

WROXTON & BALSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT BALSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON

4 JULY 2022 at 7:30PM

Present:

Cllr Harvey Marcovitch Clerk

Cllr Miranda Ker

Cllr Duncan Collins

Cllr Michael Robarts

Cllr Sarah Colbert Residents

Cllr George Reynolds (OCC)

45/22 Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Marcovitch welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting. Apologies were given by Cllr

Garwood, who was unable to attend due to work commitments and Cllr Walshe due to contact with Covid. The

Councillors accepted their reasons for absence.

46/22 Declaration of Interest & Councillor Responsibilities

There were no declarations of interest:-

47/22 Minutes of Meeting on 10 January 2022

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2022 were approved.

48/22 Matters Arising

None. All action points completed since the last meeting.

49/22 Public Forum

No issues raised by members of the public in attendance

50/22 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The Bank reconciliation was agreed

Allocation Update including Jubilee

Cllr Robarts circulated a list of allocations to Councillors. The Parish Council had agreed allocations for the reserve

held in the May meeting. Overall the Parish Council still have £24,202 in unspent allocations, free reserves of

£18,184 and total reserves of £42,386.03. The total figure is higher than at the start of the year because we received

a large proportion of our rent income early in the period, whereas spending has been more evenly spread. Overall

the finances of the PC are in good shape and broadly in line with the budget. The Parish Council has spent the

allocation for the Platinum Jubilee, although we slightly overspent (by £4.97) on the actual Jubilee grants, this was

more than offset by a net underspend on the marquee and tables/chairs for Wroxton (a saving of £73.91.)

The Parish Council still has a reserve for a memorial bench which will be installed when Andrew Shenton is able to

work on it.

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51/22 Council Business Decision & Discussions

a) Decisions:-

Allocation for additional Speed Signs and sockets on Shutford Road in Balscote

Cllr Robarts suggested that the Parish Council should use some of the reserves to install 2 repeaters Speed Cameras

in Wroxton. The sockets have already been installed so the cost would be approx £6000.00. If 2 further sockets

were installed in Balscote, the speed signs could be placed in strategic areas on Shutford Road in Balscote for a

period of 4 weeks to gather data on the speed of cars travelling through the village. The sockets are around £100 to

install and Cllr Marcovitch has spoken to affected residents in Balscote who are happy for the signs to be installed

for the 4 week period. It was agreed that the Parish Council would go ahead and purchase these, the allocation of

£6000.00 was formally approved.

Thomas Fox Quote - Prunus Tree

Thomas Fox provided a quote to take down the Prunus tree between Wroxton Village Hall and the White Horse;

this should enable it to regenerate. The quote was agreed.

Cllr Collins will instruct Thomas Fox to complete the works.

Mowing Arrangements - Balscote

Nigel Prickett has provided an email confirming the cut and collection of the grass on the Village Green and Play

Area at each cut, will cost an extra £90 per cut but he will take £30.00 off the quote from cutting the grass in

Balscote, reducing it to £439.86 +vat per cut and increasing the cut and collect for the greens and play areas which

will require using white diesel or petrol, to £90.00 + vat per cut and collect (from £84.87). Cllr Colbert also

suggested some other areas in Wroxton that could be added to the cutting schedule. The Clerk has provided her

with a map and Cllr Colbert will return it for the Clerk to obtain a quote from Nigel Prickett

b) Discussions

Sport Club Pavilion Insurance

The Parish Council's insurance premium has increased dramatically this year, due to our insurer's method of index

linking. The proportion of the insurance premium that relates to the Wroxton pavilion is currently being queried as

it contains a quote for rebuilding cost of £350,000.00. Cllr Roberts believes that this figure is way above the actual

cost as a significant element of the original building cost was attributable to the groundworks and footings. Cllr

Roberts has arranged a formal rebuild valuation at the suggestion of the insurance brokers.

Request for Post Box at Sports Club

The Sports Club needs a post box so that documents do not go astray. The cost of its provision is around £35.

