

Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Meeting Held on Monday 20th May 2024

The Parish Room, The High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6DA

Present: Cllr R Jones, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr S Clements, Cllr D Laughton, Cllr C Newman, Cllr J Harding, Ms K Servant and Mr A Pease.

Apologies: Clerk Mrs E Gibson.

1. Apologies:

- a. Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable. Clerk apologies given.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

- a. Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed. None.

3. Public Time.

Public in attendance to discuss item 7. Objections raised to the application on the basis of noise from an air conditioning unit and that the property is in a conservation area.

4. To approve minutes of planning meeting 23rd April 2024. Committee **RESOLVED** to approve.

5. **To consider and draft a response to WNC Local Plan Draft Consultation:** The consultation document has been examined, and the only identified area that is within our parish is a small part of 'The Green in Great Houghton', where our boundary meets the Great Houghton (GH) boundary. In Stage 1 of the WNC Community Governance Review, which closed in January, it was proposed that, for continuity, this area should be transferred GH PC. This proposal has been dropped in the current Stage 2 consultation (see also Item 6), and this area appears to remain in Hardingstone. Concerns were expressed over the lack of infrastructure on all proposed developments along the Hardingstone-Great Houghton corridor, but these can be addressed in a response to any Planning Applications that are submitted for this area. It was resolved that no response was required to the current Draft Plan.

6. **To consider and draft a response To WNC Stage Two consultation for Community Governance Review:** This review proposes changes to parish boundaries in our area. As described in Item 5, under the Stage 1 proposals a part of our area was to be transferred to Gt. Houghton PC. For unexplained reasons this has been dropped in Stage 2, and a description of changes to Wootton parish implies that 'The Green in Great Houghton' is moved into Wootton parish. However, the accompanying map shows the Landimore Park area being transferred to Wootton. In view of the ambiguity and confusion in the new proposals, the committee requested a report on the issues identified in the Stage 2 documentation which can be discussed by full Council. The closing date for responses is July 28th.

7. [2024/2199/FULL](#): To install two outdoor air conditioning units to rear of house. 36 High Street, Hardingstone. The committee considered the application and residents' comments. Agreed to comment to WNC that they were of the view that the property needs to be visited by the WNC Conservation Officer and Environmental Health Officer to assess noise levels.

8. [Appeal Application: WNN/2023/0684](#): 5 The Warren, Hardingstone. Application has gone to appeal Committee to consider if any comments to add. Committee agreed previous comments stood and WNC'S decision should be followed.

9. Hardingstone SUE Update. Land behind The Warren and Newport Pagnell Rd, update to be reported. Committee discussed update as discussed at the May Parish Council meeting. Resident has contacted the Council regarding the fencing at the back of the property but not something the Committee can comment on.

10. Resident correspondence: Concerns raised regarding building without planning permission in a conservation area. Residents of the property informed the Council that the building was a replacement of an existing building which was an old summer house and not a garage. Committee agreed it would be a matter for WNC.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....