

WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING AT

WROXTON VILLAGE HALL ON

4th September 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Cllr Harvey Marcovitch – Chairman Clerk: Gail Williams

Cllr Sarah Colbert

Cllr Dominic Walshe

Cllr Duncan Collins

Cllr Michael Robarts

Cllr. Fergus Garwood

52/23 Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Ker.

53/23 Declarations of Interest

None

54/23 Minutes of Meeting on 3rd July 2023

Minutes approved.

55/23 Matters Arising

SALT

Cllr Collins and Cllr Colbert to check salt condition in Wroxton and Mills Lane .

Clerk to check Balscote bins. If not satisfactory by late October, Clerk to remind OCC.

WEED SPRAYING

Clerk to circulate the invoice going forward to ensure work has been carried out satisfactorily

56/23 Public Forum

No members of the public in attendance

57/23 Finance / Bank reconciliation

Bank reconciliation: Cllr Robarts reported all was in order.

Allocations: Cllr Robarts reported some adjustments on allocations to reflect respective overspend and

underspend on two items A net additional allocation of £158 was approved . External audit has been

completed. Cllr Robarts has challenged assertion by the auditors that five years worth of annual returns is

required to be published on the website. This is not evident from the Audit Regulations Clerk to ensure

notice of completion is posted on notice board and website.

58/23 Council Business

a) Decisions

b) Discussions

Maintenance to Village Benches

This has been done and no payment requested. Cllr Marcovitch to discuss with Cllr Ker re appropriate gift.

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Replacement of bollards, Main Street, Wroxton.

Confirmation we do have appropriate insurance cover to indemnify whoever is contracted to undertake the work.

Cllr Marcovitch will confirm this with Theresa Blacker and if OK arrange order, via Clerk, for posts and reflectors.

Cllr Ker to ask Graham Mitchell whether he wishes to state a price for this job or whether he is doing it with Chris Jarvis pro bono. Cllr Ker to notify the householder who originally raised this issue.

Update on potholes and conditions of roads in Balscote.

Constantly wet road at the bottom of Chapel Lane a concern, Cllr Walshe will report on 'Fix my Street'.

Update on legal matters re: speed cameras

Cllr Robarts returned completed forms to register a charge over the defendant's property at the Land Registry citing the Court order for compensation as the justification for this. The form has been submitted..

Request from Sports Club re: Pavilion

The Club has suggested an extension could be suitable for storage rather than the currently proposed container. Cllr Robarts to inform Chris Jarvis the PC approves this concept (subject to

suitable design and CDC planning approval.) He will also check that Trinity College do not object.

Mowing of Green and grass collection in Wroxton

Agreed that when current contract with N Prickett is up for renewal to consider adjusting this to enable grass collection is undertaken on Wroxton village green, possibly through another contractor.

Request for contribution to cost of training for spraying licence.

Cllr Colbert asked to remind Faye Eldridge to let the PC have details of proposed course and requested contribution to cost, for decision at next meeting.

Rural Transport

Clerk to communicate that Balscote would like the restoration of the bus service and also to suggest a more direct route for the service.

59/23 Clerk Update

Sanctuary Land

Clerk will contact Sanctuary, yet again, to attend to their neglected land.

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60/23 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 .

23/02057/TCA Honeysuckle House, Shutford Road Balscote

T1 x Leylandii, removal of split limb

T2 x Sugar Maple, reduce by 3m

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 & Balscote House, Chapel Lane, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JN

23/00709/LB 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 (!)

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22/03307/F & Outbuilding Approximately 5 Metres East Of The, North Arms Inn, Mills Lane, Wroxton

22/03308/LB 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

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Applications decided

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) Refused by CDC

23/00782/F Abbey Farm Cottage, Shepherds Walk, Wroxton, Banbury, OX15 6QY

Replacement windows and staircase Permitted by CDC

23/01568/F Ashfield House, Alkerton Road, Balscote, Banbury, OX15 6JR

Carport with associated internal and external works - re-submission of 22/03639/F

Refused 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

23/00130/F Laurels Farm, Dark Lane, Wroxton, OX15 6QQ

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

Decision deferred by CDC

60/23 Confidential Matter

FOIA request: No further progress to report

61/23 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th November in
Balscote Village Hall.

Signed: Harvey Markovitch, Chair