

**HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm in The Parish Room, High Street, Hardingstone. Kilsby Village Hall, Rugby Road, Kilsby.

**In attendance:** Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllrs S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr M Haines, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr Newman.

**Apologies:** Cllr Jan Bolton

7 Members of the public in attendance

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr J Bolton council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.
<b>2</b>	<b>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION <i>limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chairman).</i></b>
2.1	Public Open Forum Session. Members of the public are invited to address the Council for a maximum of 20 minutes with any individual contribution lasting up to 3 mins. Representations shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate. Public in attendance raised concerns regarding the footpath leading to the bike park. Concerns raised that bikes are using the path and removing the gate to do so, and signage is inadequate PC confirmed this had been reported on fix my street and will be raised with bike park at the next meeting. Planning matter WNN/2023/0438 was discussed by concerned resident. Objections raised to this development on many points such as inadequate parking, increased traffic and general unsuitability as a location for housing. Matter to be discussed further later in meeting. Trees at Hardingstone Village Hall over hanging the allotment discussed. Up-date received to current position. PC trying to find contact at WNC for trees to get a second opinion and Village Hall are getting advice from their tree surgeons.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. Council did not receive any reports.
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the Agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.	
3.1	Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests. None.
3.2	Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI. None.
<b>4</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
4.1	To approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.
<b>5</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING (For information only)</b>
5.1	To note the Clerk's report. Noted
5.2	Any other matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. None.
<b>6</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>
6.1	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. Up-date received from PLR, attended PFCC AGM and provided a summary of this meeting. "Neighbourhood Alert" has now changed to "Northamptonshire Talking". PLR will register for alerts and highlight any relevant to Hardingstone.
6.2	To receive a report from Neighbourhood Watch. No report received.
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. No report received.
6.4	To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Warden. No report received.
<b>7</b>	<b>CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO WORKING PARTIES/COMMITTEES</b>
7.1	Council to consider the continued co-option of members onto the Open Spaces, Community and Planning Working Parties and Committee and make a resolution. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to co-opt Mrs P Pease and Mrs P Gobey to the Community Working Party. Mr A Pease to the Open Spaces Working Party and Ms K Servant onto the Planning Committee. Council noted Mrs H Wilson would no longer be a member of the Community Working Party.

<b>8</b>	<b>PLANNING</b> (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents)					
8.1	To receive up-date from Planning Committee.					
8.2	Applications for consideration: WNN/2023/0438, Conversion of Old Threshing Barn into 2 Dwellings, 19 The High Street, Hardingstone. <a href="#">WNN/2023/0438</a> : Council were unable to access the planning documents, therefore agreed to request an extension from WNC and consider at a planning meeting next week.					
8.3	Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council: Noted. <a href="#">WNN/2023/0212</a> 2 The Green, Hardingstone. <i>Outstanding</i> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0330</a> Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i> <a href="#">2023/5030/SCR</a> EIA Screening option for up to 1000 NEW HOMES, Hardingstone rise. <i>Outstanding</i> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0483</a> Demolition of garage and new side extensions, 44 The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i>					
8.4	<b>Delegated Powers:</b> Council to consider delegating responsibility to the Clerk to respond to Planning Applications that are submitted in between meetings that are non-contentious and require a no comments/objections response. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to delegate power to the Clerk to respond to any application that the response was no comments or objections where a response date fell in between meetings. Council to be forwarded all applications received between meetings for consideration as to whether or not a Planning Committee meeting is required.					
8.5	<b>Land at The Green, Houghton:</b> Council to discuss community information sessions regarding this development and consider nominating a representative to attend. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Thomas and Kerr would attend on behalf of the Council.					
<b>9</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>					
9.1	To note the Bank Reconciliation dated 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. £97,869.90					
9.2	To approve payments as follows including any payments received between 28 <sup>th</sup> June and 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023:					
	<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Ex VAT</b>
	Inflatable Theatre Co	OI 171	Entertainment Kings Coronation	130.00		
	British Gas	DD	Electricity Parish Room May-Jun 23	68.97	3.28	65.69
	Wave	DD	Water Parish Room Mar-Jun 23	70.82		
	Plusnet	DD	Broadband Jun 23	26.40	4.40	22.00
	HMRC	OI 172	PAYE Jun 23	252.58		
	Clerk	OI 173	Jun 23 salary	800.99		
	NEST	DD	Jun Pension contributions	73.83		
	John Jeffreys Electrical	OI 174	Parish Room electric	40.00		
	SLCC	OI 175	Membership share	75.52		
	P Thomas	OI 176	Tape for REC	6.02	1.01	5.01
	WNC	OI 177	Litterbin emptying renewal	768.89	128.15	640.74
	K Rose	OI 178	Village and Parish Room mowing and maintenance	371.01		
	R&G	OI 179	Mowing INV119901#	921.60	153.60	768.00
9.3	<b>Income:</b> To be reported. None.					
9.4	<b>s106 Money and WNC money:</b> Council to receive an up-date regarding this money. Council advised Clerk has been making enquiries and is awaiting responses.					
9.5	<b>Parish Broadband:</b> Council to discuss options for change of broadband provider due to switch from analogue to digital and make a resolution. Council advised new provider had been secured for a similar cost of current provider.					
<b>10</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
10.1	To receive update from working group.					
10.2	Village Hall AGM: Council have received a copy of the minutes of the AGM. Next meeting date of the Association is 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm. Cllr G Merritt to attend.					
<b>11</b>	<b>OPEN SPACES</b>					
11.1	To receive update from working group. Council wished to note their thanks to Hilary Wilson for the painting of the bus shelter which was a great addition to the village. Goalpost from the REC has now been repaired.					

