

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllr J Bolton, Cllr S Clements, Cllr J Cooper-Drake, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr M Haines, Cllr R Jewell, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr C Newman.

Public: 5

Clerk and RFO: Mrs Emma Gibson

1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. None.
2	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION <i>limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chair).</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"> PC thanked on behalf of the Scouts for the addition of the lighting on the path.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. No report submitted apologies received from WNC Cllr Larratt.
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 September 2024. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and Clerk met with the new MP for the area, Mike Reader. It was a very productive meeting. The MP wants to engage with Parish activities and dates for events have been passed on. He will keep us in the loop with any events he is holding so can be publicised on our communication channels. Cllrs Thomas and Clements attended the Wymersley Green development public event. Concerns raised as per other earlier local developments in the area. There is insufficient infrastructure for more housing and more development will lead to increase in pollution and affect the environment. PC sent a card to the village Post Office thanking them for their service to the village.
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. Police Crime Report for October 2024 received. Added to the website and Facebook pages. A copy can be accessed here, Crime Report October 2024 .
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Barrow stile is now accessible as it has been cut. No other issues to report.
7	PLANNING (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).
7.1	To receive update from Planning Committee.
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/3929/FULL New security fence around commercial unit, Ratcliffe House 43 45 Salthouse Road Northampton NN4 7EX. Council considered and RESOLVED to respond no comments or objections. 2024/4195/FULL Temporary erection of Marquee for months September to April. The Sun Inn, Hardingsstone. Council considered the application and neighbours comments submitted. RESOLVED to comment in light of residents' concerns of noise and light being within reasonable hours. 2024/4358/FULL Single Storey Detached Swimming Pool Orangery enclosure in rear garden, Stacey House, 39 Back Lane, Northampton, NN4 6BY. Council considered and RESOLVED to respond that they did not have any comments or objections.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/4119/LBC and 2024/4117/FULL Proposed replacement of existing timber fencing to eastern boundary fronting Glebe Avenue & installation of electric vehicle charging point and flue, Hervey House 71 High Street Hardingstone, Northampton NN4 6DD. Council considered and RESOLVED to respond that they would be in support of the WNC Conservation Officer's view on the application. 																																																												
7.3	<p>Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council:</p> <p>WNN/2023/0684 Single and two storey rear extension - 5, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i></p> <p>2024/1128/S73 Land to the East and West of Landimore Road, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6FL, Remove/Vary Condition(s) Following Grant of Planning Permission. <i>Outstanding.</i></p> <p>2023/7473/MAR: Land North of Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton. Reserved matters pursuant to outline approval WNN/2022/0068 - 103 residential dwellings. APPROVED.</p> <p>2024/1721/FULL: 59 Martins Lane, Hardingstone. Replacement flat roof with pitched/tiled roof to detached garage. APPROVED.</p> <p>2024/2775/MAF Land East of The Green Hardingstone. Erection of 54 dwellings. <i>Outstanding.</i></p> <p>2024/2917/S73: Land To The East Of Hardingstone North Of Newport Pagnell Road Northampton, Removal/Variation of Condition(s) Following Grant of Planning Permission. <i>Outstanding.</i></p> <p>2024/3321/S73: Ivy House, 1 Mulberry Close, NN4 6EB, Variation of condition. WITHDRAWN.</p> <p>2024/3368/FULL: 28A High Street Hardingstone Northampton NN4 7BT, Removal of existing plywood porch with an oak porch. APPROVED.</p> <p>2024/3760/S73 Removal/Variation of Condition(s) Following Grant of Planning Permission, Land to the East and West of Landimore Road, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6FL. <i>Outstanding.</i></p> <p>2024/3536/FULL Removal of existing storage outbuilding and replace with new storage outbuilding and home office, 25 Heritage Farm Close, Northampton, NN4 6FG. APPROVED</p> <p>2024/4004/TCA Removal of 1 x Maple Tree and remove deadwood to one other Maple Tree, Hardingstone Parish Council Building, High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6DA. <i>Outstanding.</i></p>																																																												
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8.1	To approve payments as follows including any payments received between 24 th September 2024 and 1 st October 2024. Internal financial control checks were undertaken.																																																												
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8.3	Email accounts for Cllrs: Council considered new email accounts for Cllrs provided by website provider, to ensure official email addresses. Clerk advised Council it was best practise rather than using private email addresses, or separate email accounts set up for Council business. Clerk had issued guidance to the Cllrs and asked that everyone take the time to read it before the next meeting so they can make an informed decision.																																																												
8.4	Date for 25-26 Budget meeting to be set. Meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee set for Monday 18 th November 2024 at 7pm to discuss the budget for 25-26.																																																												
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9.1	<p>To receive update from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary review: Update to be discussed and working party for proposed Community Centre. Council to form the working party, co-opt members from the volunteer list and agree terms of reference: The indications appear to be that Landimore will remain as part of the Hardingstone Parish although there has not yet been any official notification. Council therefore RESOLVED to set up a working party for Landimore that would look at the proposed Community Centre and street furniture for the area. Agreed that the working party would be made up of 4 Cllrs and 6 volunteers. The volunteers will be chosen in order of when they contacted the PC to express their interest. Volunteers to be contacted once Council receive confirmation. Cllrs Jewell, Clements, Duncan and Cooper-Drake will be on the working party as Council representatives. Working party will not have any delegated powers. Remembrance parade: Update, Council APPROVED the donation for poppy wreaths. Seniors Christmas Party: date set for Monday 9th December 2024 2-4pm. Noted. Summer Fete 2025: date set for Saturday 28th June 2025. Noted. 																																																												

