaps form content of the Parish Council's next newsletter. Cllr Stuart-Mogg to forward document to Cllr Pearson. Article also to include telephone number and e-mail address for residents to report street light outages.

Cllr Stuart-Mogg

Damage to verge at junction of Old Leicester Road and Kings Cliffe Road – this has been reported - Parish Clerk to follow up.

Parish Clerk

Lighting on Bridge – Cllr Pearson to follow up.

Cllr Pearson

6. Finance

Invoice from Wendy Gray, Parish Clerk

A Risk Assessment Template now received – Parish Clerk will produce a copy for next meeting.

Parish Clerk

7. Correspondence

Signed: Date:

C.T.J. Pearson, Chairman

Responses to PCC re questions raised – PCC had received an e-mail from CPALC suggesting a meeting with all Parish Councils in attendance to discuss responses.

8. Matters for Consideration

Highways Maintenance Scheme: A47 Wansford Bypass – work has started.

Mr Lenton produced photographs of large vehicles crossing river bridge in the space of 2 hours on one particular day – Cllr Pearson will speak with Highways with regard to diversions through the village and the heavy traffic that has been passing through whilst maintenance work has been carried out.

Cllr Pearson

Litter Warden – letter/e-mail sent to two applicants who applied advising of basic job description and area covered. Response received not interested from one applicant, no reply from other applicant. Position to be re-advertised in Living Villages.

**Parish
Clerk/Cllr
Pearson**

Traffic Calming Survey – article to be placed in Living Villages for residents to report on any comments they have (that offer support) plus e-mail address to respond to or website address.

Cllr Pearson

9. Reports from Councillors

Christie Hall Management Meeting – Cllr Pearson reported very good meeting, Health and Safety on the agenda – a sub committee to be set up to take forward. Lottery Tickets – request for volunteers to take over sales areas.

Neighbourhood Council – now set up – Cllr Pearson and Cllr Clarke had attended the first meeting – all enquiries to go through neighbourhood council first.

Cllrs Aspin and Stuart-Mogg attended a ParishWatch meeting called at the request of Augean to facilitate an AV presentation to delegated members representing local authorities and parish councils and without active public participation. The presentation was led by Augean's technical director who emphasised Augean's contention that the proposed dumping of nuclear waste at their King's Cliffe site posed no threat whatever to surrounding communities. The question of any future sale of the Augean facility, possibly to an overseas company which might not enjoy Augean's management competence nor share Augean's stated concern for health and safety issued, naturally could not be answered but remains a matter of local concern.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting. Monday 7th December 2009.

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