



**Full Council Meeting 14th November 2023
Minutes**

Date: 14 th November 2023 Time: 7:30pm Venue: The Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham, W Blake, T Charteress, J Clark, S Coombes, R Hawkesford, P Heap, C Lloyd, D Noble & G Ward. Also in attendance: One member of the public, Unitary Councillor F Cole, Parish Clerk A Benson	
199/23	To receive apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence
200/23	Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10th October 2023 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 10th October 2023 be approved
201/23	Matters arising from the last minutes None
202/23	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest
203/23	Dispensations – No requests for dispensation had been received
204/23	<p>Public Time</p> <p>a. Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole provided an updating report from WNC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration development should start on the old BHS and M&S site together with the Waterside site soon. Funding has been approved for improvements to the shopping area in Abington Street and Fish Street. • WNC is seeking views from unpaid carers as part of the development of a new carers strategy aimed to enhance the lives of caregivers details can be found at https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/adult-social-care/tell-us-about-your-experiences-as-carer/ • The new Local Plan should be published for consultation in February 2024 • Build Your Business is a new programme which is aimed at small businesses, entrepreneurs and anyone thinking of starting their own business. Grants are available with details at https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/libraries/business-support-libraries/build-your-business-west-northamptonshire# • A discussion took place regarding various issues the parish council has regarding lack of responses from WNC officers <p>b. A member of the public raised concerns regarding the poor temporary fixes to potholes on Hatch Lane and the need for a complete re-surface</p>
205/23	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog waste bin has been installed the top of Great Lane • The hedgehog house has been delivered to the volunteer group for installation in the churchyard • The second SID is now in location around the parish • A lady slipped on a small patch of mud just inside the Recreation Ground gateway – thanks go to Councillor Ward for providing a temporary fix with woodchip

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have finally managed to get WNC to continue with the nomination of the shop as an Asset of Community Value after many months of chasing • I continue to chase the speed restriction in Preston Deanery • Following complaints about foul odour from a resident in Preston Deanery I have contacted WNC and the EA regarding the chicken sheds in Courteenhall to ensure that all permit conditions are being met • The leg press in the outdoor gym has been repaired. The body twist should be repaired w/c 4th December
206/23	<p>To receive reports from Councillors attending outside meetings</p> <p>Councillors Blake, Heap and the Clerk met with WNC and Public Health regarding a Healthy Ageing Pilot Scheme</p> <p>Councillors Blake, Heap, Lloyd and the Clerk meet with NACRE regarding a Good Neighbour Scheme</p> <p>Councillor Noble attended Off to a Flying Start Training</p> <p>Councillor Lloyd attended the Hackleton School Governors meeting</p> <p>Councillor Charteress met with a resident of The Choakles regarding ongoing issues relating to the sink hole</p>
207/23	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The report of the Internal Control Councillor as at 30th September 2023 was received with no matters outstanding or to bring to full Council's attention RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as per the schedule circulated. Councillor Barwick will complete the ICC monthly check of invoices The receipts and payments account for month 7 of 2023/24 was received and compared to budget. RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC. The bank reconciliation as at 31st October 2023 was received. RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation as presented current account £99,563.67 deposit account £144,925.27 RESOLVED to provide a donation of £125.00 to the Royal British Legion which includes payment for the poppy wreath The forecast figures to 31st March 2024 were received and reviewed The draft budget for 2024/25 was received, discussed and amended. Action: All councillors to consider any further budget items for the next financial year and advise the Clerk ASAP
208/23	<p>Longland Meadow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Ward met with Anglian Water on site. The old water connection cannot be re-connected as it is a lead pipe. A quotation for a new connection will be provided RESOLVED: To agree that the Scouts can build and monitor a 6ft long dead hedge as an environmental project
209/23	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No further progress has been made with Hags and the remedial works outstanding The Clerk continues to chase WNC regarding piping the ditch near to the pedestrian entrance close to the School. Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for a new metal pedestrian gate
210/23	<p>Trees/hedging</p> <p>RESOLVED: To purchase three new trees for the Cemetery and 50 large whips to infill the hedge in front of the Recreation Ground</p>
211/23	<p>Grounds Equipment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED: To extend the current licence which expires on 24th May 2024 to occupy land west of Forest Road, south of Willoughby Way for a further 3-year term at an increased rent of £137.50 per month

	<p>b. RESOLVED: To delegate to the Clerk to arrange with the Groundsman for all appropriate grounds equipment to be professionally serviced over winter</p>
212/23	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. Our Planning Consultant has confirmed that the Hackleton Neighbourhood Plan is up to date following the amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework</p> <p>b. RESOLVED: To join a forum of neighbouring parish councils to formulate a combined strategy to maximise weight of response to potential applications for largescale development in the Wootton Valley</p>
213/23	<p>Parish Mag'</p> <p>Three volunteers have kindly come forward to deliver the Mag' to St George's Fields</p>
214/23	<p>Response Times – West Northants Council</p> <p>RESOLVED: To lodge a formal complaint with the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the poor response times to issues surrounding the sink hole at the Choakles and to raise a formal complaint with WNC regarding various poor response times and outstanding issues</p>
215/23	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>RESOLVED: To set up a Good Neighbour Scheme with a grant of £700.00 from NACRE</p>
216/23	<p>Highways</p> <p>a. Quote for new SID pole in New Hackleton still awaited from WNC</p> <p>b. The narrow footpath between Rose Cottage and Hackleton was discussed. Action: Councillor Ward to contact the landowner and ask for the hedge to be cut right back to the boundary line. The Groundsman to then side back the grass</p> <p>c. Concerns regarding road safety around the School were discussed. Action: Clerk to contact Headteacher</p>
217/23	<p>Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment</p> <p>a. RESOLVED: Not to support the cross-party Climate and Ecology Bill</p> <p>b. RESOLVED: To approve the design of the wildflower seed packets as circulated to be distributed Spring 2024</p> <p>c. RESOLVED: To purchase 2000 seed packets for distribution</p> <p>d. Feedback was received from the recent open meeting which was attended by 15 residents</p>
218/23	<p>Community Events</p> <p>a. Feedback was received following the "wash up" meeting for the fete Action: Clerk to provide update in Parish Mag'</p> <p>b. RESOLVED: To set up an organising committee for the D Day 80 beacon lighting event 6th June 2024 Action: Councillor Charteress to arrange initial meeting</p> <p>c. RESOLVED: To grant fund the November 2024 Firework Event maximum £3000.00</p> <p>d. Consideration was given to running a Soapbox Derby Challenge in 2024 Action: Councillor Charteress to look into and report back to full council</p>
219/23	<p>Horton Churchyard Wall</p> <p>It is understood that part of the churchyard wall is to be removed. Action: Clerk to write to the Diocese of Peterborough expressing concerns</p>
220/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>An invitation was received for a councillor to read a lesson at the Nine Lessons and carols Service in Piddington Church on Sunday 10th December Action: Councillor Barwick to read the lesson</p>
221/23	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Full Council Meeting Tuesday 12th December 7:30pm</p> <p>Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 1st December 2023</p>

The meeting closed at 9:25pm