

**MINUTES
MEETING OF HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

TUESDAY 7th November 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.
PCSO Hurst.

Apologies: Cllr C Newman and WNC Cllr E Bowen. Clerk and RFO Mrs Emma Gibson.

1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Council RESOLVED to approve apologies for Cllr Newman.
2	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chairman).
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"> • Bus Shelter: Volunteers thanked for their help in painting the bus shelter mural. A request was made that the PC arrange for the ivy to be cut back and have the brickwork re-pointed before a waterproof anti-graffiti paint was applied. Waterproof sealant needs to be applied to the roof to prevent leaking. • Church: Reports that there had been two break ins at the church, the loud speaker system had been stolen. Rev Sarah Lee – curate from Kingsthorpe will be covering Rev Julie's absence. Saturday 25th November; Choir from Milton Keynes will be performing in the church. • Remembrance Sunday: Act of Remembrance parade will leave the village hall at 10.45 on Sunday.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. No reports received.
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 3 rd October 2023. Council RESOLVED to approved.
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair thanked volunteers and Cllr Clements for their work on the planters and the volunteers who have worked on the bus shelter. • New bench for the REC has been delivered to the Parish Room, the damaged one needs to be broken up and removed. PC need to start a claim on insurance for damage to benches on the Rec. Clerk has crime reference numbers and dates of offences from PCSO Hurst. • Cllr Laughton has asked the clerk to update the Asset Register.
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. PCSO Hurst gave a detailed report of activity in local area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One burglary non dwelling • One theft of motor vehicle numberplate • Six incidents of criminal damage to items in the Rec in 18 months • One incident of antisocial behaviour in the Rec • One incident of a vehicle being taken without owner's consent • One incident of malicious communications and possession of a bladed article. • Theft at the church • Other incidents relating to Brackmills CJC and Bedford Road <p>Cllr Kerr: Reported on Zoom meeting with police and Crime Commissioner, mainly regarding budgetary information and the plan to double the number of PCSO's in the coming months</p>
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Clerk has contacted the developers re Pedlands but has not yet received a reply.

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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"> Report from public meeting regarding Gallagher Barrett Wootton development. This is development of 500 houses surrounding Caroline Chisholm school. Cllr Merritt gave a report from the public meetings. HPC objections were made. Report from QE roundabout meeting. Mr Pease (co-opted member of the planning committee) gave a report from a joint meeting at Wootton Parish Council Offices. The meeting was called by WNC and attended by Kier, WSP, HPC and Brackmills BID. WNC and National Highways are responsible for funding the improvements and for both bridges. Work should start early next year and will last for around 30 weeks. There will be traffic signals at the top of London Road, there will be a red light delay to improve exit from Hardingstone lane and there will be three lanes over both bridges. Land at the Green Hardingstone: Information can be viewed at https://thegreengreathoughton.commonplace.is/: Objections already submitted. 																																																																																																												
7.2	Applications for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Street Naming, development adj Ivy House, Back Lane, Hardingstone. Council to approve suggested name of "Mulberry Close". Council RESOLVED to approve. WNN/2023/0640 Retrospective planning application, decking area rear of property, Swiss Cottage 68 Back Lane, Hardingstone. Council ask if the Conservation officer can comment on the objection raised regarding the decking. 																																																																																																												
7.3	Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council: Noted. WNN/2023/0330 Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i> 2023/5030/SCR EIA Screening option for up to 1000 NEW HOMES, Hardingstone rise. <i>Outstanding, Environmental Impact Statement required.</i> WNN/2023/0610 Black and Decker Ltd, 57-59 Caswell Road NN4 7PW. Approved. WNN/2023/0682 73 The Warren, Hardingstone. Ground Floor rear extension and part first floor rear extension. <i>Outstanding.</i> WNN/2023/0684 The Warren, Hardingstone. New Dwelling and detached garage with home office land to the rear of 5 The Warren. <i>Outstanding.</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. 2023/6898/FULL : Installation of fuel tank. Barclaycard, 1234 Pavilion Drive.																																																																																																												
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8.3	Income: To be reported. Income reported and noted.																																																																																																												
8.4	CIL money: Council to discuss any future projects for CIL money. Cllr Laughton to propose that this be listed as a specific reserve £160,000. £18,000 has been spent so far. Enquiries to be made regarding a separate saving account and whether this would bring about any tax liabilities.																																																																																																												

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8.5	2024-25 Budget: Council to discuss any issues for consideration at the Budget meeting. Clerk and Cllr Laughton have had initial budget discussions. The budget will be fully discussed at budget meeting on 22 nd November 2023.
8.6	New Laptop: Council to consider quotation for new laptop and transfer of data. Council considered and RESOLVED to approve purchase of a new Council laptop.
9	COMMUNITY
9.1	To receive update from working group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas party arrangements are going well. Cllr Clements has asked for donations for the raffle. Cllr G Duncan has arranged for the choir to perform at the party. Cllr Clements has asked for people to help out. • Request from Scouts to use Parish Council's storage shed. Council to consider and make a resolution. Council discussed and RESOLVED that they had no objections in principle but the shed is not currently watertight. Scout trustee to discuss with Scout Leaders. • Report from meeting with the Village Hall Committee. Council to consider becoming involved with the running of the village hall. PC considered and suggested that they need to establish specifically how the PC could be involved in running the Village Hall. If PC then decide that they don't want to be involved then the village hall may be able to make enquiries with organisations which runs community centres.
10	OPEN SPACES
10.1	To receive up-date from working group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to consider whether to participate in No Mow May. Council RESOLVED not to participate this year. • To consider quotation received for planting at the REC. Quotation not yet received. • Council to consider installation of CCTV on the REC due to recent spate of vandalism. Council discussed – all agreed in principle but needs to be established if the use of CCTV is permitted on the REC by the police. Cllr Kerr to action. Cllrs Jones and Thomas have had a quote but the cost is unclear, Cllrs to clarify. • Table-tennis on Rec: PC agreed that rubber matting either side of the table was essential to prevent grass erosion and wondered if it had been specified in the original quote. Clerk to look at quotation.
10.2	Trees overhanging allotments: Up-date to be received. Council discussed the quotations received and RESOLVED to use Grenadier Grounds for one visit.
11	HIGHWAYS
11.1	To discuss any highways issue identified. None.
12	CORRESPONDENCE
12.1	Council to consider any correspondence received. None.
13	CONFIDENTIAL SESSION
13.1	Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Council may resolve to exclude members of the public for the following agenda items on the grounds that publicity may be prejudicial to the public interest or because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing issues. Cllr Thomas to up-date Clerk with decision.

Next meeting of to be held in the Parish Rooms, The High Street, Hardingstone, NN4 6DA on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.00pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....

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