Cllr Colbert has sourced a post box online and will send the link for the Clerk to order

Update re Speed Signs Data Download

Cllr Marcovitch has managed to download approx 6 weeks of data from the Speed Signs The data shows approx

200,000 vehicles travelled through Wroxton over this period of which 40 % were travelling below 30mph, and 18%

over 35mph. About 5% of vehicles were travelling over 40mph some of which reached speeds of between 60 &

70mph. Overall there were a high percentage of vehicles travelling below or very close to the speed limit which

hopefully means the speed signs are having a positive effect

Update re application for 20mph speed limit in Balscote.

The application has been made and the Parish Council are waiting to hear from OCC.

Update Thomas Fox Spraying and Wild Flower Meadow

The weeds still need spraying, this may take place next week as it weather dependent

The wild flowermeadow has been rotavated and now needs to be harrowed.

The Clerk will add weeds spraying to the March Agenda

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Request for additional Dog Waste Bin by Wroxton School

Dog walkers are using the general waste bin to dispose of dog waste, which is very unpleasant.. It was agreed that

the Parish Council will order a dog waste bin to be installed near the general waste bin. The Clerk will order a dog

waste bin and add the bin to CDC's emptying schedule.

c) Clerk Update

Dog Waste Dispenser This has been obtained and delivered to Wroxton councillor to place at cemetery,

Brown Bin Licence. The Clerk has now got the licence which she has put on the bin but the last collection was

missed and the green bin is broken The Clerk will report these issues to CDC .

52/22 Planning Applications

New Applications:

22/01279/F The Old Byre 6 The Hedges Balscote Oxfordshire OX15 6JU

Photovoltaic panels on the roof of carport and office. Car charger in carport Supported By PC

22/01397/LB Corner Cottage Mills Lane Wroxton

Replace existing windows and French doors Supported By PC

22/01381/TPO 4 Silver Street Wroxton

Trees

22/01559/TCA 4 Silver Street Wroxton

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22/01860/TCA The Old Rectory, Main Street, Wroxton OX15 6PT

Crown lifting of yew tree

Applications decided

22/00774/F Manor Cottage, Manor Farm Lane, Balscote OX15 6JJ Permitted by CDC

Oak frame porch; single story side extension; rear verandah; changes

22/01079/LB Alpha Cottage, Stratford Road, Wroxton OX15 6QN

22/01080/LB Erection of 1.2m stone wall to replace fence; erection of greenhouse and shed to garden; removal of 8 trees in a conservation area

Permitted by CDC

22/00286/F Clematis Cottage, Main Street Wroxton

Renovation, internal alterations and external extensions to listed building Permitted by CDC

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Applications Awaiting Decision

22/01011/F Land NW of Balscote Mill and S of The Hedges

Change of use of land from agricultural to dog walking; access

modification and associated works

22 /00055/TCA Swallows Barn Manor Lane Balscote

Treework

21/03711/LB 2 Silver Street Wroxton OX15 6QB

Existing Window Replacement

21/02764/F Land North Of Pool Barn Main Street Wroxton

Erection of 2 new dwellings

22/00256/F North Arms, Wroxton

Change of Use from public house to single residential dwelling

21/00517/F Land Used For Motocross Stratford Road A422 Wroxton OX15 6HX

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

53/22 Any Other Business & Correspondence

The bank on Chapel Lane needs cutting back. Cllr Robarts will ask Sandra Kerwood if she is willing to do this. If not

the Parish Council will consider obtaining quotes for the work to be carried out.

Cllr Robarts to speak to Sandra Kerwood

Cllr Collins has been in touch with the owner of the White Horse. He has been unable to submit his planning

application as he is waiting for clarification from Law & Fiennes with regard to covenants on the building before he

can do so.

It has been noted that Diamond Buses, which runs the service between Banbury and Stratford will discontinue it

from July 24th. County Cllr Reynolds, offered to make urgent representations to find out the facts.

Some details regarding councillors on the Wroxton website are out of date.

The Clerk will check Councillors' contact details and responsibilities on the website and forward any amendments

for Richard Woollacott with a request to update.

54/22 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 5 th September 2022 in Wroxton Village Hall.

Signed: Cllr Harvey Marcovitch Chairman