

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hardingstone Parish
Held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 in Hardingstone Village Hall

Present:

6 members of the public.

Parish Councillors: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Clements, Cllr Jones, C Newman and Cllr Duncan.

Parish Council Clerk Mrs E Gibson

1. Meeting approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 9th May 2023.
2. Report from Police/PCSO: Report received from Northants Police and a copy can be accessed here: [agm-southants-2024-\(1\)-police-report.pdf \(hardingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
3. Report from West Northants Council: No report was submitted.
4. Reports from the Parish Council:

Report read by the PC Chair outlining the PC work over the year:

- Cherry Orchard has now transferred to the PC
- New Picnic tables in the REC
- Wall at Parish Room land repaired
- New fence installed on Parish Land at scout hut
- Grants were given to local organisations
- Kings Coronation event was organised
- Trees at the allotments have been cut back
- Volunteers have maintained the war memorial
- New Clerk, Mrs Emma Gibson, joined the PC in June 2023
- Bus Shelter has been painted. PC are trying to get a contractor to clear ivy and waterproof it. The PC have engaged contractors that have let them down
- New Light outside Parish Room
- War memorial professionally cleaned
- Christmas Party at Bouverie House held with help of volunteers
- Exercise and table tennis equipment installed at REC
- New Bin Bouverie Road
- Liaised with WNC Highways re: traffic issues in the village
- PCSO working with PC to address antisocial behaviour in the village
- Planting redone on the REC
- Remembrance Parade organised with Friends of Hardingstone
- D-Day 80 banners purchased to mark the day
- Summer Fete arranged for 29th June 2024

Planning Committee:

- Worked throughout the year to comment and make observations on applications for the Planning Authority WNC to take into consideration.

Finance Committee

- Have met to agree budget and minutes of meetings can be found on PC website.
- Large amount of CIL money has been received due to Landimore development, PC is looking at street furniture and play equipment that may be needed on the new development.

5. Neighbourhood Watch Report: No report submitted.
6. Reports from Local Organisations:

Reports submitted in writing can be assessed here so have not been minuted: [Documents | Hardingstone Parish Council](#)

- Report read by Friends Of Hardingstone representative: It has an open membership and activities include the arrangement of the Act of Remembrance poppies, service sheets and road closures. The Poppies were replaced on the war memorial after it was cleaned. They host coffee mornings and craft evenings, and new members always welcome. Recently they have made a request to the PC for new benches on the pocket park.
- Report read by the History Society representative: 20 members have renewed their membership at the AGM. The society hopes to get more members. Many speakers have attended through the year and a grant of £200 was requested from the Parish Council in part, to help fund the increase in speaker fees.
- Report read by St Edmunds Rev Julie Scott: Church is working in the community and with local schools, Scouts and Guides groups. The churchyard has a wildlife section and the mowing is maintained by WNC. Many events have taken place in the church over the year such as streaming the King's Coronation. Normal Sunday services run and special Christmas services, numbers of attendees are now increasing since COVID. Christmas events were well attended and The Well continues to thrive. Church hopes to reach out to the new Landimore development. The church will be providing teas for the summer fete.

Meeting closed 20.33