

# NORTH AND SOUTH WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs V Wilson (Chair), A Parker, C Cartwright; S Hayden; C Page; J Nixon  
Clerk: S Stilliard.

**Residents:** none

**Guests:** CCllr John Ogle

**PUBLIC FORUM** – none present

### **PLANNING MEETING**

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Goacher and Naish and Cllrs Cooke and Mendelson who will arrive late to the meeting

**Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality** – none

**New Applications** – none

### **Old Applications awaiting decisions** –

Demolition of the Existing Outbuilding with Alterations to Access and Erection of a New Dwelling Former Builders Yard Top Street North Wheatley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 24/00344/FUL | Received: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Validated: Tue 14 May 2024 | Status: **Pending Decision**

24/00198/FUL Convert Existing Two Storey Barn into Two Farm Workers and Holiday Let Cottages Barn At Wheatley Wood Farm Wood Lane North Wheatley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 24/00198/FUL | Received: Mon 19 Feb 2024 | Validated: Wed 03 Apr 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Decisions** –

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1, Cypress - Remove to Ground Level. Plum Tree Farm Low Street North Wheatley Nottinghamshire DN22 9DS Ref. No: 24/01058/CAT | Received: Mon 16 Sep 2024 | Validated: Mon 16 Sep 2024 | Status: **No TP Order required**

Carry Out Works to Tree Within a Conservation Area - Remove Immature Ash Tree The Old Vicarage Middlefield Road North Wheatley Nottinghamshire DN22 9DA Ref. No: 24/00779/CAT | Received: Wed 03 Jul 2024 | Validated: Wed 03 Jul 2024 | Status: **No TP Order required**

### **Other planning matters**

National Grid upgrade  
Nothing to report

West Burton Power Station / West Burton Solar project

Councillor Parker will attend a meeting at Sturton le Steeple village hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

RES solar proposal for Sturton  
Nothing to report

Cottam Solar Project Ltd  
Nothing to report

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**11.24.01. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Goacher and Naish

**11.24.02. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality** - none at this stage

#### **11.24.03. Report from the Chair**

The Chair thanked Cllr Cooke for putting up the lamp post poppies for Remembrance Day  
The Chair laid a wreath on behalf of the PC at the Remembrance Day service  
Cllr Wilson thanked councillors for their continuing good wishes sent to Cllr Judith Goacher

#### **11.24.04. Police Report**

Nothing to report

**Action Chair to e-mail PCC to ask why we are no longer having any police visits**

#### **11.24.05. Community Speedwatch and Traffic calming**

The Speedwatch team has not been active - the lack of volunteers makes it very difficult to undertake the speed surveys. Also winter afternoons are too dark to operate safely

#### **11.24.06. District and County Councillor Reports**

The Chair thanked CCllr Ogle for his intervention in the repair of the village sign on the A620. Highways has now agreed to allow the PC to have it refurbished.

CCllr Ogle had also pushed for a review of the decision on white lining on the A620 which is becoming dangerous for vehicles exiting and entering the village from the bypass. He brought the Highways officer to the village to see this issue and the state of the road at South Wheatley. As a result both have been scheduled for action but there is no confirmation of when this might be. Thanks again went to CCllr Ogle.

Stone Lane has had a pot hole repair properly resurfaced with sealed edges which is a definite improvement

#### **11.24.07. The Lengthsman scheme**

The lengthsman has cleaned the paved area at the back of the Village Hall by the fire exit which is now looking tidy and he has also tidied the area at the back of the school fence and around the playpark.

#### **11.24.08. Finance**

11.24.08.01 Bank Reconciliation. The bank reconciliation for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 was approved and signed.

11.24.08.02 Accounts for Payment. The following payments were approved.

S Stilliard – salary and expenses for October	£	502.99
Sam Foster – lengthsmen for October	£	339.57
Holmes Groundcare – village grass cutting Oct	£	302.92
Wheatley Cricket Club – grass cutting for Oct	£	140.00
Life Publications – advert for new Clerk	£	162.00
Royal British Legion – Remembrance wreath and donation	£	50.00
Carol Kirk – annual planting for village	£	80.00
Jane Sanderson – annual planting for village	£	80.00
Clare Page – cleaning materials	£	20.28

**Action Clerk to make payments**

**11.24.09. Minutes of the PC Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

Unanimously agreed and signed off by the Chair

**Councillors Mendelson and Cooke arrived at this point**

**11.24.10. Matters arising from the minutes (non agenda items)**

**Finger post refurbishment**

Highways has now agreed that the PC can ask the Finger Post Society to undertake the refurbishment of the sign. **Action Chair to contact the society and let Highways know when the work will take place**

**Application for funding from the Wheatley Table Tennis Club**

The Table Tennis Club has submitted a request for matched funding of £750 – matching donations from DCllr Naish and CCllr Ogle. The request does not highlight any specific expenditure for which the money would be used and is a much higher amount than has been given to most other Wheatley clubs.

