

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

Held on

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Thomas (Chair), Cllr R Jewell, Cllr S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr R Jones, Cllr M Haines, Cllr D Laughton.

Apologies: Cllr J Kerr, Cllr C Newman and Cllr J Bolton

Clerk and RFO: Mrs E Gibson

Public: 10

1	APOLOGIES
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllrs Kerr, Newman and Bolton. Reasons illness and annual leave.
2	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION <i>limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chairman).</i>
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council advised the shed in the allotment belonging to the Council needs the roof re-felting. • Council advised that they have received a request to apply for some funding for the Over 60's Fitness class in the village. This is to be discussed later in the meeting. • HGV's using the village as a cut through raised as an issue. Council advised this has been raised with WNC Highways and will be discussed later in the meeting.
2.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors. No report submitted.
2.3	Councillor Co-option, public in attendance interested in being co-opted to the Council to address the Council if they wish. Council heard there had been three applicants for the Cllr vacancy. The applicant present at the meeting addressed the Council, and the applicants not in attendance had their reasons for joining the Council from their applications read out.
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	CLLR CO-OPTION
4.1	Council to consider candidates for Cllr co-option. Council considered the applicants and RESOLVED to co-opt Justine Cooper-Drake to the Council. Council reminded those present that there will be elections next year, so anyone may apply to stand at this time. All applicants were thanked for their interest.
5	MINUTES
5.1	To approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tues 2 nd July 2024. Council RESOLVED to approve.
6	MATTERS ARISING (For information only).
6.1	To note the Clerk's report. Noted.
6.2	Any other matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. None.
7	REPORTS
7.1	To receive Chairman's report. Chair informed the Council that he and the Clerk are meeting with the new MP Mike Reader on Friday 6 th September 2024. Councillors asked to pass on any issues they wish to be raised to Clerk before Friday.
7.2	To receive a report from the Police and PLR. Police Crime Report August 2024 is available at the following link Police Report Aug 24 and on the Parish Council website. The September 2024 report is also accessible via this link Police Report Sept 2024 .
7.3	To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Barrow Stile is overgrown but as there are footpaths either side it was deemed not necessary to report to WNC. No other issues at present with footpaths.
8	PLANNING (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).
8.1	To receive update from Planning Committee.
8.2	<p><i>Applications for consideration:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Council considered and RESOLVED to respond that there were no comments or objections. • Wymersley Green, Land At The Green: Update on forthcoming engagement events. All information can be found here Community Forum - Land At The Green, Great Houghton - Commonplace. Councillors to attend public briefing sessions. • 2024/3536/FULL Removal of existing storage outbuilding and replace with new storage outbuilding and home office, 25 Heritage Farm Close Northampton NN4 6FG. Council

	<p>considered the application and as there were no neighbour objections on the portal and two in favour responses, RESOLVED to respond no comments or objections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. No comments or objections. Necessary work to trees. 																																																																																																																																																																								
8.3	<p>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> 2023/7473/MAR: Land North of Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton. Reserved matters pursuant to outline approval WNN/2022/0068 - 103 residential dwellings. <i>Outstanding.</i> 2024/1721/FULL: 59 Martins Lane, Hardingstone. Replacement flat roof with pitched/tiled roof to detached garage. <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> 2024/3321/S73: Ivy House, 1 Mulberry Close, NN4 6EB, Variation of condition. <i>Outstanding.</i> 2024/3368/FULL: 28A High Street Hardingstone Northampton NN4 7BT, Removal of existing plywood porch with an oak porch. APPROVED 2024/2199/FULL: 36 High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6DA, To install outdoor two air condition units at the rear of the house above balcony level. REFUSED.</p>																																																																																																																																																																								
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9.3	Conclusion of Audit 23-24: Council noted the external audit has been completed. Council accepted the audit and confirmed period for notice to be published. Noticed was published on 6 th August 2024. Council discussed and RESOLVED to remove from the noticeboard after 1 month.																																																																																																																																																																								
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working party for proposed Community Centre: Council to form the working party, co-opt members from the volunteer list and agree terms of reference. Council discussed and RESOLVED to re-visit at the October meeting when the decision on the boundary review will be known. Hardingstone Wellbeing Club: Request from resident for the PC to consider making an application to Sports England to sponsor the club. Council discussed and RESOLVED to make the application.
11	OPEN SPACES
11.1	<p>To receive update from working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to consider street furniture that maybe needed for Landimore area of the village, in light of CIL monies. Council to make a resolution regarding this. Council agreed to wait until outcome of the boundary review is known. Benches in the pocket park. Council considered quotation and RESOLVED to use CIL money to purchase two benches for the pocket park with cost of the benches and installation to total £3000. Clerk to contact WNC to get a licence and enquire whether they can install. Council to discuss location and number of benches that could be added to Cherry Orchard. Council to discuss at next meeting when Cllr Newman is present. Council to discuss update on Cherry Orchard as a resident has enquired about a wildflower area. Council discussed and agreed that they would allow a wildflower area in Cherry Orchard, Clerk to inform resident that enquired and offered help with this. Trees on REC and around Parish Room: Council to discuss and quotations for work to trees and hedges in the village. Request from resident to get a quotation to fix fence. Cllr Newman is dealing with the trees and hedges on the REC and had made contact with contractor to arrange to meet with him to discuss. Once the hedge and trees are cut then the fence can be inspected. Light onto Parish Hut to light pathways: Council agreed to monitor the new lights that have been installed, and the now brighter front lights over the winter months. To assess if new lights on the front are necessary. Jet washing play equipment: Update received that jet wash was completed. Some Cllrs felt that this was not done to a good enough standard. Clerk to discuss with contractor.
12	HIGHWAYS
12.1	<p>To discuss any highways issue identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of new VAS for the village: Update received. Sign has been purchased but is yet to be delivered. Clerk to chase. Council advised of Highways response regarding HGV's using the village. WNC have been to the village to assess signage. They have advised the Clerk that they have looked at the three entry points to the village, and the Landimore Road is covered by a weight restriction which already has all the required signing in place. The Queen Eleanor Roadabout already has signage in place stating "No Access to Brackmills" so they are unable to install any further signage at this point. However, there is no signage at the junction of Newport Pagnell Road and The Warren and they have agreed to add signage here. The Clerk also asked WNC to look at Back Lane where they have been parking and access issues recently. WNC have agreed to put up "Unsuitable for HGV" signs on Back Lane if they have some available. The PCSO has also dealt with issues regarding parking on Back Lane and has issued advise for residents which can be found on the PC website Parking Hardingstone. Council discuss trees overhanging pathways in and around the village, these have already been reported to WNC Street Doctor without much success. Council agreed that if they have residents' addresses they could send a polite request to cut back overhanging branches.
13	CORRESPONDENCE
13.1	<p>Council to consider any correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNC Draft Parks Development Strategy West Northamptonshire Parks Development Strategy, consultation closed 8th September 2024. Council decided they did not need to send a Council response. 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. Councillors to look at consultation before October meeting to consider if a response is required. NCALC Conference: Council considered who will attend the annual NCALC conference. Saturday 5th October 2024 10am-1pm. Cllr Cooper-Drake and Cllr Duncan expressed an interest.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post office closure and move to Hardingstone One Stop Shop: Council discussed the proposal and agreed that they were pleased that a Post Office was remaining in the village. They wished to comment that they would like to ensure there is adequate parking, and safe access for all residents and disabled users. Council understands the owners intend to make these changes which the PC support. • Enquiry from resident regarding walking her horse in the village. Council discussed and agreed to request for them not to walk on the REC or Cherry Orchard. • Request from Church Warden to contribute to repairs to the Church noticeboard. Quote of £134 to repair. Council RESOLVED to pay for the repair due to the large amount of CIL money and the benefit this would be to the whole community. • Council discussed the felt roof on the shed at the allotments. Council RESOLVED to obtain some quotations for the repair. • Email from Scouts asking for areas that might benefit from their litter pick. Council discussed and agreed to suggest around the Brackmills Country Park in the opening on the left in front of Heritage Close. Another area is around Bouverie Road.
14	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20MPH Speed limit • Speed watch • Bench/fence/hedges REC • Dogs off leads in the REC • Email accounts for Cllrs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior's Xmas Party Remembrance Parade Summer Fete 2025 TRO extension Bouverie Road and Martins Lane Benches Cherry Orchard

MEETING CLOSED: 20:35

Next meeting of Hardingstone Parish Council - Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7pm.