

# HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee, Hardingstone Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Parish Room, Hardingstone

Present: Chair Cllr David Laughton, Cllr M Haines, Cllr Bob Jones, Cllr Geoffrey Merritt, Cllr Perry Thomas, Clerk

Meeting Start: 7.30pm

8.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><i>Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.</i></p> <p>None</p>
9.	<p><b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests</b></p> <p><i>Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed.</i></p> <p>None were disclosed.</p>
10.	<p><b>Public Time</b></p> <p>There were no public present</p>
11.	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed.</p>
12.	<p><b>To receive update on leases and approve next steps as needed</b></p> <p>Guides have copy for consideration and signing. They have been given to end of March. Clerk to chase. We are still awaiting clause from allotments. Clerk to chase. Solicitor has responded on Scouts Lease. Clerk to respond saying we are happy with most changes but not clause 5.</p> <p>Cllr Haines joins the meeting</p> <p>There was a discussion about whether the new lease afforded either party better protection than the previous lease which is still valid.</p>
13.	<p><b>To receive updates on access land to Recreation Ground and approve next steps</b></p> <p>Title deed documentation for 55a High Street suggests access across the access road but no ownership. Clerk to obtain similar documentation for other properties. Clerk also to ask councilors who believe that there is something in place that supercedes document showing parish council responsibility if they have paperwork to show this.</p>
14.	<p><b>To receive update on transfer of Cherry Orchard and approve next steps</b></p> <p>Respond to NBC asking if they have confirmed responsibility for the fence and asking for new Heads of Terms with correct information on to be considered at next full council meeting.</p>
15.	<p><b>To consider council policies to make recommendations to Full Council on any updates needed</b></p> <p>The new Financial Regulations model was discussed and it was proposed that amendments are made to be Hardingstone Parish Council specific and recommended as new Financial Regulations at Full Council. Terms of References to be considered by each committee or working group and then recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>Trees Policy to mention date of last inspection and date of next inspection and then considered by Open Spaces before being recommended to full council.</p> <p>Table in Reserves Policy needs updating with correct figures for year ending March 2020 and then recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>It is proposed that there is the recommendation to Full Council that all other policies are readopted without</p>

change. (Code of Conduct, Disciplinary, Equal Opportunities, Expenses, Finance and General Purposes Terms of Reference, Recreation Ground – Football use, Risk Assessment, Grievance, Health and Safety, Media Relations, Parish Room user, Publication scheme, Standing Orders, website and social media)
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**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

**Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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