

**Minutes of the Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 1st June 2021, St Edmunds Church, Hardingstone**

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

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Present: Chairman Cllr P Thomas, Cllr N Briddon, Cllr S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr M Haines, Cllr B Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr Newman.

Also present: Clerk Sally Willis, WNC Councillor L Bowen, Neighbourhood Warden Paul Townsend and 4 Members of public

Meeting start 7.30pm

63/21	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr J Bolton Cllr Keable
64/21	Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None
65/21	Chairs Announcements Chairman thanked councillors for painting the dog bins and Cllr Newman for sorting the fencing and repairing of the trampoline
66/21	Clerks Report Clerk has had reports of rubbish on Cherry Orchard and has reported this and asked residents to take rubbish home if bins are full and notified how to report full bins. ACRE are doing a survey of village facilities to see how they can better help communities. The clerk will respond.
67/21	Public Time Member of the public reported several small parties on Cherry Orchard from mid afternoon on Friday. Next morning there were lots of cans / bottles / pizza boxes. Neighbourhood Warden advised that A levels had finished and there were similar issues all over Northampton. They hoped this would be a one off incident. There was a discussion about the young people's behaviour, it was noted that an ambulance had been called for one girl. Neighbourhood Warden to check to see if rubbish had been taken away. It was thought that the Police had been called. Cllr Kerr to get update. Member of the public asked if the policy in 74c was previously circulated Wildlife Policy. If so this needed looking at as much is already covered in Tree Policy. Website Policy mentions Website management group, this needs revisiting.
68/21	Reports a) West Northants Councillors Cllr L Bowen updated on start of West Northants Council. Cabinet posts have been filled and an update was given. For Hardingstone our councillors are Cllr Lizzie Bowen who is Cabinet Member for HR and Corporate Services, Cllr Jonathan Nunn who is Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Cllr Phil Larratt who is Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste. A full Matrix will be sent to the council when finalised. She was asked about a traffic camera in the Bus Lane in Northampton that seemed to be there to generate money. They are aware of this and looking into it, it may be removed or moved. b) Police PC Edwards had sent apologies but at the time of the meeting had not sent a report c) Neighbourhood Watch A resident has reported a Voi scooter with numberplate, time & location to Voi & PC Jamie Edwards. Apparently joy riding dangerously under Mereway subway & on pavement in Hardingstone Lane. I hope other residents use the information in HP Source to do likewise. d) Footpath Warden No problems, Some growth due to recent wet weather. Pedlands is now closed by building site. e) Neighbourhood Warden He was asked at last meeting about spraying weeds at jitty, this has been added to the schedule. Clerk had sent email about dog fouling on rec so he will make a visit. There has been more Flytipping on The Green (known locally as Lewis' Lane) and the area is on the list to get some CCTV. To be able to prosecute they have to follow proper procedure and use approved equipment.
69/21	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 18th May 2021 Minutes approved and signed

70/21	<p>To consider and approve membership of committees and working groups</p> <p>Councillors who had been on the council before wished to stay on same committee and groups, new councillors gave preferences. Clerk to circulate list to check all agree.</p>																																																																	
71/21	<p>To consider and approve members of public co-opted to committee and working groups</p> <p>It was proposed that Alan Pease and Kate Servant are co-opted to the Planning Committee due to their expertise. It was proposed that Alan Pease, Pam Pease, Hilary Wilson and Primrose Gobey are co-opted to Community / Open Spaces working group.</p>																																																																	
72/21	<p>Finance and General Purposes</p> <p>a) To receive Receipts and Payments account</p> <p>Bank balance is looking very healthy and new ideas needed on how to best use this to serve the community.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>b) Payments for Approval</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="209 544 1517 853"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Cheque</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Total</th> <th>VAT inc</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mrs S Willis</td> <td>ol18</td> <td>Clerk May</td> <td>795.33</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>ol18</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>20.15</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Life</td> <td>dd</td> <td>Pension</td> <td>67.44</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich</td> <td>ol19</td> <td>Insurance</td> <td>707.65</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr A Pease</td> <td>ol20</td> <td>HP source Printing</td> <td>370.00</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keith Rose</td> <td>ol22</td> <td>Village Maintenance</td> <td>286.25</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Online</td> <td>ol21</td> <td>Online mapping</td> <td>124.80</td> <td>20.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>2,371.62</td> <td>20.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="209 920 1374 1066"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WNC</td> <td></td> <td>Precept 1</td> <td>22,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Various</td> <td></td> <td>HP Source Ad</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td></td> <td>VAT return</td> <td>1,727.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>24,277.99</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolved</p> <p>c) To consider and approve grant applications</p> <p>10 groups had applied to the council for a grant. It was proposed to give £200 to each request as follows: 1st Hardingstone Brownies to purchase outside games; Hardingstone Academy yr6 leavers towards leavers event; Hardingstone Allotment Association for site improvements and installation of water collection system; Bouverie WI for Hire of Hall and speakers; History Society for annual subscription of website and speakers; Hardingstone Scouts towards outdoor activity area; Hardingstone PCC (St Edmunds Church) towards Quinquennial Inspection; Supporters of St Edmunds Church towards proposal document to reorder church for wider community use; Hardingstone PTA towards resources for Forest School; Hardingstone Village Hall Association towards conversion of basement.</p> <p>There is also a fund from NBC for covid relief, proposed distribution of this will be discussed at community.</p> <p>d) To receive update From Committee</p> <p>No further update</p>	Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc	Mrs S Willis	ol18	Clerk May	795.33	0.00	HMRC	ol18	PAYE	20.15	0.00	Standard Life	dd	Pension	67.44	0.00	Zurich	ol19	Insurance	707.65	0.00	Mr A Pease	ol20	HP source Printing	370.00	0.00	Keith Rose	ol22	Village Maintenance	286.25	0.00	Parish Online	ol21	Online mapping	124.80	20.80	Total			2,371.62	20.80	Income				WNC		Precept 1	22,500.00	Various		HP Source Ad	50.00	HMRC		VAT return	1,727.99	Total			24,277.99
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b)	Update from Committee No further updates from the committee
74/21	Community
a)	To consider and approve Proof Reader for HP Source Cllr Gail Duncan offered to do this.
b)	To confirm final plans for Parish Council's involvement in Midsummer Merriment To be discussed at Community. Clerk reminded the council that we still needed to see public liability insurance certificates from businesses that will be present on the Rec such as Ice Cream van.
c)	To consider and approve Green Spaces / Environmental Policy It was agreed that this needed further discussion at open spaces before approving
d)	To consider and approve what the Parish Council can do about the state of barns and associated rubbish near Heritage Farm Close Neighbourhood Warden advised he had a copy of land registry he would forward to the council to advise ownership. Clerk to write letter once received.
e)	To receive update from working party Planters are being planted and should be with us soon
75/21	Open Spaces
a)	To consider and approve use of Recreation ground for Parties It was thought this would be OK as long as current covid restrictions were followed and rubbish is taken home. No-one would be given exclusive use.
b)	To receive update from working group There are national plans to plant trees for Queens jubilee, this is to be discussed at Open Spaces. The trampoline has been repaired. The tool we had to purchase had not been used and Wicksteed were happy to take back and refund. It was thought that we should keep the tool. Key for kissing gate had been checked after member of the public had said that it was hit and miss if it worked. Cllr Newman said that the key needed to be inserted fully to work, and as long as this happened it worked fine.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at **Hardingstone Village Hall**

Signed _____