

# WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Wittering Parish Hall

### Talk by Mike Horne on the John Clare Countryside Project

#### **PRESENT**

Richard Roffe (Chairman)  
John Bradshaw (Vice Chairman)  
Gerry Crosbie  
Geoff Dunkley  
Joanna Gault  
Simon Hurn  
Maxine Palmer  
Emma Wilson-Jones

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Paul Vasey & Wayne Green, Allison Homes Housing Development  
Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Council Ward Councillor  
Mike Horne, John Clare Countryside Project  
16 Members of the Public  
Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk

John Bradshaw chaired the meeting.

Mike Horne, of the John Clare Countryside Project briefed the Parish Councillors on the aims of the project:-

- Deliver significant increases in key wildlife habitats, particularly those of limestone grassland, wetland and arable farmland
- Raise levels of local pride, aspiration and community cohesion by helping local communities to understand, appreciate and enjoy their local natural and built heritage
- Pilot and champion best practice sustainable development in all aspects of future development within the area including sustainable techniques of land management both on and off the existing nature reserves
- Promote public health and wellbeing, providing large areas of accessible green open space for the people of Peterborough
- Create new jobs and economic opportunities within the area, allied to the delivery of these objectives, particularly in tourism, visitor attractions and farming and nature conservation.

It is hoped to establish small nature recovery groups within each parish.

#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

John Bradshaw and Geoff Dunkley declared an interest in all matters concerning All Saints' Church (as they are Church Wardens). Simon Hurn declared an interest in his on-going work for the Parish Council.

## 3. POLICE MATTERS

### i) **Anti-Social Behaviour outside Cost Cutter**

John Bradshaw gave an update on his conversations with Cambs Police and stressed the importance of every incident being reported to the police. Disappointingly, no police representatives had either attended tonight's meeting or submitted a written update. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Cambs Police, Wg Cdr Jeremy Case, Station Commander, Flt Lt Lawson, OC Police and Darryl Preston, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Police Crime Commissioner to try and deal with this on-going problem of anti-social behaviour.

4. **MINUTES** of the meeting of Wittering Parish Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were reviewed and approved.  
**Proposed by:-** Geoff Dunkley                      **Seconded by:-** Richard Roffe

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

### i) **Wittering A1 Flyover Campaign Group**

Gavin Elsey stated that, following the successful meeting held in January 2022, another meeting will be scheduled. He has spoken to Shailesh Vara, MP and is awaiting to hear back regarding his availability to attend the meeting.

### ii) **Wittering Bowls' Club Agreement**

Gerry Crosbie stated that he had no update as he was waiting for Ally McNaughton to take photographs of the machinery and other assets and produce an up-to-date asset list. The Bowls' Club AGM is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 and the Agreement will be discussed at that meeting.

### iii) **Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts' Plans**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts have received a positive result to their Planning Application 21/01857 Change of use of land and erection of a new scout hut and boundary treatments on land off Burghley Avenue, Wittering. There are two conditions are (1) the production of a Traffic Management Plan and (2) an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan. A Sub Committee to oversee the project is to be set up and a Project Manager appointed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wittering Scouts agreed to continue to liaise with the Parish Council as the project progresses.

### iv) **Map Showing Land Ownership in Wittering**

Anthony Wilson-Jones has obtained several quotations for the purchase of a map, and it was agreed to pay for the map.

### v) **Tour of Bowls' Club and Football Club Facilities**

It was agreed that this will take place at 6.00 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### vi) **'Flashing' Speed Sign on Old Oundle Road**

The criteria to implement a Vehicle Activated Sign is that the road needs to meet both collision and speed data. Jenny Wirght, Road Safety Office has checked Old Oundle Road and can see two slight collisions in the last couple of years. Unfortunately, this does not meet the criteria for a VAS. Gavin Elsey agreed to contact Wansford Parish Council as it has recently purchased its own 'Flashing' Speed Sign. The Clerk will write to the Police and CAPALC to try and establish how other Parish Councils deal with the problem of speeding motorists.

**vii) Repairs to the Parish Hall**

Geoff Dunkley confirmed that he is still in the process of obtaining a quotation for the repairs. It was noted that there is a large amount of rubbish outside the Parish Hall and Sports & Social Club, and this is becoming an eyesore. Although it was acknowledged that this is not all from the customers of the Sports & Social Club, it was agreed to ask a representative from the Sports & Social Club to attend the next meeting.

**viii) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Joanna Gault gave a detailed brief on the proposals for the plans for the Wittering Community Jubilee Weekend to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> June (family community event to be held on the playing field) and 5<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon tea for older members of the community).

**ix) Armed Forces Covenant**

This has now been signed.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Planning Application 21/01951 – Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings, with parking, access and associated infrastructure on land at 26 and 27 Main Street, Wittering – Withdrawn by Applicant
- ii) Cate Harding - 2022 Peterborough Parish Council Conference - 8th June 2022
- iii) Armed Forces Covenant – Confirmation of Registration
- iv) Augean – ENRMF Western Extension Hearings and Site Visit
- v) Augean Community Newsletter Spring 2022

**7. FINANCE**

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was reviewed and approved as presented. The **Proposed by:-** Richard Roffe **Seconded by:-** Geoff Dunkley

**ii) CAPALC Affiliation (£567.65)**

It was agreed not to pay this affiliation fee as the Parish Council has not needed to use the services available from CAPALC in recent years

**iii) Platinum Jubilee Committee – Request for Funding**

A detailed Event Budget of £9,150 had already been circulated to the Parish Councillors. Simon Hurn proposed that this request for funding (to be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant), this was seconded by Emma Wilson-Jones and agreed by all but one of the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council will pay all invoices directly.

**8. ALLISON HOMES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Vasey gave an update:

- There are 33 houses occupied
- There are 35 houses completed
- There are 48 houses in build
- The development is on track to be completed by the end of 2023
- The Health & Safety Reports have all been good
- There is good engagement with residents
- Wildlife is being monitored

A request was made for a donation of one of the flag poles for the village. Paul Vasey agreed to investigate if this would be possible.

9. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Members of the Public did not raise any issues.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) **Parish Council Elections 2022**

The Clerk distributed the Nomination Papers and Notes. The Nomination Papers must be delivered by hand and the Clerk will take them to Peterborough City Council on 30th March 2022 so will need to have received them back by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the latest.

Julia Cunnington resigned from the Parish Council in February 2022. Thanks were expressed to her for her commitment and hard work during her time as a Parish Councillor.

Richard Roffe stated that he will not be standing in the Elections as, having been a Parish Councillor for the last 50 years, he feels it is now time for him to retire. This outstanding achievement of a long and devoted service to the village was acknowledged with deep gratitude by the Parish Councillors and a Vote of Thanks was given by John Bradshaw.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting of Wittering Parish Council will take place at 7.00 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Wittering Parish Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

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Chairman

DATE

12/05/22