



**Full Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**  
**Minutes**

Date: 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 Time: 7:30pm	
Venue: The Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: F Billingham, W Blake, T Charteress, R Hawkesford, P Heap, C Lloyd, D Noble & G Ward. Also in attendance: Two local residents, Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole & Parish Clerk A Benson	
<b>129/24</b>	<b>Apologies were received from Councillors Barwick &amp; Hussey</b>
<b>130/24</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> <b>RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be approved</b>
<b>131/24</b>	<b>Matters arising from the last minutes</b> None
<b>132/24</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – no declarations of interest were made
<b>133/24</b>	<b>Dispensations</b> – No requests for dispensation had been received
<b>134/24</b>	<b>Public Time</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole provided an update from WNC and on matters outstanding within the parish including planning, sinkholes and issues raised by residents on St George’s Fields</li> <li>b. Members of the public had nothing to raise</li> </ol>
<b>135/24</b>	<b>Clerk’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The broken bin on Piddington Lane has been reported to WNC</li> <li>• A resident has kindly agreed to take on the two Horton planters</li> <li>• Our residents on Milton Bridge and The Choakles with sink hole issues have now met with Fiona Cole and the new leader of WNC Adam Brown</li> <li>• The lack of grass cutting and litter bin emptying on St George’s Fields is very disappointing, photographs have been sent to Morris Homes and urgent attention requested</li> <li>• Following a site meeting at the airstrip WNC have closed their enforcement case as the airstrip is no longer being used</li> <li>• Footpaths KM37 &amp; KM38 have been reported to rights of way due to access being blocked by standing crops</li> <li>• Footpath verge at top of Forest Road reported for mowing</li> <li>• Hedge at Preston Deanery crossroads reported for cutting back</li> <li>• The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, the PFCC Danielle Stone is pencilled in as key speaker</li> <li>• Following our complaint to WNC regarding lack of mowing of the vision splays at Preston Deanery crossroads WNC has confirmed that they cut the junction on 22/4/24 and again on 10/5/24. They also then cut on the 31/5/24 (after the RTC) , and it will be cut a further 2 times on the program this year</li> <li>• WNC will be holding outreach sessions in the coffee shop on Tuesday 13/08 Wednesday 18/09, Monday 14/10, Tuesday 19/11</li> <li>• Dangerous broken branches on the trees at the bottom of Carey Road reported to GUHG</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dog waste bin has been installed at the top of Forest Road</li> <li>• Concerns have been raised regarding the overgrown state of the Article 4 land at Horton</li> <li>• Remedial works to headstones in the Cemetery have now been completed</li> </ul>
<b>136/24</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from Councillors attending outside meetings</b></p> <p>Cllr Hawkesford visited Towcester to see how their Repair Café is run Cllr Blake &amp; Hawkesford attended the School Summer Fete Cllr Hawkesford attended a meeting regarding the Manor Oak Homes planning application, and two CA-WN meetings</p>
<b>137/24</b>	<p><b>Finance &amp; Governance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as per the schedule circulated.</b></li> <li>The accounts for month 3 of the 2024/25 financial year were received and compared to budget. <b>RESOLVED: The figures presented represent the current financial position of HPC.</b> The bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was received. <b>RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation as presented current account £59,381.71 deposit account £198,111.01</b></li> <li><b>RESOLVED: To release the budgeted grant of £6000.00 to the Village Hall early to allow them to install solar panels over the summer</b></li> </ol>
<b>138/24</b>	<p><b>Vacancy for a Parish Councillor</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two members of the public applied to fill the casual vacancy</li> <li><b>RESOLVED: To co-opt Mark Reeve onto the Council</b></li> </ol>
<b>139/24</b>	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Parish Council's insurer will not provide cover for a Good Neighbour Scheme as they do not deem it to be within the remit of usual parish council business <b>RESOLVED: To support the setting up of a Good Neighbour Scheme as a separate not for profit entity, to transfer the balance of the Good Neighbour Scheme grant to the new entity, to look favourably upon any future grant applications subject to budget constraints</b></li> <li>The risk assessment, safeguarding information, insurance confirmation and data protection details were received for the Walking Football Group open to residents aged 50 plus <b>RESOLVED: To set up the Group and to thank Simon Barfoot for leading it</b></li> <li>The risk assessment, safeguarding information, insurance confirmation and data protection details were received for the Dementia Club <b>RESOLVED: To launch a Dementia Club using grant funding and part of the allocated Health &amp; Wellbeing budget for an initial 12-month period. To set up an email account specifically for the group and to pay the additional insurance premium of £112.00</b></li> <li><b>RESOLVED: To delegate to the Health &amp; Wellbeing Working Group to apply for any grant funding available to provide financial assistance for the health &amp; wellbeing remit, subject to full council approval of any new initiatives</b></li> </ol>
<b>140/24</b>	<p><b>The Spread Eagle Public House</b></p> <p>WNC advise that they have been requested to review the listing of the Spread Eagle as an asset of community value. The review is being undertaken and will take 8-weeks. Several housing associations have been approached to take on the property and development plots but no interest has been forthcoming</p>
<b>141/24</b>	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b></p> <p>Negotiations continue with our supplier regarding snagging. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to obtain outside advice and report back to next meeting</p>

