

**HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

**In Attendance:** Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllr J Bolton, Cllr S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr M Haines, Cllr B Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr G Merritt.

**Clerk and RFO:** Mrs Emma Gibson.

**Apologies:** Cllr C Newman. WNC Cllrs L Bowen and P Larratt.

**Public:** 8 members of the public in attendance

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Newman and WNC Cllrs Bowen and Larratt. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-date from the church received. The church will be open for WNC Heritage Open days. Historic walks will also be taking place around the village and there has been a good demand for this.</li> <li>• Residents were in attendance to discuss planning application WNN/2023/0684. The applicant and neighbour gave the PC their views on the proposed work. PC advised their views would be taken into consideration, however the final decision rests with WNC.</li> </ul>
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. None.
<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>Council resolved to bring forward item 7 Planning as interested residents in attendance. Decisions recorded below.</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
4.1	To approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> August 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 Chairman's report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair and Cllr Kerr attended the proposed development at Land at Wootton public consultation. Up-date given that concerns with lack of infrastructure and traffic were raised by HPC and other PC's.</li> <li>• Proposed Solar Farm at Preston Deanery discussed, it is a pre application stage. Council agreed to comment if and when an application is submitted.</li> </ul>
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. PLR attended meeting and gave Council an up-date on current policing figures.
6.3	To receive a report from Neighbourhood Watch. None, Council agreed for this item to be amalgamated into Policing and PLR going forward.
6.4	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Up-date received the gate at Back Lan has been secured with some wire, but bikes continue to use the footpath. The Barrow stile is blocked with vegetation and has been reported. Confirmed Cllrs Clements and Jones will attend the next bike park meeting.
6.5	To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Warden. None.
<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING</b> <i>(click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).</i>

7.1	To receive up-date from Planning Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council discussed the Public Consultation Proposed Solar Farm: PC agreed to comment once application submitted for comments. <a href="#">Public Consultation</a></li> <li>• Land at Wootton proposed development Gallagher and Barratt Developments: Up-date from meeting held in August 2023 received. Councillors raised concerns regarding infrastructure and traffic if further development in this area. This is also in pre-application stage.</li> </ul>																																																																								
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration:</i> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0682</a> 73 The Warren, Hardingstone. Ground Floor rear extension and part first floor rear extension. Council considered the application and did not have any comments or objections. <a href="#">WNN/2023/0684</a> The Warren, Hardingstone. New Dwelling and detached garage with home office land to the rear of 5 The Warren. Council considered residents views raised in public session. <b>RESOLVED</b> to respond to the application that although planning rules regarding construction of the property appear to be adhered to, they note concerns of the neighbours. <a href="#">WNN/2023/0715</a> Installation of telecommunication equipment, Land at, Salthouse Road. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> that they did not have nay comments or objections.																																																																								
7.3	<i>Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council:</i> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0212</a> 2 The Green, Hardingstone. <b>Approved.</b> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0330</a> Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <b>Outstanding</b> <a href="#">2023/5030/SCR</a> EIA Screening option for up to 1000 NEW HOMES, Hardingstone rise. <b>Outstanding, Environmental Impact Statement required.</b> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0483</a> Demolition of garage and new side extensions, 44 The Warren. <b>Approved 16/08/2023</b> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0610</a> Black and Decker Ltd, 57-59 Caswell Road NN4 7PW. <b>Outstanding</b> <a href="#">WNN/2023/0648</a> The Britannia Inn: <b>Approved.</b>																																																																								
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8.1	To note the Bank Reconciliation dated 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023. Noted <b>£240,716.42</b>																																																																								
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8.3	<b>Income:</b> To be reported. WNC Finance, CIL payment: £160,566.95																																																																								
8.4	<b>s106 Money and WNC money:</b> Council received an up-date regarding this money. Exercise equipment has been ordered for the REC using CIL money. Clerk still chasing s106 money.																																																																								
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9.1	To receive update from working group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council agreed to provide £500 towards a Seniors Christmas party.</li> <li>• Council agreed to provide £500-£600 for new plants for the village planters and a village Christmas tree.</li> <li>• Suggestion made for the beds to be replanted in the REC: Council agreed to get a quote from R&amp;G for this to be done.</li> </ul>																																																																								
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10.1	To receive up-date from working group. Working group to meet Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.																																																																								

10.2	<b>Cherry Orchard Consultation:</b> Open Spaces working party to discuss at meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.
10.3	<b>Trees overhanging allotments:</b> Up-date received. Clerk to meet with village hall to discuss and get quotations for the work.
10.4	<b>New litter Bin:</b> Council considered the quotation for installation of new litter bin. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to get the bin installed.
10.5	<b>Boundary Wall on Parish Land:</b> Council received an up-date. Work continuing, Clerk to contact builder to establish an end date.
10.6	<b>Fencing Scout Hut:</b> Council considered the fencing work and quotations and <b>RESOLVED</b> to instruct builders to get the fence installed.
10.7	<b>Village Hall wall:</b> Council considered proposal instructing K Rose to remove the ivy growing on the walls and fencing surrounding Parish Room land. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to get the ivy cleared from their boundary wall.
10.8	<b>Football on REC:</b> Council considered applications for teams to use the REC. Under 8 team application received and approved. Clerk awaiting some final documentation. The team has been advised another team was interested in using the space and suggested these teams amalgamate.
<b>11</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>
11.1	<b>Houghton Hill:</b> Council considered sign proposals for the area and noted that since this request was made there had been developments with the possibility of a retractable bollard being installed. Cllr Kerr to follow up with the police, as a bollard would negate the need for the addition of any signs. n.
<b>12</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
12.1	<p>Council to discuss and make any necessary resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D-DAY 80: Parish Council to consider taking part in D-Day 80 commemorations. Council considered and decided that this could be discussed nearer to the time.</li> <li>• Consultation West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Council considered and decided a formal response was not necessary. <a href="https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/haveyoursay_joint_healthandwellbeingstrategy">https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/haveyoursay_joint_healthandwellbeingstrategy</a></li> <li>• Request from Village Hall Committee to meet with members of the PC. Cllrs agreed Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October as a suitable date. Clerk to inform Village Hall Committee. Cllrs Thomas, Newman, Kerr and Merritt to attend.</li> </ul>

Meeting closed: 20.23

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council will be held in the Parish Rooms, The High Street, Hardingstone, NN4 6DA on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm