

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

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

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

**Clerk and RFO:** Mrs Emma Gibson

**Apologies:** Cllr B Jones, WNC Cllr E Bowen and PCSO Hurst.

**Public:** 4

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Jones due to attendance on a training course.
<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>• The church has applied to be a warm space but aware that it may not be successful due to opening hours.</li> <li>• Public concern raised regarding parking on Martins Lane at the junction. Council advised this has been looked at before with WNC Highways and they declined to put into double yellow lines on the corner. Council agreed to ask PCSO Hurst to look at inconsiderate parking when in the village.</li> </ul>
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. No report received.
<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. Cllr Newman declared an interest in item 7.3 <a href="#">WNN/2023/0640</a> – Cllr Newman advised it was unlikely to be discussed at this meeting as an outstanding decision. Cllr Laughton declared an interest in item 7.2 <a href="#">2023/7466/FULL</a> . Confirmed that he would not take part in discussions as neighbour of this property.
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 7 <sup>th</sup> November 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. Cllr Thomas thanked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers for their work on the village Christmas tree.</li> <li>• Cllrs who were attended the Scouts and Guides Carol service on behalf of the PC.</li> <li>• Cllr Jones for dismantling the vandalised bench at the REC. New bench to be installed in the New Year.</li> </ul>
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. Up-date: PLR meeting was to take place this evening so Cllr Kerr to up-date Council at next meeting with any actions from the meeting.
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. No changes at present. Pedlands footpath issue still needs to be resolved.
<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).</b>
7.1	To receive up-date from Planning Committee.
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration:</i> <a href="#">2023/7659/LBC</a> : Hervey House, 71 High Street, Hardingstone. Removal of two lengths of rainwater guttering. Council considered this application and <b>RESOLVED</b> that they had no comments or objections. <a href="#">2023/7466/FULL</a> : Grange Barn, 17 Heritage Farm Close. Replace 4 wood windows and frames with 4 UPVC windows and frames. Council considered this application and <b>RESOLVED</b> that they had no comments or objections.
7.3	<i>Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council:</i>

	<p><a href="#">WNN/2023/0330</a> Single and two storey rear extension - 25, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p><a href="#">2023/5030/SCR</a> EIA Screening option for up to 1000 NEW HOMES, Hardingstone rise. <i>Outstanding, Environmental Impact Statement required.</i></p> <p><a href="#">WNN/2023/0682</a> 73 The Warren, Hardingstone. Ground Floor rear extension and part first floor rear extension. <i>Outstanding.</i></p> <p><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. <b>REFUSED</b></p> <p><a href="#">2023/6786/SCOP</a>: 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. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p><a href="#">WNN/2023/0640</a> Retrospective planning application, decking area rear of property, Swiss Cottage 68 Back Lane, Hardingstone. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p><a href="#">2023/6898/FULL</a>: Installation of fuel tank. Barclaycard, 1234 Pavilion Drive. <b>APPROVED</b></p>					
<b>8</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>					
8.1	To note the Bank Reconciliation dated 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. Noted.					
8.2	To approve payments as follows including any payments received between 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023:					
	<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Ex VAT</b>
	P Thomas	BT	Reimbursement Musician Remembrance service	25.00		
	H Wilson	BT	Reimbursement bus shelter paint	9.89		
	R&G	BT	Mowing Rec Inv #120276	441.60	73.60	368.00
	Rubbish Clearance	BT	Clearing damaged picnic tables REC	120.00	20.00	100.00
	Clerk	BT	Salary (inc back dated national pay award) Nov 2023	-----		
	HMRC	BT	PAYE Nov 2023	-----		
	NEST	DD	Pension contributions Nov 2023	-----		
	Computer Dr	BT	New laptop and data transfer	657.00	109.50	547.50
	British Gas	DD	Energy Parish Room	133.55	6.36	127.19
	S Clements	BT	Reimbursement Xmas tea party	144.05		
	C Newman	BT	Reimbursement PA system hire	36.00	6.00	30.00
	British Gas	DD	Energy parish Room	217.98	10.38	207.60
	K Rose	BT	Village maintenance and cleaning	193.75		
8.3	<b>Income:</b> Reported.					
8.4	<b>CIL money:</b> Council discussed future projects for CIL money. Cllr Jones is on training regarding s106 and CIL money this evening so will discuss further once Cllr Jones in attendance. Ideas regarding some refurbishment of war memorial, replacement matting/surface for table tennis.					
8.5	<b>2024-25 Budget:</b> Council discussed the recommendations of Finance and General Purposes Committee and agreed the 2024-25 budget as £54,974, and set the precept for 2024-25 at £50,000 which is a reduction on last year's precept of £65,000.					
8.6	<b>PC laptop:</b> Clerk now has a new Council laptop up and running. Old laptop has been wiped. Council considered whether the old laptop could be allocated to Chair of PC for Council business. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.					
<b>9</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
9.1	<p>To receive up-date from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village Hall:</b> Up-date regarding the future of the village hall management and planned meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Council discussed their views and decided more information/a proposal was needed from the village hall committee. This is a big decision which will be a large managerial undertaking. A number of Cllrs will attend the meeting with the village hall to discuss further.</li> <li>• <b>Permission for Deputy Mayor to wear chains outside of Parish boundary:</b> Council considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.</li> <li>• <b>Warm spaces:</b> WNC looking to venues across Northampton that could provide warm spaces. PC discussed Bouverie House as a possible location in Hardingstone. Cllr S Clements has discussed with Bouverie House the possibility of running it as a warm space two lunchtimes per week. Clerk to let WNC know to see if they are interested in that.</li> </ul>					
<b>10</b>	<b>OPEN SPACES</b>					

10.1	<p>To receive up-date from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider quotation received for planting at the REC. Quotation still not received despite chasing.</li> <li>• Council to consider installation of CCTV on the REC due to recent spate of vandalism. Council discussed that much more information is needed about the legality and rules and regulations of installing CCTV, further enquiries to be made. Criminality in the area to be monitored for six months in the meantime.</li> <li>• Council to consider quotation for installation of matting around table tennis table. Council considered quotation and decided they would also like one for ecotumble/wet pour surfacing also. Clerk to gather further quotations.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>
11.1	To discuss any highways issue identified. None.
<b>12</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
12.1	<p>Council to consider any correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for metal detection in Cherry Orchard from local resident. Council considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> they would not give permission for this. Clerk to inform resident.</li> </ul>

Next meeting of Hardington Parish Council will be held in the Parish Rooms, The High Street, Hardington, NN4 6DA on **Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7.00pm**. A meeting will not be held in January due to the meeting dates proximity to New Year bank holiday.