

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

TUESDAY 5th November 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllr J Bolton, Cllr S Clements, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Kerr and Cllr D Laughton.

Clerk and RFO: Mrs E Gibson

WNC Cllr: Cllr P Larratt

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1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Duncan, Cllr Jewell, Cllr Newman and Cllr Cooper-Drake. Due to illness and an unavoidable appointment. Council RESOLVED to approve all apologies.
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"> • Council advised of a water leak at the garages on High Street. It has been reported on fix my street, and Anglian Water have been out to the area, but the owner of the property needs to be traced. WNC Cllr Larratt advised he will take this up.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal report received from Cllr Larratt. Apology given for the recent lack of WNC representation at PC meetings but at present Cllr Larratt is covering all Parishes on his own. WNC are in the process of setting their budget and are looking at a deficit in the budget, but are hopeful to get more funding from the Government than in previous years. WNC will be faced with some difficult decisions and there are likely to be raises in Council tax in line with inflation. WNC are consolidating their assets. The WNC office in Daventry has now closed and the Council retains a presence at the Abbey Centre. The Towcester office will remain and more staff moving to Angel Square. The new part of the Guildhall is being sold but the old part will not be sold and is being retained. The newly developed Market Square is now open and appears to be being well used. Work continues to repair the potholes on the highways in the county with the new equipment purchased being deployed. Bus services and funding for this in the county is under review, along with the bus station. • Hardingstone issues: The bollards on Houghton Hill have been reinstated and a keyholder identified. The delays on the work to the Queen Eleanor Roundabout has been in part due to National Highways cancelling a meeting that is still yet to be rearranged. It is hoped this will be rescheduled by end of November.
2.3	Co-option of New Cllr: Councillors to consider any applications for Cllr vacancy. Council agreed to consider applicants at the December meeting so there is time to advertise the vacancy.
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 1 st October 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. Cllr Thomas reported on his work over the month, he and Cllr Kerr have met with highways to discuss the proposed TRO on Bouverie Road and parking problems generally in that area. Highways agree to apply for the TRO. Cllr Thomas expressed his thanks to the volunteers that have worked on the planting at the war memorial in time for Sunday's parade. A resident on The Green has raised concerns regarding a blocked downpipe since Cityfibre completed their work in the village. Council were advised the Clerk has approached Cityfibre with the concerns. Cllr Larratt advised the PC to report to Highways.
6.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. Police November 2024 Crime report can be accessed on the PC website, Hardingstone Parish Council .
6.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. No problems to report apart from the usual seasonal problems with mud and wet. Barrow Stile is become overgrown again. Footpath near Bluebarns is

	very slippery with mud and leaves and will be report on fix my street. Notice has been received that The Pedlands closure is being extended.																																																																														
6.4	NCALC Conference report: Council to receive report from the Conference, including information regarding Crimewave Ltd, regarding CCTV and speed monitoring. Councillors that attended the event were not at the meeting so this will be discussed at December PC meeting.																																																																														
7	PLANNING (<i>click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents</i>).																																																																														
7.1	To receive update from Planning Committee.																																																																														
7.2	<i>Applications for consideration:</i> 2024/4747/FULL 11 The Green, Hardingstone. Replace existing house windows, remove existing grey painted timber windows and replace with upvc. Council considered the application and RESOLVED to submit no objections if the WNC Conversation Officer is satisfied with the materials and style of windows being proposed.																																																																														
7.3	Applications approved or outstanding: West Northants Council: WNN/2023/0684 Single and two storey rear extension - 5, The Warren. <i>Outstanding</i> 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> 2024/2775/MAF Land East of The Green Hardingstone. Erection of 54 dwellings. <i>Outstanding.</i> 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> 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> 2024/3929/FULL New security fence around commercial unit, Ratcliff House 43 45 Salthouse Road Northampton NN4 7EX. APPROVED. 2024/4195/FULL Temporary erection of Marquee for months September to April. The Sun Inn, Hardingstone. <i>Outstanding.</i> 2024/4358/FULL Single Storey Detached Swimming Pool Orangery enclosure in rear garden, Stacey House, 39 Back Lane, Northampton, NN4 6BY. <i>Outstanding.</i> 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. <i>Outstanding.</i> 2024/4464/FULL : Siting of two Portacabins for use as a Heavy Goods Vehicle driver testing facility Country Lion Oxwich Close Northampton NN4 7BH. <i>Outstanding</i> 2024/4556/FULL : 3.5-metre-wide access off Houghton Hill Road to serve an existing parcel of land. Land adjacent to Ivy House, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6EB: <i>Outstanding</i>																																																																														
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8.1	To approve payments as follows including any payments received between 22 nd October 2024 and 5 th November 2024. Income reported as bank interest £147.61. Internal financial control checks were undertaken.																																																																														
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8.3	Email accounts for Cllrs: Council to consider email accounts for Cllrs provided by website provider, to ensure official email addresses. Councillors discussed and considered the guidance from NCALC. Councils were of the view that if they had separate email accounts for Council business then the PC did not need to pay for official email addresses, as they would send any correspondence through the Clerk. Clerk advised other Councils use the official email addresses and accounts and the reasons for this. Council RESOLVED not to use the email provider for all, but to ensure all Cllrs have a separate email address.																																																																														

8.4	Election: Council to consider plans, budget, and arrangements for the Local Elections in 2025. Council agreed to advertise the election on the noticeboards, and social media platforms with posters. Therefore, the PC did not feel any additional budget was necessary, other than the budget to cover election expenses that will be charged to them by WNC.
9	COMMUNITY AND LANDIMORE
9.1	To receive update from working groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary review: It has been confirmed that Landimore will remain as part of Hardingstone Parish. • Landimore working party, for proposed Community Centre and street furniture. Council to discuss at next meeting as Cllrs on the working party not in attendance. • Village Hall management: Cllr Cooper-Drake to discuss management of Hardingstone Village Hall. Council discussed this and agreed that matter had already been considered by the PC over several months and after looking at the management and finances of the Hall and meeting with the Hall Committee. The Council agreed it was not necessary to consider this issue again as it had been decided already after considering all the information.
10	OPEN SPACES
10.1	To receive update from working group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to discuss location and number of benches that could be added to Cherry Orchard. Council agreed to add three benches to the area as per the suggestions of Cllrs Kerr and Newman. Clerk to send around some bench options for the Council to consider. • REC Fencing: Request from residents to get a quotation to fix fence, Council agreed to get three quotes for the fencing in the REC as this is the Council's responsibility. • Quote for REC bins, Council APPROVED the quote for bin replacement. Money to come from CIL. • Quote for jet washing REC, Council considered the quote from R&G but agreed it was too high. Clerk to try to get others. • Quote for refurbishment of noticeboards. Council considered and RESOLVED to go ahead with the work. • Quote for bus shelter, no quotes submitted as Cllr was not in attendance. • Request from REC football team to add storage for equipment. Council discussed and will need further information regarding type of storage size etc. Team to be made aware of vandalism on the REC and the security of it could not be guaranteed and would be at their own risk. Cllr Jones to discuss with football team.
11	HIGHWAYS
11.1	To discuss any highways issue identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Regulation Order extension Bouverie Road: Council discussed PCSO's proposal to apply to extend the yellow lines. Council RESOLVED to support it. • Parking/Driving around Bouverie Road: Council discussed WNC Highways Officer's assessment that the grass area on the road could not be made into parking. This was due to several factors including environmental impact, cost and feasibility. Other options also discussed such as a one-way system, again Highways do not agree this is an option for the area.
12	CORRESPONDENCE
12.1	Council considered any correspondence received. Noted.

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council - Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed: 8.20pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....