

**Minutes of the Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, Bouverie House, Bouverie Road, Hardingstone**

The Parish Room, The High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6DA  
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**Present:** Chairman Cllr P Thomas, Cllr J Bolton, Cllr S Clements, Cllr G Duncan, Cllr B Jones, Cllr J Kerr

**Also present:** Clerk Sally Willis and 4 Members of public

**Meeting start 7.30pm**

<b>24/22</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Cllr N Briddon, Cllr M Haines, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr C Newman
<b>25/22</b>	<b>Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda</b> None
<b>26/22</b>	<b>Chairs Announcements</b> The new picnic bench in the Rec has been vandalised. There was a witness and this has been reported to the Police. The council believe that there must have been a manufacturing fault for the concrete to have broken like this. The clerk has contacted the supplier who has passed details to the manufacturer. We wait to see what they say. Homes England is clearing the area behind The Warren. This is to make the site look reasonable and to allow some grounds surveys.
<b>27/22</b>	<b>Clerks Report</b> Clerk advised she has been made aware of a licence change for the Londis shop. It is not standard practice for the Parish council or neighbours to be consulted. Those living across the road are concerned there will be antisocial behaviour. Deadline for responses is 7 <sup>th</sup> March. Council felt that this would could no more antisocial behaviour than having alcohol available at the pub next door.
<b>28/22</b>	<b>Public Time</b> Member of the public asked about plans for the Queen Eleanor roundabout. Still no update, clerk to chase again. It was mentioned there are barriers set up, this is due to the railing being broken. Member of the public updated on the proposed mural on the wall in the Rec. Householders near wall are keen for the painting to prevent graffiti and there is support from the school. Finding a project manager is proving more difficult. Less than 24 hours after a request for donations for the Ukrainian support an estate car full took items from the village. Cllr Bolton advised there is a drop off point outside the hospital.
<b>29/22</b>	<b>Reports</b> a) <b>West Northants Councillors</b> No councillors present and no report sent b) <b>Police</b> Cllr Kerr had attended an online briefing from PFCC and Chief Commissioner. They are 2 years into a 5 year plan and have gone from being bottom of the list in 7/10 areas are now top in 3/10. There are savings to be made over the next year. There is a high turnover and concern that 80% of front line police have less than 4 years in the job. c) <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> Police will be at The Well in St Edmunds on 11 <sup>th</sup> March between 10.30 and 11.30. Cllr Kerr advised that in the past the police ran JAG groups to focus on certain priorities in areas. This has fallen by the wayside but the police are keen to reinvent this and get something similar started. d) <b>Footpath Warden</b> There are trees down on both footpaths to Delapre. These have been reported to Rights of Way. Pedlands rerouting has not been approved and it was suggested putting this back on the agenda. It is thought that there are houses being built on the current footpath line. e) <b>Neighbourhood Warden</b> No report
<b>30/22</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b> Minutes approved and signed.
<b>31/22</b>	<b>Finance and General Purposes</b> a) <b>To receive Receipts and Payments account</b> Seem to be on track. <b>Resolved</b>

b)

**Payments for Approval**

Payee	Cheque	Description	Total	VAT inc
Alan Pease	ol107	Printing of HP Source	<b>613.00</b>	0.00
Village Hall	ol108	Donation towards defibrillator	<b>100.00</b>	0.00
British Gas	dd	Electricity	<b>107.60</b>	5.12
Plusnet	dd	Broadband	<b>25.20</b>	4.20
Mrs Duncan	ol109	Items for Make and Take - Jubilee	<b>94.58</b>	0.00
Mrs S Willis	ol110	Clerk February	<b>795.33</b>	0.00
HMRC	ol110	PAYE	<b>20.15</b>	0.00
Standard Life	dd	Pension	<b>67.44</b>	0.00
Keith Rose	ol111	Village maintenance and cleaning	<b>217.50</b>	0.00
Viking	ol112	Paper hand towels	<b>40.76</b>	6.79
<b>Total</b>			<b>2081.56</b>	<b>16.11</b>

Resolved

c)

**To consider and approve budget from the Parish Council for Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Quote for band has been received. It was suggested that due to cost of stage it may be worth having 2 bands. It was agreed to go with current quote and ask if the band would play a second set or if there was another band available. Budget agreed £3600. Church will want to do a special service but this can be flexible in time and should be after the band.

