

Minutes of the Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 6th July 2021, Village Hall, High Street, 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 M Keable, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr Newman.

Also present: Clerk Sally Willis, Neighbourhood Warden Paul Townsend and 6 Members of public

Meeting start 7.30pm

76/21	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr J Bolton and PC Edwards
77/21	Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None
78/21	Chairs Announcements Nothing to report
79/21	Clerks Report Clerk reported that she had received complaints about the grass not being cut on Bouverie Road by Bouverie House. This is Northampton Partnership Homes land. She had been in touch with them and they advised they had been overrun due to wet, warm weather. They would cut this week. Cllr Kerr advised it had been cut today.
80/21	Public Time It was requested that PC notes in HP Source include items from Public Time. It was agreed this could be done. Resident told of parking issues in Glebe Way mainly due to use of the Rec for football. Photos of parked cars was shown to councillors. Parking is often dangerous or block drives, and due to the fact the road is narrow a fire engine would not get through. She was asked if she had ever called the Police about it, but by the time they get back to her the cars are gone. Cllr Kerr said he would raise the issue again with PC Edwards and ask they try to be here when the football is on, and would raise the issue at a liaison meeting with the PCC. Member of the public was advised that as a PC we have no powers to stop cars parking and if the cars are parked illegally or dangerously then the police need to be called. PC are sympathetic to the residents issues but the Rec is there to be used and we don't want to prevent it being used for recreational purposes. The question was raised if we could put parking on the Rec but this it was thought this was not an option. Resident from Cold Stream Lane advised there is a section of Cold Stream Lane that is not adopted and is maintained by the residents. Following work installing broadband the area was left in a mess. They did come to rectify but this is not at a good standard as it was thought inferior stone was used. It was agreed the clerk would contact Opal. Organiser of Midsummer Merriment thanked the Council for help and participation in the activities over the weekend. It was a very successful event and funds raised will be used by the Supporters of St Edmunds Church to make the building better for the community. Chair also thanked the councillors who manned the tombola stall.
81/21	Reports a) West Northants Councillors No Reports b) Police PC Edwards had sent apologies, In June there were 2 residential burglaries, 1 non residential burglary and a criminal damage. There were no further details. c) Neighbourhood Watch Any news of the two litter bins? It was 3rd April 2018 when NHW first asked for 2 bins Entrance to Village (Mere Way end and Back Lane by Barrow Stile as residents had complained). Clerk advised these bins are on order with WNC and should be installed by the end of the month. The Well is really popular and appreciated. Today I have been asking several of those attending if there were any issues I could bring to Parish Council under NHW. I will do this each month. - Scooters. This topic was raised by a several. One Voi parked in the middle of Back Lane near the Green. Needed to be moved by resident. Female adult and teenager both on one private scooter Ansell Way. One Voi travelling up the Warren when approaching the roundabout just went straight across. Youngsters obviously under age using scooters. One male holding and using a mobile phone going past church. Four adult males on 3 scooters Martins Lane reported to Voi. These are just the tip of the iceberg. There will again be advice re scooters in issue 14 of HP Source.

- At the top of Ansell Way a car regularly parks overhanging the pavement (90 degrees to the road.) Mobility scooter owner lives in this road)
- Two men trimmed down Barrow Style making a good job of it.
- 2 residents of Bouverie Bungalows complained about the height of the grass area. I'm not sure one rang me and said Cllr Bowen told him to contact me! (1 was on holiday anyway) I saw the contractors mowing this week.
- The public footpath between Heritage Farm Close and the entrance to the pocket park is used by elderly people, including a blind person with spouse and more than one mobility scooter. Although about 10m have been vaguely infilled with large chippings the remainder, about 40m has significant trip hazards. This was mentioned when the SUE was unveiled several years ago. It was shown that this stretch of the path was not in the area of development. Today people asked can something be done because the paths in the park are really good but this area is a hazard. I have photographed the worst patches which are all the in the centre of the width. To avoid then means brushing with the overgrowing hedges etc.
- Cherry Orchard. Several people have complained about groups of young people at weekends leaving bottles, cans and other litter after rowdy gatherings. I was told of one time when after 1am parents were driving up and collecting their children. Noisy gatherings after 11pm is seen as anti-social behaviour. IT IS UP TO RESIDENTS AT THE TIME TO REPORT TO POLICE.
- Many people have said how good the options were for people attending the Midsummer Merriment weekend.

d) Footpath Warden

All Footpaths have been overgrown but were trimmed in the last week. It was not done before due to nesting birds, but majority of work was overgrown nettles.

The footpath by Heritage Farm Close is seen by Rights of Way as not being dangerous. Whilst it may not be good for those with mobility issues, it does not come under needing work by WNC.

Pedlands footpath will be closed due to works in the area.

e) Neighbourhood Warden

He had been asked if there could be extra bins on Cherry Orchard, WNC have said no to this.

There had been many reports about a vehicle on High Street opposite the garages but nothing could be done as it had been taxed and MOT'd. After it getting a new MOT without more investigation was done and it was found that there was a garage in Northampton giving dodgy MOTs. Check done on the roadside failed the vehicle and it was removed.

