

**Minutes of the Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021, via videoconference**

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

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Present: Chairman Cllr P Thomas, Cllr S Clements, Cllr P Gobey, Cllr M Haines, Cllr B Jones, Cllr M Keable, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr Newman.

Also present: Clerk Sally Willis, County Councillor L Bowen, PC Edwards, 4 Members of public

Meeting start 7.30pm

13/21	<p>Apologies Apologies approved for Cllr J Bolton and Neighbourhood Warden Paul Townsend</p>
14/21	<p>Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None</p>
15/21	<p>Chairs Announcements Chair did not have any announcements</p>
16/21	<p>Clerks Report Clerk did not have any announcements</p>
17/21	<p>Public Time Church Warden noticed clock service was on the agenda and asked if there was an issue. This to be discussed at agenda item. Member of public as member of community working party expressed concern that she was not aware what was happening as there had not been meetings recently. Feedback from HP source has been positive. Latest edition was varied, enjoyed and people prefer the brief parish council notes rather than copy of the minutes. Concern was expressed about the rewilding of the Rec. The council were not sure where this idea had come from. There are plans to plant some trees, but not a rewilding. It was asked if the council knew anything about the proposed school on Landimore Park. The council did not know at this time. The volunteer group that helped during the first covid lockdown received a Rose of Northamptonshire for their efforts. They received many nominations including the school, who nominated them for their efforts distributing food parcels. It was asked if some of the grant money could be given to the village hall who let the group use the space for organisation of these packages. Any extra to go to food banks? It was noted that a piece of play equipment was groaning. Cllr Kerr to take a look.</p>
18/21	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) County and District Councillors County Cllr L Bowen advised there are 43 working days until the move to unitary so everyone is very busy. Senior appointments have been made. However Covid response is number 1 priority. At the present time Northamptonshire is in top 3 for giving vaccinations. There are still high numbers of cases but starting to fall. £43m set aside for Covid response and most has been spent, but any remainder will be put in reserves but earmarked. Generally finances for NCC are looking healthy. Libraries are running a scheme based on Health and wellbeing with regular YouTube videos. Cllr Newman advised that he had taken several people to covid centre at Abington Park and everyone had been impressed with the system and organisation.</p> <p>b) Police PC Jamie Edwards introduced himself as new Neighbourhood policing officer for the area. He and Cllr Kerr have a meeting this week to discuss priorities. Generally, Hardingstone is settled but wants to keep a presence to keep it that way.</p> <p>c) Neighbourhood Watch There have been reports of interferences with cars in the village and wallets taken. There has been similar in Great Houghton and the Police are looking to see if they are linked. Advice is to not leave anything on display. There is an appeal for any items on loan from the hospital be given back to Milbrook as they are running short.</p>

There has been an increase in house burglaries in town and everyone is advised to look out for anything out of the ordinary.

It was asked if the council could write to the Police and thank them for the work on operation Viking and the arrest of many drug dealers. It was agreed to do this.

d) Footpath Warden

Footpath with entrance on Heritage Farm Close is dangerous and slippery. Clerk to ask Rights of Way to take another look. Otherwise other footpaths are very muddy.

e) Neighbourhood Warden

Last month I removed a number of untaxed cars from the area , Did a clean up of the garages at the back of the shops , I patrolled the area on foot 3 times
I also had to do a number of track and trace contacts

19/21 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 5th January 2021

Minutes approved and signed

20/21 Finance and General Purposes

a) To receive Receipts and Payments account

It was proposed to accept the report. **Resolved**

Clerk to ask NBC what happens with S106 monies once we move to unitary

b) Payments for Approval

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Morelock Signs	0183	New battery for VAS	73.20	12.20
British Gas	dd	Electricity	90.17	4.29
Mrs S Willis	0184	Clerk January	790.33	0.00
HMRC	0184	PAYE	25.84	0.00
Standard Life	dd	Pension	67.44	0.00
Mr A Pease	0185	HP Source Printing	355.00	0.00
BT	dd	Broadband	26.20	4.36
R&G Groundworks	0186	mow and weed spray	262.80	43.80
Mrs S Willis	0187	One Drive / Zoom / Plusnet	72.77	7.93
K Rose	0188	Maintenance and Cleaning	150.25	0.00
Wicksteed	0189	Repairs and new matting	4617.84	769.64
TOTAL			6,531.84	842.22

Resolved

c) To consider repairs and service to clock at the church

There had been concern from councillors whether this was a PC responsibility and if the PC wanted to commit to doing this on a regular basis. The difference between statutory responsibility and powers was discussed. IT was agreed that this is something the PC can do and as such all agreed it was something they wanted to do. 2 quotes had been received for similar price and it was proposed that the once with the fixed price be contacted to repair. It was also proposed that the clock is serviced every 2 years. **resolved**

h) To receive update From Committee

There was no further update.

21/21 Planning

a) Planning Report

Reference	PROPERTY/DESCRIPTION	HARDINGSTONE PC COMMENT	NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
<u>N/2020/1387</u>	Single storey rear extension, new swimming pool and swimming pool enclosure – 4 Coldstream Lane	No objections but comments given	Approval 05/01/21
<u>N/2020/1494</u>	Installation of freestanding canopy to service yard, 3 Weddell Way	no objections	Approval 14/01/21
<u>N/2020/1534</u>	Single storey rear extension, 9 Gardeners View	no objections	

c)	Update from Committee No further updates from the committee
22/21	Community
a)	To consider request from Scouts for community space on Landimore Park and approve response The Scouts had approached the Parish Council about a space they could use to meet on the new development Landimore Park. The Parish Council have been offered the Community centre and are not aware of any other community space. However, who will own and run the community centre is still to be decided. The Scout group is so large now that they meet every evening. It was thought that if the community centre was offered to the Scouts then no other groups would be able to use the hall in the evenings and this was not feasible. The Parish Council thought it best to advise the Scouts to contact Kier to see if there was anything they were able to offer. Resolved
b)	To consider that HP Source Advertising rates remain the same for 2021/22 It was approved that advertising rates remain the same for the next financial year. Resolved
c)	To consider that the clerk and editorial team can agree the price of ad hoc advertising in HP Source This may be a one off advert, or a new company wanting to add an advert part way through the year. It was agreed that the clerk in consultation with the editorial team had delegated powers to agree prices in these cases.
d)	To receive update from Working party Group met to look at planting extra trees in the Rec by Rotary Club. Rowan, Silver Birch and flowering Cherry have been ordered. Items for discussion at the meeting next week include planters around the war memorial, village in Bloom and where to spend the Covid grant fund.
23/21	Open Spaces
a)	To consider and approve next steps with regards to Cherry Orchard transfer Still no news from NBC despite chasers. Cllr Kerr offered to contact Cllr Larratt and Cllr Nunn.
b)	To receive update from working group Repairs and new matting in Rec has been done and looks good. Litter bins near Queen Eleanor roundabout and Back Lane were discussed. Clerk to investigate where we are with these. Bins in Rec look tatty, Cllr Clements offered to paint these in better weather. Cllr Newman had a spec for the kissing gate in Cherry Orchard, to be confirmed at meeting next week. It was noted that there were loose posts nearby. Cllr Newman to take a look. Ground in front of goalposts in Rec needs attention. Clerk to contact Grounds contractor. It was asked if the VAS could be moved. This is a 2 man job and with current Covid restrictions this is not something that can be done, but will be as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.30pm via videoconference, details of which will be on the agenda.

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