

HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Planning Committee Hardingstone Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 17th August 2021 Parish Room, High Street, Hardingstone

Present: Chair Cllr Thomas, Cllr J Bolton, Cllr N Briddon, Cllr Clements, Cllr Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Alan Pease, Kate Servant, WNC Cllr J Nunn, 3 representatives on Bike Park, PC Edwards, PCSO, Representative of PFCC Office, clerk and 7 members of the public

Meeting Start:7.30pm

33.	Apologies <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> Apologies from Cllr Haines and Cllr Duncan
34.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests <i>Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed.</i> None declared
35.	Public Forum PCSO gave overview of role of PCSO. Representative from PFCC office gave overview of dedicated PCSO scheme and how it might work if sharing with another Parish Council. It was then agreed to have another Public Forum at the end of the meeting to allow residents time to respond to presentation in item 37.
36.	To approve minutes of planning meeting 20th July 2021 Minutes were signed. Resolved.
37.	To receive presentation about proposed Bike Park on former Hardingstone 9 golf course between Hardingstone and Brackmills Funding has been secured from British Places to Ride fund which is being matched by West Northants Council. Proposed is an off road facility for all ages and skills and will be free to use for all. This will be volunteer run. The site has not been used as a golf course for 6 years and changing to bike park means it will have the same planning classification of Outdoor Sport. Works with a designer are underway where they will use land typography to make the trails. Within the site will be pedestrian walkways which will be mown on top of the official rights of way that cross the site. There will be no loud speaker system, flood lights or motorized vehicles. Parking has been agreed at Delapre Golf course for up to 60 cars, but it is expected that some will cycle to the site using existing cycle routes. There will be a 30 year Habitat plan to ensure biodiversity continues on the site and various agencies are being consulted. The percentage of land being used for trails is small in comparison to the whole site. Cllr Nunn advised that the Golf course are renewing their contract and do not want this section to be included on the new lease. It currently acts as a natural green buffer, but if this is not actively used it could be open to a developer wishing to build on it. Using as a bike park will prevent this from happening. In the past unauthorized trails have been made in Cherry orchard woods. This kind of facility should prevent this happening in future here and at other sites.
35.	Public Time Several members of the public spoke about their concerns. The area has rewilded itself over the years it

<p>hasn't been used as a golf course and has a wide range of wildlife in the pond on the site and elsewhere including great crested newts, badgers, foxes and a wide range of birds. The area is known for having a drainage issue, as well as there being natural springs, so there is concern that it could become very muddy. There was also concern over security and privacy for houses backing onto the site. There are no plans for the trees to be cut and trails will follow old golf holes so bikes will not be near the house line. It was asked if groups like the RSPB and similar can also be consulted. There was concern about access via Back Lane and increased traffic in the village. Traffic should be directed to Delapre Golf course who are offering parking and toilet and café facilities, so used of Back Lane should just be from the village.</p> <p>It was queried about traffic during construction stage. There are plans to enter the site from the custody centre on Brackmills so construction traffic should not enter the village.</p> <p>There will be another consultation when plans are finalised.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for their time.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting – 21st September 2021.