

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WOLSTON, ON WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT Cllr G Fewkes (Chair), Cllr Miss T Ball, Cllr Miss S Dobinson, Cllr R Grainger, Cllr J Milne, Cllr A Parker, Cllr L Wright and Mrs M Meede (Clerk).

Plus: 3 members of the public.

After members of the public and Councillors had been given the opportunity to raise any issues, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the Parish Council meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apologies of Cllr T Harvey-Smith, Cllr D Cross and Cllr Mrs M White for health reasons were accepted.

207. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (existence and nature) for items on the Agenda

Cllr Miss Ball declared a personal interest in agenda item 202 and Cllr Wright declared an interest in agenda item 187c). The Chairman advised that Councillors could declare an interest later in the meeting should this become apparent for any agenda item.

208. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council was invited to Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

Reason for Exclusion – The exclusion is on the grounds that items of business to be discussed are likely to include discussions about a lease, items of a commercially sensitive nature and legal advice.

RESOLVED: There were no members of the public present at this time.

209. ALLOTMENT LAND

Cllr Miss Dobinson advised Councillors that she and Cllr Wright had attended a site visit at the allotments with a representative from Rosconn, and all Councillors had received a summary of this visit (including the responses from Rosconn) prior to the meeting. A discussion took place about some concerns, including how 'state of the art' the allotments would be and about vehicle access to the site and to individual plots. It was recognised that the questions were valid, but Councillors were asked to get any questions and concerns to the AWG before meetings where possible so answers could be sought and given at meetings where appropriate. Councillors then discussed the correspondence from Rosconn in relation to clearing 1 metre of vegetation and installing a fence on part of the allotment site. Timescales for the work and ditch clearing were also discussed, along with queries about the financial projections, as some plot holders felt the figures were not realistic. It was noted that the dead trees beyond the boundary should be removed before the road is opened.

Cllr Miss Dobinson then proposed that Rosconn's request for vegetation clearance and fence installation be agreed, which was seconded by Cllr Grainger and the motion was passed.

RESOLVED: For Rosconn to be advised that the Parish Council agreed to their request for vegetation removal and fence installation.

Councillors then discussed the need for site inspections, especially before phase 1. The AWG agreed to diary inspections and ensure an inspection takes place at each stage, even if its by appointment only.

A discussion took place about the indemnity clause that is causing issues between the solicitors, and how the situation could be managed.

Cllr Wright asked if a progress/timescale chart was available. It was felt this may not be available until after the contractors have been appointed officially.

210. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/S

The Chairman confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting is due to take place on 3rd March 2022 – Venue and time to be confirmed. If an interim/Extraordinary meeting is required then the agenda will be put on the website and in the Main Street noticeboard three days before the meeting is held.

As there were no further items on the Agenda the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:

Signed.....

**Notes on the Public Forum and Parish Matters held during the
Parish Council Meeting on 9th February 2022.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any representations from anyone present at the meeting.

A plot holder thanked the Parish Council for hosting the drop-in session at the Village Hall, although it was suggested it would have been beneficial to have the information document prior to the session. Questions were then asked about the financial viability of the new proposed allotment site and proposed new building. It was felt the financial forecast had flaws and unrealistic figures. As the financial information was put together and endorsed by the Allotments Association, the plot holder will also raise the queries with the Treasurer. There were also concerns that the proposed new building would be turned into housing at a later date, and the long-term viability of the site was questioned. A query was raised about the possibility of the land being gifted or rent free for the term of the lease instead of having a new building.

Concerns were then raised about the roads and the possibility vehicles are likely to churn them up, and the fact some plot holders feel RBC have not looked thoroughly enough into the toxic waste situation. Mr M Paswey MP and the Environment Agency are currently involved with the concerns about the toxic waste.

A resident then asked about the Facebook issue raised at a previous Parish Council meeting, and the Chairman confirmed it was being looked into and would not be discussed in the public forum.

As there were no further comments or questions, the Chairman declared the public forum part of the meeting closed at 7:30pm.