

HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

TUESDAY 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllr J Bolton, Cllr S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr B Jones, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr G Merritt.

Apologies: Cllr J Kerr, Cllr C Newman and Cllr M Haines. WNC Cllrs P Larratt and E Bowen

Clerk and RFO: Mrs Emma Gibson

Public: 2 and PCSO Hurst.

1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Council RESOLVED to approve apologies for Cllr Kerr, Newman and Haines.
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"> • Church news, there is a new Bishop to be in post early 2024. • Mr J Wilson is now a Scouts Trustee and is available to help liaison between PC and Scouts.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. No reports submitted.
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. None.
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 5 th September 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. Gym equipment is now installed in the REC, thanks to Cllr Clements for her work on this project. New Litter bin has been installed on Bouverie Road.
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. PCSO Hurst in attendance. He is the PSCO for Brackmills but can now also cover Hardingstone. PCSO Hurst shared his contact details with the Council and the local neighbourhood policing team. Crime stats for September discussed and PCSO Hurst will be liaising with the school to distribute road safety packs.
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Ash tree down across path has been reported and report acknowledged. Footpath in the village that was re-routed due to development needs re-opening and this has still not happened so needs a follow up.
7	PLANNING (<i>click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents</i>).
7.1	To receive up-date from Planning Committee:
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration:</i> 2023/6786/SCOP : Land at the Green, Great Houghton. Request for scoping option in relation to a proposed residential-led development on land to the west and south-west of the village of Great Houghton. Council considered and RESOLVED to object to this development on the grounds of lack of infrastructure, pollution and unsuitable roads in area for further development. 2023/6898/FULL : Installation of fuel tank. Barclaycard, 1234 Pavilion Drive. Council considered and RESOLVED that they did not have any objections or comments.
7.3	<i>Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council:</i> WNN/2023/0212 2 The Green, Hardingstone. Approved. WNN/2023/0330 Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i>

	<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/2023/0610 Black and Decker Ltd, 57-59 Caswell Road NN4 7PW. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p>WNN/2023/0682 73 The Warren, Hardingstone. Ground Floor rear extension and part first floor rear extension.</p> <p>WNN/2023/0684 The Warren, Hardingstone. New Dwelling and detached garage with home office land to the rear of 5 The Warren.</p> <p>WNN/2023/0715 Installation of telecommunication equipment, Land at, Salthouse Road. Approved.</p>					
8	ACCOUNTS					
8.1	To note the Bank Reconciliation dated 30 th September 2023. £252,550.62					
8.2	To approve payments as follows including any payments received between 27 th September 2023 and 3 rd October 2023:					
	To Whom Paid	Method	Details of Payment	£	VAT	Ex VAT
	British Gas	DD	Electricity Parish Room	51.15	2.44	48.71
	K Rose	ol 197	Village Maintenance	281.25		
	P Thomas	ol 198	Tape reimbursement	6.99	1.17	5.82
	Clerk	ol 199	Sep 23 salary	1013.59		
	HMRC	ol 200	PAYE Sep 23	39.98		
	NEST	DD	Pension Sep 23	73.83		
	Caloo	ol 201	REC gym equipment	18234.00	3039.00	15195.00
	Wave	DD	Parish Room water	94.40		
	Plus net	DD	Parish Room Broadband	26.40	4.40	22.00
	P Thomas	ol 202	Extension lead	8.00		
	J Matthews	ol 203	REC goal posts	72.00	12.00	60.00
	R & G	ol 204	Mowing	652.80	108.80	544.00
	WNC	ol 205	New Litter Bin	568.03	94.67	473.36
	Chelsea Hire	ol 206	Fence hire trampoline	192.00	32.00	160.00
	K Rose	ol 207	Village maintenance and Parish room cleaning	428.25		
	British Gas	DD	Parish Room energy	48.90	2.33	46.57
	Tesco Mobile	DD	Office phone Sep 23	14.99		
8.3	Income: WNC 2 ND Precept: £32,500					
8.4	s106 Money and WNC money: Council received an up-date. Ideas need to be put forward to spend CIL money. Clerk has still not had response from WNC re: s106 money.					
8.5	2024-25 Budget: Council to discuss any issues for consideration at the Budget meeting.					
9	COMMUNITY					
9.1	<p>To receive update from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Christmas Party: Booked at Bouverie House 2pm-4.30pm Monday 11th December 2023. Volunteers wanted. Council RESOLVED to pay for the catering. • Remembrance Parade: Council RESOLVED to approve £50 donation to British Legion for the wreaths and £25 to the trumpeter. Volunteers needed for help on the day with road closure signs. Confirmed Cllrs availability for wreath laying. 					
10	OPEN SPACES					
10.1	<p>To receive up-date from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Picnic benches: Council discussed and RESOLVED to purchase a new picnic bench for the REC at a cost of £505 using money from CIL payment. • Christmas tree: Order has been placed Council RESOLVED to pay for the tree. • Village Planters: Plants ordered Council RESOLVED to pay for plants and Cllrs volunteered to help with planting. 					
10.2	Cherry Orchard Consultation: Council considered leaflet produced for public consultation. Amendments agreed. Council to find out best way to print and distribute.					

10.3	Trees overhanging allotments: Up-date received. Four quotations have been sought. One declined, two have been to assess and quotations to be sent this week. Third quotation should be sent before November meeting. Quotations to be considered at November meeting.
10.4	Guiding Hut: Correspondence received from Guides regarding the steps outside of the hut. Council discussed at length and noted that the maintenance of the steps was the responsibility of the Guides and not the Parish Council. Council agreed 5 Cllrs to 2 to give the Guides a grant of £200 towards the cost of repair as the Guides did not apply for a grant this year. But the Council wish to stress they have no responsibility to the maintenance of the area and the money is only being given as no grant was applied for this year and the PC want to support the youth of the village.
11	HIGHWAYS
11.1	Houghton Hill: Councillors considered correspondence regarding installation of a bollard and signage and are RESOLVED that they supported this as long as the bollard is installed after all the residential properties so there is no inconvenience to residents.
12	CORRESPONDENCE
12.1	Council to consider any correspondence received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wootton Valley Public Consultation: Public exhibition being held on Thursday 5th October 2023 2pm-8pm at Wootton Community Centre. Cllr Merritt to attend to represent the Parish Council

Next meeting of Hardington Parish Council will be held in the Parish Rooms, The High Street, Hardington, NN4 6DA on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed: 8.00pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....