11.2	<b>Fencing to rear of Scout Hut:</b> Council considered the quotation for fencing work and <b>RESOLVED</b> to get two further quotations for comparison.
11.3	<b>REC exercise equipment:</b> Up-date received on exercise equipment, HPC need a response regarding the s106 money before this can move forward.
11.4	<b>Cherry Orchard Consultation:</b> Council discussed and agreed this needed to be progressed by the Open Spaces working party.
11.5	<b>Wall repair up-date:</b> Work to the wall is due to commence 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Noted.
11.6	<b>Lane to REC ground:</b> Correspondence received regarding lane to REC ground and grass verge maintenance. Council discussed and <b>RESOLVED</b> that after Cllrs inspecting the area they are of the view that no work is necessary at this time. However, the Council will keep this under review. Regarding the strimming of the verge, the Council stated that previously this area had been left and not cut.
11.7	<b>Trees overhanging allotments:</b> Up-date received. WNC have been contacted but no response has yet been received. Once a contact at WNC for the trees is found Clerk will pursue the possibility of WNC assessing the trees. The village hall are instructing their tree surgeons to look at the trees.
11.8	<b>Saplings on Rec:</b> Council discussed planting on the REC and damage to saplings and <b>RESOLVED</b> that no further planting should take place on the REC as it had not been very successful. Plaques for existing memorials should be of a standard size. Clerk to look into this.
11.9	<b>Trampoline repair:</b> Council considered the quotation for repair to REC trampoline and although it is expensive agreed that the repair is necessary. The Council noted that it is a very well used and valued piece of equipment. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to try to bring forward the annual inspection so that if any other issues are identified the work can be done together. Trampoline to remain fenced off until this is arranged.
11.10	<b>Bin emptying renewal:</b> Bin emptying renewal with Veolia due April 23-March 24 cost is £213.58 for each bin to be emptied. This would total £640.74. Renewal arranged.
<b>12</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
12.1	Council to discuss and make any necessary resolution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Governance Boundary review: Council agreed to add to the August agenda for discussion once Cllrs reviewed.</li> <li>• Clarke Telecom Phone mast: Council agreed they would not object to this as on Brackmills land.</li> <li>• Concerns from resident regarding what appears to be an organised group using the REC regularly. Cllr Kerr has spoken to the group and it is football teams from Wootton. Organisers have been asked to contact the Clerk for permission to use the REC for this.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>
13.1	Council agreed the next meeting date would be Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7pm.

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council will be held in the Parish Rooms, The High Street, Hardingstone, NN4 6DA on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm

Signed:..... Date:.....  
Chair  
Hardingstone Parish Council