

**Minutes
HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2023 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllrs J Kerr (Vice Chair), Cllr J Bolton, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr M Haines, Cllr B Jones, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr G Merritt. **Clerk and RFO:** Mrs Emma Gibson. **WNC:** Cllr E Bowen
Apologies: Cllr P Thomas, Cllr S Clements and Cllr C Newman. WNC Cllr P Larratt.
Public: 6 members of the public in attendance

1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr P Thomas, Cllr S Clements and Cllr C Newman. Council RESOLVED to approve.
2	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION <i>limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chairman).</i>
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment from member of the public that the war memorial was looking magnificent and thanks to all of those responsible for this and the continued maintenance.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. Report received from WNC Cllr E Bowen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Review: final recommendations have been made and PC's are asked for any comments by 18th Aug 2023. Hardingstone will remain in the Nene Valley Ward. PC to consider if they wish to respond further to the consultation. • WNC is running a Heritage Festival between 8th and 17th September 2023, lots of local historic buildings will be open to the public and events are planned for the week. Full details of the event can be found on WNC's website. • A number of local parks have achieved or retained their Green Flag Awards. • WNC Planning department is currently running with a backlog, but there is going to be a two week focus to clear this backlog. • A WNC Waste consultation is currently open and resident's views are sought. The consultation can be found on WNC's website. • There are a number of housing developments proposed in the Nene Valley Ward over the next 5 years. A lot of traffic modelling is being undertaken, and local Cllrs share residents' concerns regarding traffic and lack of infrastructure in the area to serve more housing.
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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: Cllr J Bolton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.1 as a bell ringer in the village.
3.2	Dispensations: To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI: None.
4	MINUTES
4.1	To approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tues 4 th July 2023. Council RESOLVED to approve.
5	MATTERS ARISING (For information only).
5.1	To note the Clerk's report. Noted.
5.2	Any other matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the agenda. None.
6	REPORTS
6.1	To receive Chairman's report. Cllr Thomas attended the WNC Chairman's Civic service on behalf of Hardingstone Parish Council.
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. No report from the Police received. PLR to address the Council later in meeting under item 11.1.
6.3	To receive a report from Neighbourhood Watch. None.
6.4	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. To be carried to next meeting due to Cllr absence.
6.5	To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Warden. No report received.
7	PLANNING (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).
7.1	To receive up-date from Planning Committee:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to discuss the future development of the land at 19 High Street, Old Threshing Barn. Council discussed and agreed application was withdrawn. Therefore, the Council need to deal with applications as and when they arise. • Up-date from meeting regarding, Land at The Green, Houghton to be received. Attended by Cllr Thomas and Kerr. Report from Cllr Kerr, concerns regarding traffic and access were raised, there does not seem to be any provision for these issues to be addressed. Currently at notification stage no application has been submitted as of yet. One third of this development would be in the Hardingstone Parish. • Up-date from Queen Eleanor Roundabout meeting. Report from the meeting given by Mr A Pease, co-opted member of the Planning Committee. Details of the proposed changes to the roundabout highlighted, changes only take into account existing developments and do not account for any future developments. Works due to start Feb 2024 until Dec 2024. There will be another meeting in October Cllr Thomas and Mr A Pease to attend on PC's behalf and report back. 																																																																														
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration: None.</i>																																																																														
7.3	<p><i>Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council:</i></p> <p>WNN/2023/0438 Conversion of Old Threshing Barn into 2 Dwellings, 19 The High Street, Hardingstone: WITHDRAWN</p> <p>WNN/2023/0212 2 The Green, Hardingstone. APPROVED.</p> <p>WNN/2023/0330 Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p>2023/5030/SCR EIA Screening option for up to 1000 NEW HOMES, Hardingstone rise. <i>Outstanding, Environmental Impact Statement required.</i></p> <p>WNN/2023/0483 Demolition of garage and new side extensions, 44 The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p>WNN/2023/0610 Black and Decker Ltd, 57-59 Caswell Road NN4 7PW. <i>Outstanding</i></p>																																																																														
