

**WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH MEETING
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at
BALSCOTE VILLAGE HALL on 10th March at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr Marcovitch
Cllr Duncan Collins
Cllr Michael Roberts
Cllr Miranda Ker
Cllr Sarah Colbert
Cllr Humphreys

Clerk: Gail Williams

Members of the Public 3

12/25 Apologies: Cllr Walshe

13/25 Welcome: to 2 members of the public - and District Councillor Douglas Webb

14/25 Declarations of Interest: None

15/25 Minutes of Meeting on 6th January: accepted

16/25 Matters arising: None

17/25 Public Forum:

- Planned trees along Langway update requested. Cllr Marcovitch to revisit discussions with Charlie Bates.
- Steps to Balscote Church are cracking
- Flytipping on A422 layby. Noted and to be reported
- Housing Plans relating to Hanwell village - to be raised at next PC meeting.
- Church clock repairs required to the battery system - to be discussed below with allocations.

18/25 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 accurate.
- Mast rental update: In the absence of any update on new leases continuing with status quo.

19/25 Council Business**a) Decisions:**

- **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT.** Council agree to grant the contract to Nigel Prickett on his suggested terms. Noted that this excludes attention to the hedges around Balscote Village Hall. Clerk to confirm to Nigel.
- **ALLOCATIONS.** Suggestions agreed:
 - £5000 for trees in respect of the possibility of Ash die back becoming an issue.
 - Retaining wall opposite Wroxton Abbey. £3000 for the wall and £2000 for steps to church - widening the remit to include Balscote steps if found to be PC responsibility.
 - Village Halls - revert to the previous £1,000 per Hall.
 - Church clock in Balscote. **Approve** the requested £450 for battery repair and allocate £2000 for further expected repairs

b) Discussions:**REPORT BACK ON 'VILLAGE WALK' WITH OCC REPRESENTATIVE**

Awaiting action following the walk - Cllr Marcovitch to discuss with Cllr Reynolds.

A422 bottle recycling area flytipping continues. Suggested we contact Ian Upton and or the Blitz Team at CDC Environmental..

MUD on A422

Excessive soil residue on A422 from quarry traffic. Cllr Collins reported seeing vehicles leaving site with wheels unwashed. Quarry management contacted to correct this. Apology received with promise of action.

VILLAGE LITTER PICKING

Balscote and Wroxton require bags. Clerk to complete the form and direct delivery to Bob Jesson and team of volunteers for Balscote. Clerk to share form with Cllr Colbert for Wroxton.

ENCOURAGING NEW COUNCILLORS FOR NEXT TERM

All Councillors to encourage any interested neighbours.

c) Clerk update:

Brown bin label applied for Wroxton cemetery.

20/25 Planning Applications

New Applications

25/00480/F Wroxton London Barn, Stratford Road

Outbuilding *Oak tree a concern, Wroxton planning group to visit site and meet.*

25/00162/CLUE Wroxton Unit 3D, Apollo Office Park,

Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Development for installation of a ground floor window to Unit 3D *No objection from PC*

25/00437/TCA Otterburn, Balscote Trees

No objection from PC

25/00363/TPO Peacehaven, Balscote Trees

No objection from PC

Applications Awaiting Decision

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

24/01479/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)

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

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

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

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

Permitted by CDC

24/02180/LB / 24/02179/F/24/02180/LB

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

Permitted by CDC

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

24/02074/TCA Wentways, Str/ 24/02180/L Stratford Road, Wroxton. Tree work

Permitted by CDC

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
Determined by CDC/OCC

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
Determined by CDC/OCC

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

Permission in Principle - construction of 1 x no dwelling
Permitted by CDC

23/00130/F Laurels Farm, Dark Lane, Wroxton. Demolition of 3 barns. Permitted by CDC

21/25 AOB

- **WHITE HORSE update:** planning application to be presented soon
- **ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION:** A year on from response by CDC enforcement officer, Cllr Marcovitch to revisit this issue.
- **FLY TIPPING** - already discussed
- **DRIFT LANE/APOLLO** traffic has been reported to OCC.
- **WROXTON ABBEY** Rumours regarding the future of the Abbey to be clarified, Cllr Marcovitch to make enquiries of Farleigh Dickerson University president

22/25 Date Of Next Meeting - Monday 12th May 2025 7.00pm. (beginning with AGM)

Wroxton Village Hall