He has done 8 or 9 walks around the Rec following complaints of people not picking up after dogs. On each occasion owners had bags and were behaving responsibly.

He advised that the town are having similar issues with the scooters so this is not specific to the village.

82/21 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 1st June 2021

Minutes approved and signed
3 members of the public leave

83/21 Finance and General Purposes

a) To receive Receipts and Payments account

Bank balance is looking very healthy and new ideas needed on how to best use this to serve the community.

Resolved

b) Payments for Approval

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Plusnet	dd	Broadband	25.20	4.20
Mrs S Willis	ol33	Clerk June	795.33	0.00
HMRC	ol33	PAYE	20.15	0.00
Standard Life	dd	Pension	67.44	0.00
Anglian Water	dd	Water	33.29	0.00
Wicksteed Leisure	ol34	Repair to Trampoline	1486.42	247.74
R&G Groundworks	ol35	grass Cutting	530.40	88.40
Mrs S Willis	ol36	Zoom Payment	14.39	2.40
Village Hall	ol37	Room Hire July & Aug	80.00	0.00
SLCC	ol38	Virtual Seminar - clerk	54.00	9.00
Keith Rose	ol39	Village maintenance and cleaning	255.29	0.00

Total

3,361.91

351.74

Income

Various		HP Source Ad	330.00
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Total

330.00

Resolved

c) To consider recommendation to set up 2 new earmarked reserves for Maintenance on the Rec and potential future tree works

There are currently some earmarked reserves for potential future spend. One is for replacement of play equipment but there is no fund for general maintenance should it be needed for footpath or fences. It was also proposed that treeworks can be expensive and there should be funds set aside should this be needed. It was proposed that £5,000 is put into 2 new reserves for this purpose. Resolved

d) To consider recommendation for distribution of Covid grant monies

A second amount had been received from NBC for distribution to groups who would have suffered due to covid, or had helped within the community. It was proposed that this is distributed to those that had applied to the council for a grant as follows: Scouts - £200, Guides - £200, Hardingstone yr 6 leavers - £200, Allotment Association - £200, Bouverie WI - £200, History Society - £200, Hardingstone PCC Church - £1200, Supporters of St Edmunds - £300, Village Hall - £200, Friends of Hardingstone - £200. This would leave £585 should anyone else come forward over the year. Resolved.

e) To consider purchase of new notice boards

There had been a suggestion to repair noticeboards by the school and on Hardy Drive. It was proposed to replace with new. It was also proposed to purchase a board for the Rec. Prices from £400 - £600 depending on fixtures. Clerk to obtain quotes for installation. Resolved.

f) To consider cancelling Zoom subscription

It was proposed to cancel the subscription. Resolved.

g) To receive update from the Committee.

No further updates

84/21	Planning
a)	To receive Planning Report There were no updates from last month
b)	To consider and approve response to Planning application WNN/2021/0250 - Reserved Matters Application (details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to Outline Planning Permission N/2020/1212 for Phases 1, 2 and 3 for the construction of Warehouse and Distribution Units (Use Class B8) - Howdens Joinery Liliput Road There were no objection to the application
c)	Update from Committee No further updates from the committee

85/21	Community
a)	To consider purchase of defibrillator This was discussed and potential sites but it was thought that this was not needed. Council to consider new defibrillator for new development when needed. Resolved
b)	To consider if the Council would like to pay towards a dedicated PCSO There was a discussion as to whether this was needed and what it would mean if we were to share with other neighbouring parishes. PC Edwards to be invited to next meeting to give more information on what would be included in the costs. Clerk to contact Wootton and East Hunsbury clerks to get an idea on what the split would be. Councillors keen but need more information.
c)	To receive update from working party No further updates.

86/21	Open Spaces
a)	To consider and approve 6 more planters for The Green These would not be planted up until Autumn but it was proposed to order planters and store until needed. Resolved.
b)	To consider asking school and young people in the village to be involved with bulb planting later in the year Details are still to be agreed but it was proposed to ask the school and uniformed groups if they were interested in helping with this project in late autumn. Resolved.
c)	To consider and approve new benches for Rec

It was proposed to purchase 2 new benches for the Rec to match the existing ones. Clerk to confirm what quote for installation includes. If needed this should be added to resurfacing of footpath quote. Resolved.

d) To consider and approve Eco Tumble in the Rec

Most play equipment now had new Eco tumble. Quotes received for last few pieces. 2 quotes received. One for whole area under swings, the other for strips under the swings. It was proposed to approve the quotes for the whole area. Resolved.

e) To approve path work needed by Toddler gate

Area needed some work. Cllr Newman to ask for quote to add this to eco tumble work above.

f) To consider communications from residents regarding parking in village connected to use of Rec.

This was discussed at length in Public Time. Police to be called and Council to ask Police to be present when football is on

g) To consider requests from football teams to use the Rec

Whilst it is good to see the Rec being used it was thought that only 1 team should have permission to be using the Rec. Resolved.

h) To consider request from resident to plant a memorial tree in the Rec.

The council plan on planting trees in the Rec in the Autumn with a scheme in mind. It was proposed that the resident could pick one of these trees and have a dedication plaque. Resolved

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021 at 7.30pm at **Hardingstone Village Hall**

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