Quotes for tea party were discussed and it was proposed there is a £300 budget for this to include catering and tablecloths.

Banners, bunting and cardboard queen to be ordered with budget of £165 based on proposed pricing.

It was agreed the council may be able to contribute to paint for the mural but details would be needed first.

Coffee vendor already booked elsewhere. Ice cream van has been approached but no response yet.

e)

**To receive update from the Committee.**

No update. No meeting next week

32/22

a)

**Planning****Planning Report**

Reference	PROPERTY/DESCRIPTION	HARDINGSTONE PC COMMENT	WNC DECISION
<u>N/2021/0461</u>	Demolition of existing garage and single storey extension and construction of new two storey side and rear extension with new porch - 68 Swiss Cottage Back Lane	objections. Revision discussed 15/2/22 - no objections to these.	
<u>WNN/2021/1140</u>	Listed Building Consent Application for repair and maintenance to weathered and deteriorated stonework along front exterior elevation of property, with like for like stone replacement and re-pointing along low level areas of decayed stonework to match existing, piecing in replacements using lime mortar – 26-28 The Green	no objections	Approval 14/02/22
<u>WNN/2022/0008</u>	Two storey side and single storey rear extension - 67 Martins Lane	no objections	

b)

**To consider a response to planning application WNN/2022/0068 - Variation of Condition 10 of Planning Permission N/2017/1369 (Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for up to 525 dwellings, open space, children's play areas and associated infrastructure (cross boundary planning application)) to amend the wording to remove the requirement for a Traffic Regulation Order to be submitted - Land To North Of Newport Pagnell Road**

Advice had been sought and it was thought that these proposals were OK. It was proposed that there were no objections to the application.

c)	<p><b>To receive update and approve next steps following meeting with Tilia regarding community centre on Landimore estate</b></p> <p>Parish Council had made suggestions for change which would be needed for us to consider taking on the building. This included shutters on windows, height restriction in the car park and air conditioning. We also asked for estimated yearly running costs. We await a response. If Hardingstone PC do not want it will be offered to WNC. There is a concern about the impact on other village facilities.</p>
d)	<p><b>Update from Committee</b></p> <p>No further updates from the committee</p>
33/22	<p><b>Community</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider and approve date for annual meeting</b> Village hall is available most Wednesdays. Clerk to book date mid May.</p> <p>b) <b>To consider how the parish council will reach out to new residents on Landimore estate</b> It was proposed to see if copies of HP Source can be left at the show houses.</p> <p>c) <b>To consider request to hold dog show on the Rec</b> All thought this was a good idea. Clerk to suggest this is part of Jubilee celebrations</p> <p>d) <b>To receive update from Working Group</b> Due to Printing cost increases it has been suggested that advertising costs are increased by 30%. All agreed.</p>
34/22	<p><b>Open Spaces</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider policy on memorial trees in the Rec</b> Various existing policies from other councils to be used as template for ours. It was agreed that there would not be a charge for this but that the ongoing maintenance of the tree down to the person planting it. Cllr Bolton to draft and circulate. It was noted that there will be trees for planting at the Rec being delivered in the next week and volunteers for planting were needed.</p> <p>b) <b>To consider repainting of benches</b> Both wooden picnic benches and metal benches need repainting. Some councillors offered to paint but it was wondered if we ought to get a quote. Cllr Newman to draw up spec.</p> <p>c) <b>To consider and approve summer planting for War Memorial planters and a watering solution</b> It was proposed that there is a budget of £400 for the plants. Cllr Clements to source and plant. It was suggested that there is a resident that overlooks the memorial who may be willing to water the plants.</p> <p>d) <b>To receive update from working group</b> No further updates</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Date of next meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm **Bouverie House**

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