

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 B Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr D Laughton, Cllr G Merritt, Cllr C Newman

**Also present:** Clerk Sally Willis, WNC Cllr P Larratt and 2 Members of public

**Meeting start 7.30pm**

<b>60/22</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Cllr M Haines, Cllr G Duncan
<b>61/22</b>	<b>Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda</b> None
<b>62/22</b>	<b>Chairs Announcements</b> Chairman thanked all involved in the Jubilee Celebrations. Tea Party on Thursday went well, as did the Big Lunch on the Rec on Sunday, despite the weather. He shared a card he had received from a resident in thanks for the Tea Party.
<b>63/22</b>	<b>Clerks Report</b> Clerk had no updates above what was on the agenda.
<b>64/22</b>	<b>Public Time</b> Public had nothing to raise
<b>65/22</b>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) West Northants Councillors</b> Cllr Larratt advised that a new contract for Highways maintenance had been awarded to Kier. This was a blind choice and those involved in the decision hadn't know the contractors involved until after the decision had been made. This is a £30m a year contract with extra staff at WNC to manage. They are looking to secure funding for additional bus routes and to subsidise routes in rural areas. HS2 disruption in villages near construction. A Marshall has now been employed to ensure compliance and to work with councils in the area. Looking at special education needs schools and funding to improve existing settings. Currently many have to travel out of the area for these facilities. The county has been classed exemplar by the government for the work with Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, many of which are now moving on. Cllr Larratt had visited Segro site at Junction 15. This is on schedule and is planned to be complete this year. There are delays on rail side but there are plans to open before this is in place. He has a meeting arranged to discuss with officers what is happening with plans to improve Queen Eleanor roundabout and the delays. He was asked to chase up on Cherry Orchard as this is still with WNC solicitors. It was noted that on driving back into Northampton there are lots of Warehouses on what was previously Green land. Cllr Larratt agreed but this is a logistical hot spot due to the location of the network. The government has now given local councils the power to enforce moving traffic regulations. WNC are applying for this. This will lead to cameras for enforcement, but they need to be fit for purpose and in the correct areas.</p> <p><b>b) Police</b> No report sent</p> <p><b>c) Neighbourhood Watch</b> No report sent</p> <p><b>d) Footpath Warden</b> No problems on any route other than overgrowth which is usual for this time of year. Still no update on Pedlands. Cllr Larratt was asked to investigate.</p> <p><b>e) Neighbourhood Warden</b> No report</p>
<b>66/22</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b> Minutes approved and signed.
<b>67/22</b>	<b>To consider co-option to council to fill vacancy</b>

Violet Angus was the only person interested in joining the council. She introduced herself. It was proposed to co-opt Violet Angus to the council. **resolved**

68/22

**Finance and General Purposes**

a)

**To receive Receipts and Payments account**

<b>Opening Balance (1<sup>st</sup> April 2022)</b>	<b>77,250.44</b>
<b>Expenditure to date</b>	<b>10,481.82</b>
<b>Income to date</b>	<b>27,100.70</b>
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>93,868.70</b>

**Resolved**

b)

**Payments for Approval**

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Pay code</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Invoice amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Rubbish2Go	ol131	Collection of Concrete waste from Rec	<b>95.00</b>	15.83
Zurich	ol132	Insurance	<b>720.68</b>	0.00
British Gas	dd	Electricity	<b>47.80</b>	2.28
Plusnet	dd	Broadband	<b>25.20</b>	4.20
Alan Pease	ol133	HP Source Printing	<b>532.00</b>	0.00
Supporters of St Edmunds	ol134	Towards jubilee Mural	<b>1000.00</b>	0.00
Sally Willis	ol135	Clerk May	<b>808.21</b>	0.00
HMRC	ol135	PAYE	<b>22.69</b>	0.00
Standard Life	dd	Pension	<b>68.64</b>	0.00
Inflatable Theatre	ol136	Magian for jubilee	<b>125.00</b>	0.00
R&G Groundworks	ol137	grass cutting	<b>626.40</b>	104.40
Parish Online	ol138	mapping software	<b>72.80</b>	20.80
West Northants Council	ol139	Emptying of bins	<b>718.38</b>	119.73
Dawn Hawkins	ol140	Catering for Jubilee afternoon tea	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
P Gobey	ol141	Catering for Jubilee afternoon tea	<b>154.27</b>	0.00
Keith Rose	ol142	Village Maintenance and cleaning	<b>357.50</b>	0.00
Hardingstone Social Club	ol143	Grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
History Society	ol144	Grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
Supporters of St Edmunds	ol145	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
Hardingstone PCC	ol146	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
Allotment Society	ol147	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
Hardingstone Academy yr6	ol148	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
Bouverie WI	ol149	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
1st Hardingstone Scouts	ol150	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00
2nd Hardingstone Rainbows	ol151	grant	<b>150.00</b>	0.00
Hardingstone Academy PTA	ol152	grant	<b>200.00</b>	0.00

