

# NORTH AND SOUTH WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs V Wilson (Chair), D Cooke, A Parker, C Cartwright; S Hayden; R Naish; J Nixon and Clerk: S Stilliard.

**Residents:** none

**Guests:** none

**PUBLIC FORUM** – none present

### **PLANNING MEETING**

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

**Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality** – the Chair declared an interest as a neighbour re her comments on planning No: 21/01642/FUL below

### **New Applications** –

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**

The Parish Council supported the original application to build a bungalow and a pair of semi detached homes since this offered more affordable properties of the type needed in the village.

Wheatley does not need any more large, detached houses – there are several for sale already which are not selling well. More large houses are not in line with the Neighbourhood plan and therefore the Parish Council objects to this amended application **Action Clerk to post objection to planning portal**

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: **Pending Consideration**

No comments **Action Clerk to let planning know**

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

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: **Pending Consideration**

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - See Schedule of Works St Peters And St Pauls Church Church Street North Wheatley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 24/00932/CAT | Received: Fri 09 Aug 2024 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2024 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

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: **Awaiting 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 –**

Listed Building Consent for the Conversion of the Ground Floor Barn to a Garage with Lockable Side Hinged Timber Doors Bargate Farm Low Street North Wheatley Nottinghamshire DN22 9DR Ref. No: 24/00953/LBA | Received: Mon 19 Aug 2024 | Validated: Mon 19 Aug 2024 | Status: **Granted**

Conversion of the Ground Floor Barn to a Garage with Lockable Side Hinged Timber Doors Bargate Farm Low Street North Wheatley Nottinghamshire DN22 9DR Ref. No: 24/00952/HSE | Received: Mon 19 Aug 2024 | Validated: Wed 21 Aug 2024 | Status: **Granted**

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area (1) Palm Tree x 2, Removal. (2) Silver Birch, Crown Reduction of 25%. (3) Yew Tree, reduction of 50%, (4) Hawthorn Trees x 2, Reduction of 50% (5) Elder, Removal The Rowans Stone Lane North Wheatley Nottinghamshire DN22 9DF Ref. No: 24/00938/CAT | Received: Wed 14 Aug 2024 | Validated: Wed 14 Aug 2024 | Status: **No TPO required**

Construction and Operation of a Battery Energy Storage System with an Electrical Output Capacity of up to 500MW and Associated Development Including Power Inverter Systems, Electrical Banking Station, Electrical Cabling including Below Ground Cabling to 400KV Switchyard, Welfare Facilities, Internal Access Roads, Site Security Infrastructure, Lighting, Boundary Treatments, and Landscaping, Land East Of Gainsborough Road Bole Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 22/01713/FUL | Received: Fri 23 Dec 2022 | Validated: Thu 29 Dec 2022 | Status: **Granted**

Extension of Existing Cold Storage and Packing Facility and New Farm Access Road Harwill Farm Wood Lane North Wheatley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 21/01642/FUL | Received: Tue 02 Nov 2021 | Validated: Thu 18 Nov 2021 | Status: **Granted**

The Chair and other residents of Wood Lane have written to the planning officer for this application regarding the changes to the road, which Highways has passed subject to a number of road alterations. She also noted that the applicant had not consulted his neighbours as stated on the application.

There is also much concern about the footpath that runs along Wood Lane which is still designated with a 60 MPH maximum speed. The PC has already suggested that it be changed to 20 MPH. The footpath should be 2 mts wide and safe to walk on, rather than formed of a crumbling road with constant lorry use. There have been several suggestions that the applicant access his packing facility across his own land, with a new access onto the A620, however this has not been referenced as an option.

**Action Cllr Hayden to write to the footpaths officer regarding the footpath status on Wood Lane**

### **Other planning matters**

National Grid upgrade

Nothing to report

West Burton Power Station / West Burton Solar project

Nothing to report

RES solar proposal for Sturton

Nothing to report

Cottam Solar Project Ltd

There was a trial blast on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at mid-day. **Action Clerk to remind the relevant people that Wheatley has asked to be informed about this type of blast so that they can alert residents who may otherwise be concerned**

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**10.24.01. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Goacher, Cllr Page and Cllr Mendelson

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

**10.24.03. Report from the Chair**

Cllr Wilson thanked councillors for their good wishes sent to Cllr Judith Goacher

**10.24.04. Police Report**

Nothing to report

**10.24.05. Community Speedwatch and Traffic calming**

The Speedwatch team has not been active.

The Interactive signs are working well

**10.24.06. District and County Councillor Reports**

Since James Naish is now an MP he is not really fulfilling the role of DCllr and the PC would appreciate another named person within BDC to be identified so the PC and residents who may need help have a point of contact **Action Clerk to ask James Naish for his suggestion re this**

CCllr Ogle had sent councillors a letter from Councillor Ben Bradley MP clarifying Mayoral responsibilities. Despite suggesting that central government, via the County Council, is responsible for roads (which is true) the Mayor does have the power to decide what money is spent where and she had campaigned on a promise to tackle potholes in the county, so she could divert more funds to this project.

**Action Clerk / Chair to write to/ lobby the Mayor to ask for an explanation re the funding of road repairs and invite her to visit Wheatley and surrounding parishes to look at the roads**

Council raised the issue of the lack of white lining on the A620 which is becoming dangerous for vehicles exiting and entering the village from the bypass. **Action Cllr Hayden to send feedback to the Clerk who will write again to CCllr Ogle and Highways, pleading for the white lines to be reinstated**

**10.24.07. The Lengthsman scheme**

The lengthsman to be asked to clean (scrape and brush to remove the moss and debris) the paved area at the back of the Village Hall by the fire exit. Also to remove the nettles at the back of the school near the play area. The Hedge along the side of the Playing Field needs trimming and ivy growing on the trees in that area to be cut to stop growth (doesn't need to be removed). Finally there is a lot of vegetation on the pavement and in the gutter on the narrowest part of Low Street, which needs to be swept up and sharp twigs protruding from the hedge there need to be removed if possible **Action Cllr Naish to ask the lengthsman to do these jobs**

**10.24.08. Finance**

10.24.08.01 **Bank Reconciliation**. The bank reconciliation for 30th September 2024 was approved and signed.

