

**WROXTON & BALSCLCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING AT
WROXTON VILLAGE HALL ON
3rd JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:

Cllr Harvey Marcovitch – Chairman
Cllr Sarah Colbert
Cllr Dominic Walshe
Cllr Duncan Collins
Cllr Miranda Ker
Cllr Michael Robarts
Cllr. Fergus Garwood

Clerk: Gail Williams

Members of the Public

44/23 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr. Marcovitch welcomed the new Clerk, Gail Williams and members of the public to the meeting. No apologies for absence were noted.

45/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Sarah Colbert expressed a declaration of Interest for Item 8a on the agenda.

46/23 Minutes of Meeting on 15th May 2023

Minutes approved.

47/23 Matters Arising

None

48/23 Public Forum

Nigel and Carol Plumridge spoke to their letter regarding agenda item 8a - tree planting. Katrina Wilcock spoke to her request for funding publication of her local history book.

49/23 Finance / Bank reconciliation

Cllr Robarts reported all was in order.

50/23 Council Business**a) Decisions**

Leaf Clearance Cllr Colbert left the room for discussion. Councillors accepted the quote presented by Faye Eldridge of up to £1050 and also agreed an extra sum at £35/hour for clearing of gullies. **Clerk to inform Faye Eldridge and Thomas Fox of outcome.**

Tree Planting Request for Endorsement Councillors expressed concerns relating to road safety/ultimate tree size/possible future maintenance costs. In any case, responsibility is with OCC and the PC decided to take a neutral position and suggested Mr & Mrs Plumridge approach OCC directly.

History Book of Balscote 1st World War Fatalities The PC approved financial support to Trina Willcock of £880 for a print run of 100 of this non-profit enterprise.

Replacement of Vandalised Gates (Laurels Farm) The PC was sympathetic to the tenant's plight but pointed out that OCC is responsible for footpaths. **Cllr Colbert seeking to source funds elsewhere.**

Maintenance of Wroxton Benches Maintenance is needed to benches in Wroxton and has not been done for some time. **Cllr Ker will discuss the work required with Graham Mitchell**

Cllr Garwood raised replacing the stolen bench from Alkerton Lane. **Cllr Garwood to explore costs and this to be an agenda item for decision at the next meeting.**

b) Discussions

Update on Moving 30 mph sign on A422

No response as yet from OCC. **Cllr Robarts will raise this with Paul Wilson**

Update on legal matters re speed cameras

Still waiting for the Court to inform the Land Registry before the claim can be progressed..

Update on overgrown verge in Balscote

Completed

Update on potholes and conditions of roads in Balscote

Some repairs have been effected. Cllr Walshe has met the appropriate OCC officer, ""

Rotting wooden posts, Main Street Wroxton

Posts on verge are the responsibility of OCC. **Cllr Walshe will arrange for this to be reported on FixMyStreet**

Hanwell Solar Farm Application

Correspondence from an action group devoted to resisting this application, It was decided not to participate at present.

Update on 20mph Speed Limit

No further information

51/23 Clerk Update

Balscote - Sanctuary Land

No progress. **The Clerk will review correspondence on this and take appropriate action.**

9. New Planning applications

23/01694/F Balscote Mill, The Plain Road, Shutford

23/01695/LB Ground mounted photovoltaic panels to the rear of the existing stable, air source heat pump, outdoor storage for calor gas and single storey external plant room together with associated groundworks to improve the stability of the stable wall **Supported by PC**

23/01568/F Ashfield House, Alkerton Road, Balscote OX15 6JR (resub. Of 22/03639/F)

Carport with associated internal & external works.

Objection by PC

Applications Awaiting Decision

23/01505/TCA	Old Almshouses, Church Street, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QE	
	T1 x Yew tree in hedge row - reduce to hedge row height up to 22ft to 10ft (6.7 metres to 3.05 metres so reduce by 12ft (3.5 metres) this will also stop the tree from affecting the power lines T2 x self set Sycamore - fell to hedge height up to 8ft (2.4 metres) to allow hedge to be reestablished G1 x Sycamore, yew and various ivy clad trees - reduce to 8ft (2.4 metres) to allow hedge to be established H1 x Conifer hedge filled with ivy - fell to ground level	Supported By PC
23/01345/LB	North Arms Inn, Mills Lane, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6PY	Supported By PC
23/01344/F	Single storey kitchen extension; internal alterations	
23/00708/F & 23/00709/LB	Balscote House, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN	Supported By PC
	Creation of new garden room extension to the existing kitchen. Removal of modern features within existing kitchen and a re-design of the kitchen fittings. Creation of a new entrance staircase allowing the existing staircase to remain. Creation of two first floor en-suite bathrooms. Addition of two new external chimney pots. Replacement of two windows	
23/00129/F	Trinity College Grange Farm, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN	
	Erection of agricultural buildings, hardstanding and associated works	No Comment from PC
23/00782/F	Abbey Farm Cottage, Shepherds Walk, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QY	
	Replacement windows and staircase	No Objection from PC
23/00130/F	Laurels Farm, Dark Lane, Wroxton, OX15 6QQ	Decision deferred by CDC
	Demolition of 3no existing barns followed by the erection of 9no new dwellings; conversion and alterations to existing barn to form 1no dwelling; formation of new primary access from Newington Road, parking, landscaping and other associated works	
23/00129/F	Trinity College Grange Farm, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN	Supported by PC
	Erection of agricultural buildings, hardstanding and other associated works	
21/00517/F	Land Used For Motocross, Stratford Road A422, Wroxton, OX15 6HX (Reconsultation)	
	Creation of a motocross track and soft landscaping scheme and the change of use of agricultural land to hold moto-cross events including set-up, take down and private practice sessions, with associated camping site, for up to 65 days per year and agricultural grazing (retrospective)	
22/03307/F & 22/03308/LB	Outbuilding Approximately 5 Metres East Of The, North Arms Inn, Mills Lane, Wroxton	
	Conversion of existing outbuilding to ground floor garage with first floor ancillary Accommodation	Supported by PC
22/02241/TCA	Wroxton College, Street From Church Street To College, Wroxton,	Supported By PC
	Trees	
22/00055/TCA	Swallows Barn Manor Lane Balscote Treework	Supported by PC
21/01258/F	Wroxton Sports Club Old Ironstone Sports Field Horley Path Road Wroxton	
	Installation of ISO shipping container on sports field for storage of field maintenance equipment, erect 6ft screening panels on three sides	

10. Correspondence distributed as received.

11. AOB

Wroxton Primary School Head, April Guinness retiring.

PC thanked Ms Guinness for her excellent work with the school and agreed a gift of flowers to express its appreciation. **Cllr Marcovitch will obtain this and make a presentation at her leaving event on July 18.**

Wroxton Village Hall Committee/ Salt Bins

Salt is solid in one bin and needs replenishing in another. Cllr Robarts advised the solid crust can be dispersed using a crowbar. The PC expects replenishment from OCC by the autumn.

Cllr Collins to contact OCC if salt replacement outstanding by the time of the next PC meeting.

Weeds around Wroxton

Weed spraying is due. **Cllr Collins will contact Thos. Fox**

Next Meeting

Monday 4th September, 7.30pm Wroxton Village Hall