Total **7,524.57 267.24**

Income

HP Source Ad		HP Source ad	65.00
HMRC		VAT rebate	4382.58
WNC		Cherry Orchard fees	1500.00

**Total 5,947.58**

**Resolved**

c)

**To approve Section 1 of the External Audit - Governance**

Comments were read out and it was agreed the council could say yes to all.

Signed by chairman and clerk. **resolved**

**d) To approve Section 2 of the External Audit – Financial Statement**

This was shared and it was proposed to approve the statement. This was signed by the chairman and RFO.  
**Resolved**

**e) To receive internal Auditors report and approve any actions**

3 comments had been made:

- Bank balances should be reported in the minutes on a regular basis. Clerk to start to add this.
- Internal control had only been noted in the minutes once. Cllr to ensure this happens quarterly.
- It was noted by the internal auditor that there had been payments to Hardingstone PCC. It was brought to the attention of the council that LGA 1894 prohibits parish councils contributing funds to property relating to the church, which is a restriction over the General Power of competence. The council should be able to justify their decisions. Council felt that payments were for community use of church and not for the building itself but would keep this in mind in future.

**f) To consider approve membership and chairs of committees and Working Parties.**

All Councillors agreed to remain on committees and working parties as last year. Cllr Merritt wanted to join all. As a new member it was agreed that Cllr Angus could attend all before deciding which she wanted to be on.

**g) To Consider where to hold Full Council meetings**

It was proposed to continue using Bouverie House for Full Council meetings. Other committee and working party meetings to be held in the Parish Room. **Resolved**

There was a discussion about the use of the room and the costs related to this. Clerk to investigate.

**h) To receive update from the committee**

Meeting tomorrow to review policies before recommendation to council next month.

**69/22**

**Planning**

**a) Planning Report**

Reference	PROPERTY/DESCRIPTION	HARDINGSTONE PC COMMENT	WNC DECISION
<u>WNN/2022/0073</u>	Erection of single storey canopy structures to house photovoltaic cells, erection of associated plant equipment, trenching works, soft landscaping and other associated works - 1234 Barclaycard Pavilion Drive	no objections	Approval - 06/05/22
<u>WNN/2022/0184</u>	First floor extension to chalet bungalow and two storey front extension - 11 Hardingstone lane	no objections	Approval 12/05/22
<u>WNN/2022/0318</u>	Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission N/2020/1605 (Hip to gable roof alterations, and ground floor extension to include alterations to roofs) to change proposed tile to slate roof finish – 39 Newport Pagnell Road	no objections	

**b) To consider response to planning applications WNN/2022/0492 – Two storey extension to office element of existing industrial unit to provide new entrance lobby with staircase and passenger lift – Unit 8 & 9 Monarch Coutyard, 11 Salthouse Road.**

There were no objections to the application

**c) Update from Committee**

No further updates from the committee

**70/22**

**Community**

**a) To Approve Police Liaison officer for 2022/23**

It was proposed that Cllr Kerr continue in this role. **Resolved**

**b) To consider what the Parish Council can do about the bus routes and bus shelters**

There are 3 bus shelters in the village, all in need of repair. It was thought it would be nice to replace with ones like on Newport Pagnell Road. These are the responsibility of WNC. Clerk to contact.

c)	<p>It was also noted that Cllr Larratt had mentioned buses and routes are being assessed and that we ought to make note that the bus service to Hardingstone could be better. Clerk to draft letter for council approval via email.</p> <p><b>To receive update from Working Group</b></p> <p>Jubilee went well with no incidents</p>
71/22	<p><b>Open Spaces</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider quotes for supply and fitting of noticeboards</b>  Replacement boards for The Warren and Martins Lane were approved. Options for the Rec to be circulated. Clerk to get quotes for fitting.</p> <p>b) <b>To receive update from working group</b>  Some other benches are showing signs of disrepair. To look at potential others to replace.  WNC have offered free plaques for jubilee trees, clerk to arrange collection of one for the Rec.  Discussion on permissions for memorial trees. Policy being drafted for next meeting.  Cherry Orchard to be put on agenda next month to discuss pulling out of contract as this is taking a long time again.</p>

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_