

Minutes of the Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 3rd August 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, WNC Cllr Phil Larratt, PC Edwards and 3 Members of public

Meeting start 7.30pm

87/21	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr J Bolton and WNC Cllr L Bowen
88/21	Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda Cllr Haines and Cllr Keable are employees at Barclaycard (Item 96b). They are not involved in application in any way.
89/21	Chairs Announcements Chairman reminded councillors and members of the public the rules of a meeting and asked that when someone is speaking to allow them to speak and not have other personal conversations. He also asked that points are made concisely. Members of the public are only allowed to speak during public time and suspension of standing orders to allow members of the public who may have something relevant to say during the meeting will be limited.
90/21	Clerks Report Clerk reported several reports about overhanging trees in the Rec. This is from private dwelling backing onto the Rec. Address was given and clerk will write to them. Action plan is being pulled together and will be used as basis for report from next month.
91/21	Public Time Member of the public asked if they would be allowed to ask WNC Cllr questions after his report. It was agreed this would be OK.
92/21	Reports
a)	West Northants Councillors Cllr Larratt advised that the ward area had been divided between the 3 councillors and the main contact for Hardingstone would be Cllr Lizzy Bowen. However as she was not available tonight he had attended in her absence. Portfolios of the councillors was given. He was asked about the camera in the bus lane in town. This needs to be discussed at cabinet in September but will most likely only be on during peak times. He was also asked about development work on Queen Eleanor roundabout linked to housing development. The planning application stated that this should be carried out before the first home was occupied, and with show homes opening soon this will not be long. Cllr Larratt was not aware but would find out.
b)	Police PC Edwards advised that there had been 3 crimes in July. Generally Hardingstone is a low crime area. He himself covers 7 areas, including Hardingstone and there are 2 PCSO's that cover 11 areas including Hardingstone and will be available based on the incidents that come in on a daily basis. There is a scheme for a dedicated PCSO who would be kept in the village unless there was a major incident (such as terrorist attack). They would be first port of call for general issues such as parking and scooters). They could run community events but main role would be intel gathering. A PCSO can be shared with other Parishes. They would work a shift pattern similar to the PC and the rota would be made available to the Parish Council so that they would know when they were available. Council to discuss another time. He also advised that he had met with residents in Glebe Way with regards to parking issues and asked them to keep a diary so that a time can be established for an officer to visit.
c)	Neighbourhood Watch I asked for a meeting with PCSO Becky Evans recently. She says that she is the first point of call for messages. I shared some concerns from residents including asking for a presence in Glebe Way when football resumes on the Rec. A comment was made about the Parish notes in HP Source issue 14 about football. This was that football has not only taken place on Saturday mornings, but also on

Thursday evenings and some other nights too. One club has been given permission to use the Rec, but presumably they play against other teams, and this may be causing the obstruction in Glebe Way area.

As NHW, I asked Becky if she would come and talk about her PCSO role and powers. I mentioned this to Jim and the Community chair. Also, I asked if there could be a drop in with Police held in the Parish Room for residents. This could be arranged mid-October on say a Wednesday, and advertised in HPS issue 15 (Oct Nov)

d) Footpath Warden

Footpath across Pedlands is inaccessible and has been reported to WNC. It is thought this will be temporarily closed and rerouted when new houses are built.

2 Footpaths to Delapre are accessible, a little overgrown but OK.

She was advised about a hole on the footpath on the Rec, this is on the edge and is a rabbit hole so not sure what can be done about it.

e) Neighbourhood Warden

In the area where there has been a lot of flytipping there have been notices put up to say there are cameras there. Hopefully these will pick something up to allow prosecution.

He has been working with the housing officer on a number of domestic issues.

There have been a couple of patrols of the Rec and Cherry Orchard. All dog owners had bags and appeared to be using them when he was present.

93/21 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 6th July 2021

Minutes approved and signed.

94/21 To consider whether to meet in the Parish Room now restrictions have been lifted or to continue in a larger room

It was agreed that for full council meetings a larger room was preferred to allow space for members of the public at least until the end of the year. The Village Hall will not be available for our regular meeting dates from September. Alternative dates were discussed but it was thought everyone knew 1st Tuesday. Bouverie House has approached the council about room hire and the clerk had asked if dates were available but not yet heard a response. Whilst the council thanked the church for use earlier this year it was not the best place to meet due to the acoustics making it not suitable for this type of meeting. Use of Scout or Guide huts was also suggested if Bouverie House not available. Plans for the Bike park are to be presented at the Planning meeting in August and it was proposed that the Village Hall is booked as it was thought there may be many members of the public.

