

**WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH MEETING
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at
WROXTON VILLAGE HALL on 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr Duncan Collins- Chairman
Cllr Michael Robarts
Cllr Miranda Ker
Cllr Sarah Colbert
Cllr Dominic Walshe

Clerk: Gail Williams

Members of the Public 1**01/25 Apologies:** Cllr Marcovitch / Cllr Humphreys**02/25 Welcome:** Happy New Year and welcome to one member of the public**03/25 Declarations of Interest:** None**04/25 Minutes of Meeting on 4th November:** accepted**05/25 Matters arising:** None**06/25 Public Forum:** Blocked drain at the top of Church Street (left hand side), causing flooding further down. Clerk to report on Fix-my-Street.**07/25 Finance:****Bank Reconciliation:**

Approved and, in line with the procedure set out in the PC's Financial Regulations, Cllr. Humphreys had reviewed and signed the reconciliation as mathematically correct.

08/25 Council Business**a) Decisions:****Budget & Proposed Precept:**

- Cllr Robarts presented the draft budget for the year to 31 March 2026, showing a smaller surplus due mainly to the expected reduction in telecom mast income. However he expected the actual surplus to be higher given that the budget makes no provision for cemetery income. As a result, he recommended that the Precept should remain unchanged at £10,000.
- This recommendation was approved and the Clerk was asked to submit the Precept application to CDC. Cllr. Robarts tabled a one page budget summary to be posted on noticeboards and the Wroxton website.

Telecoms Masts:

- Cllr Robarts reported that Fisher German had been instructed to pass on the Council's acceptance of the WIG Heads of Terms for the new mast lease immediately after the November meeting, but had not done so until mid December. This was due to the fact that they were still talking to AP Infrastructure about their offer for the head leases on both mast sites, which had been made shortly after the November meeting.
- In fact, it had emerged that the terms of the AP offer are unsuitable as, despite comparing favourably to the WIG terms, they would require vacant possession of the WIG site, which the Council cannot agree to. Consequently it is unlikely that any deal with AP can be agreed.

- However, the delay with WIG has meant that it is now unlikely that the new lease can be agreed and signed by 15 March, when the next annual rent will be payable (at the original level of £7,566 pa). In addition a further year's rent at that level would virtually eliminate the valuation gap between the WIG terms and the potentially higher payment from AP.
- b) **Discussions:**
- The 3 year contract for grass-cutting is due for renewal. Clerk to place advert in Banbury Guardian and on the Wroxton website inviting tenders. Cllr Colbert suggested that the separate contracts could be negotiated for the two villages, but the consensus view of Councillors was that this would be impracticable.
- c) **Clerk update:**
- **SALT BIN:** Broken salt bin is reported and replacement promised.
 - **DEFIB training:** Cllr Collins has spoken to a local 1st responder who provides training for a small charge. To plan this for the spring and possibly following coffee morning in Balscote Village Hall to be convenient for more villagers. Cllr Collins to provide contact details to CLERK to arrange dates. It was agreed that steps needed to be taken to create a list of volunteers to join the training session.

09/25 Planning Applications

Planning Applications

New Applications

Applications Awaiting Decision

24/02584/F The Jays, Stratford Road A422, Wroxton,

Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and replacement pitched roof and internal alterations

No comments PC

24/02690/TCA Home Farm, Middle Lane, Balscote. Tree Work

24/02453/LB Woodview, Main Street, Wroxton

Re-instatement of attic bedroom including the addition of two new dormer windows, insertion of two conservation roof lights into existing roof slope and changing existing roof lights to Conservation roof lights

24/02180/LB / 24/02179/F Balscote House, Chapel Lane,

Conversion of former agricultural barn to dwelling with associated internal and external works. Erection of lean-to bike/garden store. Demolition of part of wall and creation of new vehicular access with gate to serve Balscote House, alteration to existing driveway, erection of new wall between driveways along with all associated works

No PC Objections

24/02131TCA Ladymead, Dark Lane, Wroxton. Tree work.

24/02074/TCA Wentways, Stratford Road, Wroxton. Tree work

24/01854/CDISC Alkerton Stone Quarry Street From Alkerton Heading East To Stratford Road Alkerton Details pursuant to Condition 28 (Surface Water Drainage Plan) of planning permission no. (MW.0124/21) - MW.0071/24

24/01858/CDISC Alkerton Stone Quarry Street From Alkerton Heading East To Stratford Road Alkerton

Details pursuant to Conditions 5 (aftercare scheme), Condition 16 (tree protection scheme), Condition 21 (detailed landscaping scheme), Condition 24 (rights of way scheme), of planning permission no. (MW.0124/21) - MW.0073/24

24/01479/CM Wroxton Fields Quarry

Aggregate recycling facility and other ancillary development - MW.0063/24 **Objections made**

MW.0058/23 Wroxton Quarry

Details pursuant to Condition 66 (working in close proximity to electricity pylons or cables) of planning permission no. (MW.0020/19)

24/00977/PIP Land Adjacent To Clearview, Lampitts Green, Wroxton

Permission in Principle - construction of 1 x no dwelling on land adjacent to Clearview

23/03355/LB Barn Rear of Pool Farmhouse, Main Street, Wroxton

Alterations of approved drawings - variation on 21/02773/L

23/02707/F Barn Rear of Pool Farmhouse, Main Street, Wroxton

Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 21/02772/F - the following design changes - pitched roof over garage and kitchen, entrance doors to threshing barn, staircase position altered in threshing barn, bi-fold doors to dining room, conservation roof lights over kitchen/breakfast room, internal layout changes to kitchen and en-suite of bedroom 1 and bedroom 2 and flue positions

Applications Decided**24/02223/F Ragnall Farm, Street From Friars Hill To Ragnall Bottom,**

Conversion of Hovel into Single Dwelling House and Associated Works **Approved by CDC**

24/02620/CLUE Church Corns Cottage, Church Street, Wroxton

Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use for use of Church Corns Cottage as a separate independent residential dwelling. **Approved by CDC**

24/01793/F Old Post Office, Wroxton

Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation (re-submission of lapsed consent ref: 19/01385/F **Approved by CDC**

24/03014/TCA Wroxton: Wroxton Abbey Extensive Tree work **Approved by CDC**

24/03249/TCA_5 Wroxton: Wroxton Abbey Trees **Approved by CDC**

22/03245/F Apollo Office Park, Ironstone Lane, Wroxton Employment Units

Application refusal: appeal dismissed

24/02220/TCA The Willows, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Tree work **Approved by CDC**

24/01879/F / 24/01880/LB Wroxton North Arms Inn (now a residential property) , Mills Lane

Single storey kitchen extension; new and restored stone boundary walls **Approved by CDC**

24/01413/LB and 24/01412/F Raydon Hill Farm House, Mills Lane, Wroxton,

New glazed link to existing barn and revise design to barn alterations in lieu of approvals 06/00092/F and 06/00093FUL with new courtyard boundary treatment" **Approved by CDC**

24/02074/TCA Wentways, Stratford Road, Wroxton. Tree work **Approved by CDC**

24/02670/F Wroxton; The Old Rectory, Main Street, Wroxton,

Replacement of existing thatch roof with a tile roof to dwelling and bay window, installation of rooflights and erection of porch, and associated works **PC has no objections**

10/25**AOB**

- Tree planting in hedgerows, previously agreed to postpone for later this year for planning and discussion.
- Cllr Collins has discussed progress of White Horse with the owner and was again assured that this is progressing.

11/25**Date Of Next Meeting - *Monday 10th March 2025 7.30pm. Balscote Village Hall***