The PC would like to see the club trying to promote Table Tennis to a wide section of Wheatley residents to widen the value to the village **Action Clerk to write to the Club organiser to suggest this and offer funding for specific expenditure to match DCllr Naish's contribution.**

**11.24.11. NALC / Reports from outside bodies**

NALC had sent their latest newsletter which was forwarded to Councillors

**11.24.12. Correspondence**

There were 2 items of correspondence for October

Clerk magazine – passed to Cllr Goacher

A letter from Robert Jenrick MP with a poster of his contact details **Action Cllr Hayden for the notice board**

**11.24.13. Playing Field / Pavilion / Community Garden**

**11.24.13. 1 Playing Field and Pavilion**

There are 5 bolts missing on the MUGA in the playing field **Action Cllr Parker to see if they can be replaced easily or if Clerk needs to order them from the supplier of the MUGA**

The Cricket Club will be installing solar panels on the Pavilion roof w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November after which the tariff will be changed to allow feed into the Grid

The bollards which have been ordered for the Playing Field are due for delivery mid-November

**11.24.13. 2 Community Garden**

Boules Piste in Community Garden

To be taken off agenda until the Spring **Action Clerk**

Repairs to benches and shelter roof

The benches in the community garden and at the back of the tennis courts need attention **Action chair to ask Sharon or Wayne if they can sand and repaint them**

Jeff Brown – a local roofer- has submitted a quote for reroofing the Community shelter including scaffolding, gutters and down pipes, roof felt and thin metal roofing tiles with a 40 year guarantee. His quote for the work is £2,885 with an additional £475.00 if there is further repair needed to some of the wooden structure. **Action**

## **Chair to forward quote to Cllr Naish before commissioning the work if the price looks OK**

Christmas Tree lights - Chair to ask T Kirk to put up Christmas Tree lights **Action Cllr Wilson**

### **11.24.14. Highways / Footpaths / Water Course / Public Safety**

#### **11.24.14.1. Street Lights / street furniture**

Nothing to report

#### **11.24.14.2. Highways and Footpaths**

Potholes and the road surface at South Wheatley and white lining on the A620 are scheduled for repair but with no confirmed date as yet

There are a lot of brambles in the verge at Cambs Lane which need trimming back **Action Cllr Cooke to ask Holmes Groundcare to do this when next in the village**

#### **11.24.14.3. Wood Lane / footpath update**

The footpaths officer has visited Wood Lane and agreed that it is currently dangerous to allow traffic / lorries to drive on the road (which is also designated as a footpath) at 60 MPH. He is taking this up with Highways and in the meantime has spoken with Taskers to ask that their lorries/staff/deliveries slow down when using Wood Lane

#### **11.24.14.4 Updated Emergency Plan**

Cllr Hayden has worked hard to review and update the Emergency Plan. It now needs to be repopulated with volunteers who can offer relevant skills or equipment and with Parish Councillor details. Additional databases will be compiled, for example of vulnerable people in the village, and these will be held in confidence by the PC. Copies of the Emergency Plan, with forms for people to add their details if they wish to volunteer or fall into other categories, will be printed and hand delivered to each resident. A consent form will be included to comply with the PC Privacy policy and GDPR regulation. Completed forms can then be returned to the Post Office or other drop off points for collation **Action Cllr Hayden**

**Action Chair to post the public version of the updated Emergency Plan on the PC website**

### **11.24.15. Village Hall update**

Cllr Hayden had circulated the minutes from the last VH meeting.

The committee had researched the possibility of a Hive system to put the heating on remotely however it is not viable with the old system. Cllr Nixon will talk to the VH committee about the possibility of installing solar panels

**Action Cllr Nixon**

### **11.24.16. Website / Facebook page**

The GDPR and Privacy Policies need to be updated **Action Cllr Mendelson**

A village / Community WhatsApp group to be set up to notify residents of issues as they occur for example flooding / road closures etc.

This is linked to the Emergency Plan and residents will be able to sign up to receive these notifications which only the administrator will be able to post **Action Cllr Mendelson to set up the WhatsApp group**

### **11.24.17. Plaster Pits allotments**

Nothing to report

### **11.24.18. PC Newsletter**

The next newsletter is due out in early January. The school asked if they could add their events and also an article Titled ' A year after the Flood'. Other insertions will include The new Emergency Plan for the village, events from January – March and how residents can report issues themselves with all relevant contact details

**Action Cllr Cartwright**

### **11.24.19. Other village business**

The Middleton Trust

The Trust was in need of 2 new Trustees and Heather Thompson and Chris Hurton (from Retford) have been appointed. The appointment of Chris Hurton was in the face of 3 people from Wheatley (with children) who expressed interest. The Chair has complained to Andrew Walster and it maybe that the Settlement Deeds for the Trust has some rules about who can serve as a Trustee. **Action Chair to send the Settlement Deeds to Cllr Mendelson for his review.**

The Chair volunteered to become the PC representative Trustee in place of Hilary Bennett once the deeds have been read over by Cllr Mendelson

#### Application for position of Clerk

Following the recent advertisement in Retford Life there were 3 applications for the position of Clerk. It was agreed that interviews with the applicants will be held as soon as possible in the Village Hall. Interviewers will be the Chair, Councillors Nixon and Mendelson, with the current Clerk in attendance to answer any questions the applicants may have about the role. **Action Clerk to arrange interviews and book the village hall**

#### **PC Meeting dates for 2024 / 25**

All topics for discussion at PC meetings should be noted on the agenda. If anyone has any agenda points please make sure the Clerk has them by close of play 8 days in advance of the PC meeting so the agenda can be issued in advance accordingly

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month unless the date is moved to avoid school and bank holidays / other public events. Meetings will start at 7.15 pm unless otherwise advised

10<sup>th</sup> December

Dates for 2025 will be as follows:-

14<sup>th</sup> January

11<sup>th</sup> February

11<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> April – to avoid Easter school holidays

13<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> July

9<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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