142/24	<p><b>Footpath from the Village Hall car park to St Johns Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. WNC Highways have started the resurfacing works. Once completed all debris will be removed and the path sides re-graded</li> <li>b. Safety concerns regarding the ditch which runs alongside the footpath were discussed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk to highlight concerns to WNC Highways</p>
143/24	<p><b>Cemetery Extension</b></p> <p>The main area of the Cemetery is nearing capacity. <b>RESOLVED: The extension ground should be brought into use but the area closest to the Beacon not allocated initially but reserved for community beacon lighting events</b></p>
144/24	<p><b>Website/Email</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current email provision was discussed. <b>RESOLVED: The current system does have issues but is adequate and relatively inexpensive</b></li> <li>b. <b>RESOLVED: Not to upgrade the email system at this time but to consider adding it to the 2025/26 budget</b></li> </ul>
145/24	<p><b>Lyne Walk Development – Street Lighting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The electrical test certificates for the new street lights were received with no works required</li> <li>b. The Clerk confirmed that the street lights appeared to be structurally sound albeit the numbering was incorrect. Cllr Alec Hussey had confirmed prior to the meeting that all of the street lights were working satisfactorily</li> <li>c. <b>RESOLVED: To agree that the maintenance certificate can be issued for a period of 24 months subject to the numbering being corrected and the previously agreed commuted sum of £1755.84 being paid on adoption</b></li> </ul>
146/24	<p><b>VE Day 80 Beacon Lighting Event – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: To take part in the above event.</b> Action: Cllr Charteress to organise an event working party meeting and report back to Council with recommendations for the event</p>
147/24	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Working Party report was received and various recommendations were made. <b>RESOLVED: To install temporary 30 mph signs along Piddington Lane. To install temporary 20 mph advisory signs on Main Road once the School re-opens in September. To allocate a budget of £100.00 to the Clerk to obtain additional temporary signage</b></li> <li>b. At the Annual Parish Meeting a resident of Sansome Close raised resurfacing issues with Cllr Phil Larratt. As no update has been received the Clerk is chasing one up</li> </ul>
148/24	<p><b>Wildlife, Biodiversity &amp; Environment</b></p> <p>An updating report was circulated. The Green Machine has been well received by residents. Discussions continue regarding the setting up of a Repair Café. <b>Action:</b> Cllrs Blake &amp; Hawkesford to consider amalgamating the Repair Café and Good Neighbour Scheme together as a separate not for profit entity and report back to the next meeting</p>
149/24	<p><b>E-Scooters</b></p> <p>E-Scooters are being used illegally around the Parish. They must not be used on public roads or footpaths. <b>Action:</b> The Clerk to request assistance from the Police to seize and crush any being used illegally</p>
150/24	<p><b>Exclusion of the press and public</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED: Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the next item on the agenda</b></p>
151/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The resignation of the Groundsman was received and accepted</li> </ul>

	<b>b. Various options were considered for the ongoing maintenance of open spaces. RESOLVED: To replace the Groundsman</b>
<b>152/24</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> <b>Full Council Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 7:30pm</b> Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024

**The meeting closed at 9:45pm**