

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 6th December 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 S Clements, Cllr B Jones, Cllr J Kerr, Cllr D Laughton, G Merritt, Cllr C Newman

Also present: Clerk Sally Willis and 3 members of the public

Meeting start 7pm

126/22	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr Haines, Cllr Bolton, WNC Cllr Larrett and WNC Cllr Nunn and Neighbourhood Watch								
127/22	Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None								
128/229	Chairs Announcements Chairman attended the opening of the memorial garden for the Pioneer Core at Wootton. He thanked those involved in putting up the Christmas tree.								
129/22	Clerks Report New noticeboards are up. Clerk has chased WNC on the signing of the Cherry Orchard transfer. They are awaiting a delegated authority form to be approved and then it can be signed.								
130/22	Public Time On Saturday there will be a formal ceremony to welcome the new assistant priest. The Church is hoping to get involved in the Ring for the King initiative to celebrate the coronation, but this will involve some work to the bells. Member of the public asked if there was anyone able to help take down the Christmas tree in January.								
131/22	Reports a) West Northants Councillors No councillors present and no report received b) Police There was 1 recorded crime in the main categories in November. c) Neighbourhood Watch Police say there was an attempted burglary in Hardy Drive, Hardingstone. Whereby an unknown person has entered the rear garden and tried the back door. They have then left in an unknown direction after being unsuccessful. The burglary happened on 27th November between 9.40pm and 10pm I have been Hardingstone Village NHW Coordinator for about 25 years. I have now decided to step down as from 1st Jan 2023. I have informed Sgt Nick Paul and Northamptonshire NHW A thank you to be sent to Pam Pease for her work. Cllr Kerr as member of Neighbourhood watch can update when needed until a new co-ordinator is appointed. d) Footpath Warden Footpaths are muddy but nothing more to report. e) Neighbourhood Warden No report								
132/22	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 1st November 2022 Minutes approved and signed.								
133/22	Finance and General Purposes a) To receive Receipts and Payments account <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance (1st April 2022)</td> <td>77,250.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure to date</td> <td>35,612.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income to date</td> <td>49,896.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance at 30th September 2022</td> <td>91,533.75</td> </tr> </table> Resolved	Opening Balance (1st April 2022)	77,250.44	Expenditure to date	35,612.88	Income to date	49,896.19	Balance at 30th September 2022	91,533.75
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b)

Payments for Approval

Supplier	Pay code	Item	Invoice amount	VAT
Royal British Legion	CN124	Remembrance Wreath	50.00	0.00
Bluetree Medical	ol187	HP Source Printing	671.00	0.00
Plusnet	dd	Electricity	24.50	4.08
Sally Willis	ol188	Clerk Nov	1137.50	0.00
HMRC	ol188	PAYE	213.64	0.00
Standard Life	ol188	Pension	68.64	0.00
Sally Willis	ol189	Mobile top up / one drive (12 months) norton antivirus	128.87	0.00
Perry Thomas	ol190	trumpeter and cable ties	35.49	1.75
NCALC	ol191	VAT Recovery process	109.40	109.40
R&G Groundworks	ol192	Grass cutting	628.80	104.80
L Kitchen	ol193	Mulch for trees	50.00	0.00
Keith Rose	ol194	Village Maintenance and cleaning	241.25	0.00
NJM Locksmiths	ol195	Fitting of noticeboards	286.00	0.00
2Commune	ol196	Domain name	180.00	30.00
R&G Groundworks	ol197	Grass Cutting	290.40	48.40

Total **4,115.49** **298.43**

Income

HMRC	VAT rebate	2,436.11
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Resolved

c)

To consider postponing January 2023 meeting by 1 week

1st Tuesday of January is 3rd January. It was proposed to move meeting 1 week to 10th January. **resolved**

d)

To consider location, time and dates of meetings for 2023

With the exception of January as agreed above, meeting dates to remain the same. All meeting start times to be 7pm. It was proposed to move the full council meetings back to the parish room. **resolved**

e)

To consider recommendation from committee on Budget and Precept for 2023/24

It was proposed that the budget for 2023/24 be £70,996. Increase due to increased prices and exceptional planned one-off spends. It was proposed the precept be £65,000. The difference to be covered by HP source income and reserves.

f)

Update on situation with S106 monies

Clerk is still chasing and thinks she now has contacts at WNC but they are not responding.

g)

To receive update from the committee

No meeting next week

134/22

Planning

a)

Planning Report

Reference	PROPERTY/DESCRIPTION	HARDINGSTONE PC COMMENT	WNC DECISION
<u>WNN/2022/1153</u>	Demolition of an existing garage and outbuilding and the construction of a new single storey side extension – 18 Thule The Green	no objections if conservation officer is happy	Approval 18/11/22
<u>WNN/2022/1179</u>	Construction of front extension to existing industrial building - 43 45 Ratcliff House Salthouse Road	no objections	

b)

To receive update from the Committee

	No further updates
134/22	Community
a)	To consider senior tea party Budget of £300 agreed to be taken from covid fund
b)	To consider future of HP Source Current team standing down at the end of the financial year (2 more issues). There have not been any volunteers to take this on. Options for future to be discussed by community group.
c)	To consider if the Parish Council wish to mark the Coronation of King Charles III It was agreed it would be nice to mark the coronation. Ideas on how to do this to be discussed by Community group.
d)	To receive update from the working group Thanks to Mr & Mrs Gobey for putting lights on Christmas tree. No further updates.
135/22	Open Spaces
a)	To consider options for replacing broken picnic bench Clerk to order another table as last one, in red if possible. Cllr Jones offered to install. Cllr Newman to arrange collection of old one.
b)	To consider ownership of Brick Bus shelter on The Warren and what maintenance is needed WNC believe this is a Parish Council owned asset. It is not on our register but all agreed it was very old. It was proposed that the clerk obtain quotes to paint the inside.
c)	To consider repairs to Rotaweb climbing frame Rope has been cut through at the top. Whilst the rope is frayed there is a very thick steel rope running inside so it is thought this is safe, just unsightly, and the rope could fray further. Quote from Wicksteed was to replace whole top section and very expensive. It was thought that taping over the damage would be sufficient.
d)	To receive update from the working group No further updates

The meeting closed at 8pm

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm **Parish Room**

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