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Forum: Council to discuss the setup of a Community Forum. Council RESOLVED to setup a Community Forum where residents can bring issues and concerns. Cllr Cooper-Drake to lead the project. • Local resident 100th Birthday: Council discussed and agreed to send a card on behalf of the Parish Council.
10	OPEN SPACES
10.1	<p>To receive update from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to consider street furniture that maybe needed for the Landimore area of the village, considering CIL monies. This will be looked at by the newly established working party once confirmation of no boundary change received. • Council to discuss location and number of benches that could be added to Cherry Orchard. Cllr Newman, Thomas, Kerr, Duncan and Jones to make a site visit to decide. • Trees on REC: Council meeting with R&G this week to discuss and assess the fence. • REC: Council discussed the issue of dogs off the lead in the REC. Agreed that the current limitations should remain dogs on leads near children’s play area only. Residents to be reminded via website and Facebook. • Quote received for work to bus shelter: Council considered the quotation and agreed another should be sought. • Quote for REC bins: Council considered the quote for bin replacement. They agreed they could not approve when no quote could be given for installation. Furthermore, they were of the view that new concrete bases may not be necessary. Clerk to make further enquiries.
11	HIGHWAYS
11.1	<p>To discuss any highways issue identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 MPH speed limit: Council discussed the possibility of applying for a 20 MPH speed limit in the village and considered WNC Highways response about this. Council agreed a 20MPH was not workable in the village and would not be pursued. • Speedwatch scheme: Council discussed applying to take part in the scheme. Cllr Cooper-Drake agreed to be Co-ordinator for the scheme. Council will look to take part next year. 10 volunteers from the community would be needed. • Traffic Regulation Order extension Bouverie Road: Council discussed the PCSO’s proposal to apply to extend the yellow lines. Council was undecided as to whether this would help with the problems in this area. Cllrs to meet with Highways Officer to discuss options. • Parking/Driving around Bouverie Road: Councillors will discuss correspondence from a resident with Highways when they meet. Council also considering contacting Northamptonshire Partnership Homes once again about the parking on the verges.
12	CORRESPONDENCE
12.1	<p>Council to consider any correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNC Draft Local Transport Plan: All the consultation documents and a link to the survey can be found on the Council’s website: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/planning/draft-west-northamptonshire-local-transport-plan closing date Thursday 17 October 2024. Council to consider if they want to respond. Council agreed to respond as individuals to the Consultation.

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council - Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7pm.