

**WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING AT
BALSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON
6th November 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:

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

Clerk: Gail Williams

61/23 Welcome & Apologies

64/23 Declarations of Interest

None

65/23 Minutes of Meeting on 4th September 2023

Minutes approved.

66/23 Matters Arising

Salt delivery for Wroxton village hall, Clerk to discuss with OCC logistics of delivery to Wroxton VH. Cllr Robarts will loosen the salt in the bins in Balscote.

67/23 Public Forum

Three villagers attending: main concern expressed related to the 20mph limit through Wroxton which was on the agenda and discussed below.

68/23 Finance

Cllr Robarts reported all was in order re: bank reconciliation.

Precept to be set in January 2024 for following year which will just require a budget to be presented at the January meeting

Allocations for next year will be discussed at the meeting in March 2024.

Insurance, further quotes to be considered in view of high cost of existing quotes and commission 40% commission being charged. It is unlikely that we will be able to secure more than two quotes as the market for local government insurance is extremely specialised.

69/23 Council Business

- a) Decisions
- b) Discussions

New 20 mph signs and white lines in Wroxton

20mph through Wroxton

In view of concerns expressed about an unintended consequence of the 20 mph limit on A422 whereby some motorists are using village roads as a 'rat run.' The Chairman will ask OCC to undertake a traffic census for comparison with that provided during the planning process for Laurels Farm. Clerk to draft letter.

White Lines on Church Street, Wroxton

Cllrs discussed which OCC officer is appropriate to deal with residents' concerns, The Chairman will investigate and inform the main complainant.

Sanctuary Land

Cllr Robarts will undertake research to try to identify the legal owner of the small parcel of land opposite The Hedges, which Sanctuary say is not theirs.

Insulation Offer

Clerk to send electronic version of poster to Richard Woollacott for website. Cllrs noted that the conditions attached to the proposed grants are highly restrictive.

70/23 Clerk Update

Sanctuary Land discussed above

71/23 PLANNING**New applications****MW.0091/23 Shutford Sewage Works (Thames Water)**

Construction of 6 temporary car park, formation of temporary topsoil bund and formation of two vehicular accesses, for a time-limited period in connection with upgrade works to Shutford Sewage Treatment Works. Restoration of the land to agriculture and other existing uses at the end of the permission period at Land to the west and east of Shutford Road .

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23/02109/TCA Crossways, Silver Street, Wroxton

T1 x Cherry Tree remove
T2 x Apple Tree remove

Applications Awaiting Decision**23/01344/F North Arms**

Single storey kitchen extension; internal alterations

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

23/00708/F & 23/00709/LB Balscote House, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN

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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 other associated works

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)

- 23/00129/F** **Trinity College Grange Farm, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN (!)**
Erection of agricultural buildings, hardstanding and other associated works
- 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
- 22/02241/TCA** **Wroxton College, Street From Church Street To College, Wroxton,** Trees
- 22/00055/TCA** **Swallows Barn Manor Lane Balscote** Treework
- 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

Applications decided

- 23/02057/TCA** **Honeysuckle House, Shutford Road Balscote**
T1 x Leylandii, removal of split limb
T2 x Sugar Maple, reduce by 3m **21/00517/F** **Permitted by CDC**
- 23/00782/F** **Abbey Farm Cottage, Shepherds Walk, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QY**
Replacement windows and staircase **Permitted by CDC**
- 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 fowling 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 **Permitted by CDC**
- 23/01345/LB** **North Arms. Wroxton,** **Withdrawn**

AOB

Agreement that the PC will pay £100 for a Christmas Tree for Wroxton village.

- 72/23** **Date of next meeting**
The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 8th January 2024 in Wroxton Village Hall**

Signed:

Harvey Marcovitch

Chair