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8.4	s106 Money and WNC money: Council to receive an up-date regarding this money. Clerk has chased WNC a number of times for s106 money information with no response received. WNC Cllr Bowen advised to cc herself and Cllr Larratt into the emails so they can help chase. Council have been notified of some CIL money that is due. Council RESOLVED that once the CIL money is in the PC account the Clerk can complete the order for the new REC equipment that has been on hold waiting for the s106 funds to be released, using the CIL money.																																																																														
9	COMMUNITY																																																																														
9.1	<p>To receive update from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village bus shelters: Council discussed bus shelter at the top of The Warren and outside of The Crown pub. Clerk to report to Neighbourhood Warden/WNC. 																																																																														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bells at the church: Council discussed the bells at the church and if the PCC can be approached to enquire if the bells are able to be made useable. There are many issues regarding this that were considered by the PC. Council RESOLVED to write to the Vicar to make enquiries as to current position and why the decision was made previously not to reinstate the bells. Water tower: Council discussed that a tidy of the area was needed and RESOLVED to report to the Neighbourhood Warden/WNC.
10	OPEN SPACES
10.1	To receive up-date from working group.
10.2	Cherry Orchard Consultation: Council considered information needed for a consultation to be drafted and the means to reach residents with the consultation. Cllrs agreed that social media and the PC website were a good starting point. Council were advised that the Clerk had drafted a document summarising the current position with Cherry Orchard that could be used as a basis for a consultation. Clerk to send to all Cllrs for their consideration along with information regarding applying for village green status.
10.3	Trees overhanging allotments: Up-date received. Reported received from tree surgeon and WNC Officer. Council discussed and agreed to gather quotations for the work, Clerk to make the application to WNC for the work as the trees are in a conservation area.
10.4	Trampoline repair REC repairs and report: Council considered the quotations for repairs to the REC trampoline, and repairs that were identified in the most recent inspection. Council RESOLVED to instruct Wicksteed to go ahead with the work as per the quotations.
10.5	Access to Cherry Orchard: Council discussed access to Cherry Orchard by residents that back onto the area when requested, for example if large deliveries or fence repairs. Council RESOLVED that such access would not be permitted to ensure compliance with the covenants in place on the land.
10.6	Fencing Scout Hut: Council discussed and further quotations are still needed.
10.7	Football teams on Rec: Residents have raised concerns about football teams using the REC from Wootton causing difficulties parking and accessing driveways. Clerk has been in contact with some local teams that have assured her they will make enquiries and ensure their teams are not using this space. Cllr Kerr has also spoken to the team when on the REC advising them it was not permitted without the proper paperwork being completed. Two separate enquiries have been received from local Hardingstone teams to use the space. One has been advised to see the Clerk to complete the necessary paperwork. The most recent enquiry will be advised of the same, however, the game times may clash making it unfeasible to have both teams training there. Council RESOLVED that the local teams are permitted to use the REC if the relevant paperwork is completed.
11	HIGHWAYS
11.1	Houghton Hill: PC discussed the sign options for Houghton Hill and RESOLVED to consider at the September meeting. Cllrs will then have had an opportunity to considered what options would work the best. The police have been called to the area due to cars using it unlawfully. The police are approaching WNC to get a bollard installed to prevent cars accessing it. Council RESOLVED that they did not have any objection to this.
12	CORRESPONDENCE
12.1	<p>Council to discuss and make any necessary resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendship Project Northants Acre: Council discussed and agreed that they were of the view that there were other groups available in the village. The PC did not feel is necessary to be involved with a new group at this time. NCALC Annual Conference: Council discussed sending a representative to the Conference. Saturday 7th October 10am-1pm. No Cllrs available at present. Lane to REC ground: PC discussed mowing/strimming of the verge. Cllrs agreed to instruct K Rose to include it on his mowing schedule.

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th September 2023 at 7.00pm
Meeting closed 9pm

Signed:

Date: