



Full Council Meeting 13th April 2021 Minutes

Date: 13 th April 2021 Time: 7.30pm	
Venue: Virtual Meeting via Zoom	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham (Chairman), T Charteress, J Clark, P Heap, C Lloyd, L Nash, G Tobutt, G Ward & J Willmer. Also in attendance: Parish Clerk A Benson, County Councillor M Clarke, District Councillor R Atkinson & prospective West Northamptonshire Unitary Council candidates Andrew Grant and Stephen Clarke.	
<i>As a mark of respect the meeting began with a one-minute silence to mark the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.</i>	
048/21	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillor S Harris.
049/21	Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2021 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 2nd March 2021 be approved.
050/21	Matters arising No progress to date on the proposed transfer of the land at the bottom of Carey Rod.
051/21	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.
052/21	Requests for Dispensations – There were no requests for a dispensation.
053/21	Public Time a. The Chairman thanked County Councillor Michael Clarke and District Councillor Bob Atkinson who are standing down at the May elections. They have both been very supportive of the Parish Council and worked hard on behalf of our residents. A presentation will be made to them shortly within Covid-19 guidelines. County Councillor Michael Clarke confirmed that the County Council has been disbanded after 130-years and the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council was formed on 1 st April 2021. This will provide a one stop shop for residents. He thanked the Parish Council for its support over the years. District Councillor Bob Atkinson's report is annexed to these minutes. b. Andrew Grant and Stephen Clarke introduced themselves.
054/21	To receive a report from the Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the S16 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan an external examiner should be appointed shortly. • A hole adjacent to the footpath west of Piddington has been blocked off and the landowner advised it is his responsibility to make good. • Hackleton bus shelter repairs should go ahead shortly. • After many complaints about the drains on the Newport Pagnell Rd which presumably are blocked with the road chips Highways have agreed to jet all the drains again – within 28 days. • I continue to try and get the Wootton signs moved at St George's Fields. • I continue to chase Morris Homes for the approval of the dog waste bin locations. • The stickers for the Cemetery bins are in place.

055/21	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <p>a. The receipts and payments account for year ended 31st March 2021 was received and compared to budget. RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC. The Internal Control Councillors will present their year-end report to the next meeting.</p> <p>b. The bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2021 was received. Bank balances as at 31st March 2021: Current account £98,856.64 deposit account £30,071.84.</p> <p>c. RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting as per schedule presented. Councillor Nash had carried out the monthly check of invoices</p> <p>d. RESOLVED: To approve for payment outstanding invoices/accounts as per schedule presented. Councillor Nash had carried out the monthly check of invoices</p> <p>e. RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the Scheme of Delegation as presented.</p> <p>f. RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the Death of a Senior National Figure Protocol as amended.</p> <p>g. RESOLVED: To disband the Open Spaces Working Party.</p> <p>h. The draft Wildlife and Biodiversity Policy was received. Action: To be published with the Parish Mag' requesting input from residents. To be forwarded to community groups for input. Hardcopies to be made available to the book share/coffee shop requesting input from users. Councillors to provide input. Final draft to be presented for adoption at a future meeting.</p>
056/21	<p>Open Spaces</p> <p>a. The licence for the storage container should be received from HPC's solicitors shortly. The landowner is close to clearing the land at which point HPC will start the groundworks required.</p> <p>b. The purchase of a Medics bench seat was discussed and it was agreed not to purchase one at this time.</p> <p>c. RESOLVED: To purchase one replacement bench for the Recreation Ground. District Councillor R Atkinson then kindly offered to fund the bench which is to have a plaque on it commemorating his service as a District Councillor. The Council thanked him for his generosity.</p> <p>d. RESOLVED: To obtain a 660L green bin at a cost of £9 per fortnight for the Groundman's use to be located in the Cemetery and locked.</p> <p>e. Requests from residents for an informal picnic on Longland Meadow was discussed. RESOLVED: The Meadow is for community use providing all litter is removed and all Covid-19 restrictions/guidelines adhered to the Council has no objection.</p> <p>f. A request from Hackleton Rainbows was received to use Longland Meadow for meetings was discussed RESOLVED: To approve the request.</p> <p>g. The need for additional dog waste bins in Piddington was discussed. RESOLVED: To improve signage and re-visit issue as required.</p> <p>h. RESOLVED: To undertake repairs to Horton bus shelter cost £1250.00.</p>
057/21	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>a. The letter requesting support for the freehold asset transfer has been sent to Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom.</p> <p>b. Current contradictory signage was discussed. RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain updated signs for both the Recreation Ground and the Play area.</p> <p>c. Litter is becoming more of a problem. It was suggested that youngsters from out of the area were becoming more regular visitors. Action: Councillor T Charteress and the Clerk to undertake a review of the bins and report back with recommendations. The Police to also be updated with regard to anti-social behaviour.</p>
058/21	<p>Assets of Community Value</p> <p>RESOLVED: To nominate the shop, both pubs, recreation ground, cricket club, allotments and village hall as Assets of Community Value and to look into the possibility of nominating the Chapel.</p>
059/21	<p>UK Community Renewal Fund</p> <p>RESOLVED: To apply for a grant to fund a feasibility study of a cycle way from Hackleton to Wootton</p>
060/21	<p>Elections 2021</p> <p>Hackleton Ward is uncontested (6 seats). Piddington Ward will go to election (5 seats). The deadline to register to vote is 4pm 19th April. The deadline to register for a postal vote is 5pm 20th April.</p>

061/21	Highways The sink hole on Newport Pagnell Rd is 5.5m deep and we currently have no timescale for remedial works. The Newport Pagnell Rd through Hackleton will continue to be swept and the drains will be checked/jetted. The culvert under the Newport Pagnell Rd adjacent to the Recreation Ground will be de-silted within 6-months.
062/21	The following correspondence was noted a. Parking issues Grafton Court. b. Wootton Brook briefing note from the Environment Agency c. Local Authority Remote Meetings – call for evidence.
063/21	Next meeting 11th May 2021

The meeting closed at 9:14pm.

Appendix A

District Councillor R Atkinson's Report

On the first of April this year West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) came into being and SNC along with other districts no longer exist as such. SNC actually functioned as a council for 47 years and through excellent financial management was never in debt during its time in functioning. Of note, is that the planning management of each of the past districts SNC, DDC & the Borough will remain in place to oversee future local development applications. As you will appreciate, under the new administration there are now other services that fall to WNC such as Childrens & Adult Services together with Highways and many others. As for me, some of you already know that I will be standing down after serving 22 years as your district councillor. The new Ward will be known as Grange Park & Hackleton Ward and due to the increased area size will be served by three councillors and not the usual one. I would just like to say that it has been a pleasure to represent the parishes of Hackleton, Piddington and Quinton over my tenure as your councillor which comes to an end at midnight 10th May 2021. It has also been a pleasure to help both individuals and communities as and when I could. I have enjoyed the monthly parish council meetings both at Hackleton and Quinton and met some very helpful and knowledgeable parish councillors, it is they who provide an unpaid voluntary service that help to keep our communities safe and tidy and a great place to live – as reflected during the recent last flooding events and published in Issue 18 of the Hackleton Mag - dated February last. So it is now, that I wish all of you living within the Hackleton, Piddington and Quinton parishes a fond farewell and my good wishes for the future – thank you.

On a final note I draw your attention to

Thursday 6th May 2021 – POLLING DAY – 7am to 10.00pm

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