



Full Council Meeting 8th February 2022 Minutes

Date: 8 th February 2022 Time: 7.30pm	
Venue: The Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham, T Charteress, J Clark, S Coombes, R Hawkesford, P Heap, D Noble & G Ward. Also in attendance: Parish Clerk A Benson, West Northants Unitary Councillor F Cole & five residents	
016/22	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs C Lloyd & L Nash
017/22	Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11th January 2022 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 11th January 2022 be approved
018/22	Matters arising The re-negotiated mowing contract for Longland Meadow, Churchyard & Cemetery has been agreed and signed by the contractor. The PC Twitter account has been shut down
019/22	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest
020/22	Requests for dispensation – No requests received
021/22	Public Time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole provided an updating report, details of which will be in her next Newsletter which will be published on HPC’s website Members of the public spoke on agenda item 027/22C and requested the PC review its decision to plant a cedar tree to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. They would prefer a native tree.
022/22	Clerk’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Union Housing have demolished the garages on Carey Road. I have requested details of what they intend to do with the land Neighbours responses to planning applications are once again being uploaded to the WNC website (from 17th January) although this will not be back dated Bocca Sports will be holding a school holiday camp on the Recreation Ground 15th, 16th & 17th February I have applied for our free grant of £394.49 from Northants CALC to support the Asset Mapping Project I have reported footpath KM2 from CCS to Preston Deanery as a resident has complained about the muddy dips under all three kissing gates which need filling. WNC will not take action due to resource constraints and state that the footpath is still passable There has been another accident on Brafield Road with a parked car being written off I have arranged for the footpath from St George’s Fields to be litter picked – we will then review future needs. The football shelter is to be cleaned The moles are being attended to in Longland Meadow cost £140.00 (no poison being used) The new dog waste bins, Recreation Ground bins and replacement benches are being installed
023/22	Finance & Governance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as schedule presented. Councillor Nash had carried out the monthly check of Invoices

	<p>b. The report of the internal control councillors was received as at 31st December 2022. No issues outstanding or to bring to council attention. The bank mandate is being amended.</p> <p>c. The receipts and payments account together with the bank reconciliation for the 10 months to 31st January 2022 was received and compared to budget. RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC. The bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2022: Current account £102,693.43 deposit account £91,760.17</p>
024/22	<p>Sponsor a PCSO Further information was received following a joint meeting with Hardingstone PC and the OPFCC representative. RESOLVED: Not to join the sponsorship scheme due to high cost and perceived limited benefit</p>
025/22	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>a. The annual risk inspection report of the play equipment was received. RESOLVED: To delegate to the Clerk to ensure that the higher risk items are addressed. ACTION: Councillors Clark & Ward to change the shackles in the swing chains and replace the missing fixings on the basketball backboard. Action: Councillor Ward to get a quotation to have the bench legs in the football shelter replaced.</p> <p>b. The hedge along the front of the Recreation Ground is in a poor state of repair and needs rejuvenating. It also needs permanently reducing to allow improved sight from the road once the outdoor gym is installed to prevent anti-social behaviour. RESOLVED: To coppice the hedge to 1 inch to allow it to re-sprout and to infill gaps with native hedging plants. To remove the scrub at the back left hand corner of the Recreation Ground to allow the fence to be pushed back.</p> <p>c. Feedback from a meeting regarding the proposed street art project in the football shelter was received. Action: Councillor Coombes to design a leaflet encouraging local young people to take part in the scheme. Action: Clerk to approach Roade School Art Department and request community support via the Parish Mag' etc.</p>
026/22	<p>Open Spaces The hedge which runs along the footpath from the Village Hall to St Johns Way was discussed. Action: Clerk to approach landowner requesting it be cut back and crown raised so as to not impinge on the footpath</p>
027/22	<p>To consider/note the following updates/reports/correspondence</p> <p>a. WNC Councillors monthly update</p> <p>b. Police Locally Identified Priorities Survey Results for South Northants</p> <p>c. Letter from the Longland Meadow Volunteers regarding the proposed Queen's Jubilee Tree. RESOLVED: To continue with the planting of the cedar tree (minute 106/21d) due to disease problems with most native trees and to also plant two native hornbeam trees.</p> <p>d. Letter of complaint regarding the Cemetery tree works and the mole removal from Longland Meadow.</p>
028/22	<p>RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the next business to be transacted</p>
029/22	<p>RESOLVED: To appoint a Groundsman subject to a six-month probationary period commencing 14th March 2022.</p>
030/22	<p>Having been through the procurement process tenders for the multi-use outdoor gym and fitness sports pitch were received having previously been scrutinised by the Clerk & Cllrs Charteress, Clark & Lloyd. Action: Each supplier to be interviewed.</p>
031/22	<p>Next meeting Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 10th February 7pm – Liz Harrison Room Extraordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 15th February 6:15pm – The Annexe Full Council Meeting Tuesday 8th March 7:30pm Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 28th February 2022</p>

The meeting closed at 9:23pm