## HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Planning Committee Hardingstone Parish Council**

## Held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 Parish Room, High Street, Hardingstone

**Present:** Chair Cllr Thomas, Cllr J Bolton, Cllr Clements, Cllr Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Alan Pease, clerk and 6 members of the public

## Meeting Start:7.30pm

38.	Apologies  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.  Apologies from ClIr Haines
39.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests
33.	Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed.
	None declared
40.	Public Forum
	Most public were there to discuss item 43. It was agreed to allow them to speak then so as not to split the conversation.
41.	To approve minutes of planning meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 Minutes were signed. Resolved.
42.	To consider and approve response to planning application WNN/2021/0809 - Two storey side and rear extension and single storey front and rear extension – 71 Martins Lane  There were no objections to the application
43.	To consider and approve response to Planning application WNN/2021/0797 - Formation of 5no cycle trails,
43.	routes and associated works including car parking, landscaping and ecological enhancements to facilitate
	the use of former nine hole golf course as a bike park - Former Hardingstone 9 Hole Golf Course Houghton
	Hill
	Several members of the public spoke about their concerns. Which consisted of:
	Traffic of users – mix of cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers, potential motorized bikes. Health and safety issues this causes when paths cross. Cyclists need to be made to stop not just slow down.
	24/7 use of the site could lead to late night ASB which may create noise for residents backing onto the site.
	Car park charging will lead to people parking in the village to avoid the cost. Already High Street very busy
	and the threat to the loss of the buses.
	Risk Assessments and Insurance needs to be queried.
	Increased bikes on Houghton Hill as part of the national network which travel at speed.  Name of site should be Northampton.
	Are there other sites with existing Rights of Way? How are these managed?
	ASB needs to be built into the business plan. Big concern if there is lack of supervision over the site.
	WNC are looking at this being a premier attraction and it should be managed as such.
	The council agreed with all the comments saying the safety of the residents of Hardingstone and visitors to
	the site was important and concerns seemed to be shrugged off by development team.
	It was proposed that the Parish Council do not object to the idea of a Bike Park but that the plans in the application were different to those pitched in the Summer. There are many health and safety concerns that
	1 application there different to those preside in the summer. There are many health and surety concerns that

need to be discussed and designed out before use. It was proposed the clerk respond to the application addressing concerns above and that a meeting is arranged with Parish Councillors, WNC Councillors and the team making the plans so the concerns can be addressed face to face.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.