10.24.08.02 **Accounts for Payment**. The following payments were approved.

S Stilliard – salary and expenses for September	£ 464.15
Sam Foster – lengthsman for Sept	£ 203.00
Holmes Groundcare – village grass cutting Sept	£ 302.92
Wheatley Cricket Club – grass cutting for Sept	£ 280.00
HMRC – Clerks tax July – September	£ 333.00

Vicki Wilson – website maintenance for 5 months	£	92.55
Burgess Print – website printing	£	91.00
NCCFR – donation	£	50.00
Urban Arborist – tree surgery	£	540.00

**Action Clerk to make payments**

**10.24.09. Minutes of the PC Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Unanimously agreed and signed off by the Chair

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

Finger post refurbishment

Highways has sent the PC a document to complete to allow the refurbishment of the finger post. The document however relates to the erection of a structure on the highway and is not appropriate to a basic refurbishment **Action Clerk to talk with Aidan at Highways to see if this can be resolved**

Application for funding from the Wheatley Table Tennis Club

The Village Hall committee has decided that to make changes to lighting in the main hall will not be appropriate now as other things may be changing - so no funding re lighting required as yet

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

NALC had sent their latest newsletter which was forwarded to Councillors

A new policy on Sexual Harassment in the work place has to be adopted by the PC and the template provided by NALC was agreed **Action Clerk to personalise for the Council and post on website with other policies**

**10.24.12. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence for September

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

10.24.13. 1 Playing Field and Pavilion

There is an Elderberry growing near the Playing Field from the schools property – the Caretaker has tried to cut it back **Action Cllr Hayden to have another go at tidying it**

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**

A plastic man hole cover collapsed (looks like the screws have rotted) and a resident went into the hole. Cllr Cooke has replaced it but it needs a more permanent solution **Action Cllr Naish to have a look at what might be done**

The Cricket Club has secured a grant of £5k to buy solar panels for the Pavilion roof to mitigate the cost of the electricity. This will involve changing the current arrangement with British Gas – the PC has a contract until 2027. The Clerk is trying to get the tariff changed to allow Feed in to the Grid **Action Clerk**

**NB At this point Cllr Mendelson arrived**

10.24.13. 2 Community Garden

Boules Piste in Community Garden

Cllr Hayden to continue to seek funding to create a Boules Piste in the Community Garden **Action Cllr Hayden**

Still awaiting potential contractors to repair the Community shelter roof **Action Cllr Cooke and Wilson**

More Ping Pong balls are needed plus another plastic bat for the table tennis table **Action Cllr Nixon**

**10.24.14. Highways / Footpaths / Water Course / Public Safety**

10.24.14.1. Street Lights / street furniture

A street light was demolished by a falling tree. Highways have removed the tree and light column leaving the base – awaiting replacement. Thanks go to JCK for removing the tree as it obstructed the road

10.24.14.2. Highways and Footpaths

Potholes and the road surface at South Wheatley remain an issue with no work done as yet. The same applies to the white lining on the A620

The sink hole at the bottom of Wood Lane has now been repaired and a new drain / gully installed to stop the Lane flooding from now on

Highways to be asked if the road sweeper can be sent to the village to remove leaves from gutters **Action Clerk**

#### 10.24.14.3. Updated Emergency Plan

The current Emergency Plan is out of date **Action Cllr Hayden to review it to see what needs to be changed / added to etc**

#### 10.24.15. **Village Hall update**

Cllr Hayden gave a report from the last VH meeting. There is often broken glass around the bottle bank after a collection. Cllr Hayden has swept some up but PC will e-mail the contact at BDC to see if they can sweep up glass or at least let the PC know after a collection so that a resident could do it. Broken glass is dangerous for children using the VH car park at school times **Action Clerk**

Thanks go to Sharon Taylor for litter picking in the village with Cllr Hayden

The 'Meet the Neighbour' event in September raised £160 and was well attended

The heating in the Village Hall needs to be reconsidered. It is very unlikely that a hirer would be prepared to arrive an hour early to put the heating on and it takes too long for the heat to kick in when you first enter the hall. Ideally a Hive, or similar, system which would allow remote control of the heating should be considered

**Action Cllr Hayden to raise this at the next VH meeting**

#### 10.24.16. **Website / Facebook page**

Photos have been taken by drone for the website. They will be circulated for approval when submitted to the Chair **Action Cllr Wilson**

#### 10.24.17. **Plaster Pits allotments**

Nothing to report

#### 10.24.18. **PC Newsletter**

The Autumn newsletter has been delivered. Thanks to Cllr Page for delivering the Chair's allocation

The next newsletter is due out in early January and will include details of a new Village WhatsApp group and how to report issues to BDC **Action Cllr Mendelson to establish how the WhatsApp Group will work to disseminate information to residents without it becoming a vehicle for chat**

#### 10.24.19. **Other village business**

The hedge near the Sun Inn needs to be trimmed since it is encroaching onto the road **Action Clerk to write to the owner of the hedge to request it be trimmed**

An advertisement to be placed in Retford Life magazine seeking a new Clerk **Action Clerk / Chair**

The advertisement to be added to Facebook and the Website as well **Action Chair**

#### **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

12<sup>th</sup> November

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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