95/21 Finance and General Purposes

a) To receive Receipts and Payments account

Bank balance is looking very healthy and accrued for items are starting to go through. Bottom line figure is similar to expected budget. **Resolved**

b) Payments for Approval

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Supporters of St Edmunds	ol40	covid grant	300.00	0.00
Hardingstone PCC	ol40	covid grant	1200.00	0.00
Village Hall	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
History Society	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
Bouverie WI	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
Mrs Lee (yr 6 leavers)	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
1st Hardingstone Scouts	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
1st Hardingstone Brownies	ol40	covid grant	200.00	0.00
Friends of Hardingstone	ol40	covid grant	300.00	0.00
N Freeman	ol41	Plumbing at Parish Room	156.00	0.00
British Gas	dd	Electricity	25.50	1.21
Plusnet	dd	Broadband	25.20	4.20
Mrs S Willis	ol42	Clerk July	795.33	0.00
HMRC	ol42	PAYE	20.15	0.00
Standard Life	ol42	Pension	67.44	0.00
Mr M Keable	ol43	Hose for tubs watering	74.98	0.00
Keith Rose	ol44	Village maintenance and cleaning	311.06	0.00
West Northants Council	ol45	Admin fee elections	90.00	15.00
R&G Groundworks	ol46	Grass Cutting	530.40	88.40

	Wicksteed Leisure	ol47	Play equipment inspection	288.00	48.00
	Total			5,384.06	156.81
	Resolved				
c)	To receive update from the Committee. Suggestions still needed for best use of funds for community use. No meeting needed next week.				
96/21	Planning				
a)	To receive Planning Report				
	Reference	PROPERTY/DESCRIPTION	HARDINGSTONE PC COMMENT	WNC DECISION	
	<u>N/2020/1605</u>	Hip to gable roof alterations, ground floor extension to include alterations to roofs and new vehicular access - 39 Newport Pagnell Road	No objections but comments given	Approval 02/07/21	
	<u>WNN/2021/0316</u>	First floor extension over existing garage including small extension at ground floor level and new dormer window to front elevation – 18 Martins Lane	No objections		
	<u>WNN/2021/0258</u>	Erection of ancillary single storey lake house building, landscaping works, provision of external staff facilities, erection of plant equipment including generator compound, works to car park and ancillary works- 1234 Barclaycard Pavilion Drive	no objections		
	<u>WNN/2021/0342</u>	Part garage conversion together with extensions and alterations (Amendment to to recently approved scheme) – 9 Hardingstone Lane	no objections		
b)	To consider and approve response to amended Planning application WNN/2021/0258- Erection of ancillary single storey lake house building, landscaping works, provision of external staff facilities, erection of plant equipment including generator compound, works to car park and ancillary works - 1234 Barclaycard Pavilion Drive There were no objection to the application				
c)	To consider and approve response to Planning application WNN/2021/0471 - Two storey and single storey rear extension - 6 Coneygree There were no objection to the application				
d)	To consider and approve response to Planning application N/2021/0374 - Two storey front extension, roof pitch change and two storey side extension over existing garage – 29 Martins Lane There were no objection to the application				
e)	Update from Committee No further updates from the committee				
97/21	Community				
a)	To receive update from working party 6 Planters to be ordered. Borders in the Rec need work on them. Clerk has already reported this to R&G Groundworks. There will be a meeting in September to discuss the planting of trees and bulbs.				
98/21	Open Spaces				
a)	To consider Biodiversity Policy It was proposed to adopt the policy. Resolved.				
b)	To consider and approve works required as flagged on the Rospa Report Some minor maintenance had been suggested and it was proposed that all works were undertaken. resolved				
c)	To if the council would like to request areas of Cherry Orchard are left uncut to promote areas for wildlife The council was split. Areas have been left uncut before and we had asked them to cut it again. Cherry orchard is surrounded by woods and other areas that are not cut. Rubbish would not be seen in the long grass. Others				

thought it would be nice to have an area left. It was suggested that the flat be left cut but an area which is a hill could be left.

It was then pointed out that wildflower meadows can be expensive to set up and maintain.

It was decided to continue the conversation in Open Spaces to see if we just want to leave uncut or look to make wildflower area.

h) To receive update from working group

Order has been put in for eco-tumble.

Quotes for benches fitting had been received and it was agreed to ask Wicksteed to fit.

Cllr Newman has site visit with WNC to show site of new bins tomorrow.

Rail is broken in Rec, Cllr Newman to take a look to see what repair is needed.

Cherry orchard searches are in and solicitor had advised he was checking them, then reported he was leaving the company and file had been passed to a colleague. Clerk had left message for new contact today.

No response from Resident with memorial tree in Rec that had died. Clerk to ask R&G to tidy area.

Fitting quotes needed for new noticeboards.

The Parish Council had been invited to the opening of the Show Homes on the new development. Clerk and 3 councillor will attend.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th September 2021 at 7.30pm **location to be advised**

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