



Full Council Meeting 25th July 2023 Minutes

Date: 25 th July 2023 Time: 7:30pm	
Venue: The Committee Room, Hackleton Village Hall	
Parish Councillors In attendance: T Barwick, F Billingham, T Charteress, J Clark, S Coombes, R Hawkesford, C Lloyd, D Noble & G Ward. Also in attendance: Unitary Councillor F Cole & Parish Clerk A Benson	
131/23	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillor Pam Heap
132/23	Approval of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 13th June 2023 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting 13th June 2023 be approved
133/23	Chairman's announcements The Chairman reminded Councillors of the requirements of the Code of Conduct and how meetings must be conducted
134/23	Matters arising from the last minutes Anglian Water have now attended Longland Meadow and a quotation for works will be provided
135/23	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest
136/23	Dispensations – No requests for dispensation had been received
137/23	<p>Public Time</p> <p>a. Fiona Cole reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5m funding for hardship 2023/24 was available • There is a consultation on Social Housing Allocation https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/place/draft-wnc-housing-allocation-scheme-consult/ the consultation closes on 26th September 2023 • Residents can complete a questionnaire about the future of Waste Services https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/future-waste-services-in-west-northants/ <p>The Parish Council's concern regarding how planning applications are being dealt with by the Planning Department was discussed together with communication issues</p> <p>b. No members of the public were in attendance</p>
138/23	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ride on lawnmower is repaired • We have finally received all the electrical test certificates for our street lights. The certificates raise issues with 10 of which 2 I have ordered new doors for (2 x £85) and 8 have been reported to national grid as they are voltage issues. The structural surveys on the columns remains outstanding • The green bin in the cemetery has got its 2023/24 sticker and is now being emptied again • The incorrectly sited Wootton signs now have blanking plates put over them • The additional dog waste bin has been installed on St George's Fields and has been added to our contractors collection round • Bocca will be running holiday sports camps on the Rec July; 25th, 26th, 27th, August; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th, 5th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th, 31st

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The birdbath and the pond have been delivered to the churchyard volunteers for installation • Street doctor reports regarding the footpaths in Smith Close & St Martin's Road and the highway repair Brook Court/Denton Rd have been submitted • A broken hydraulic ram on the leg press in the gym has been reported to Caloo and they will arrange replacement • PCSO Nicole Degg has arranged to run a Fraud and Scam Awareness Talk at Carey Chapel at 2:30pm on 26th July 2023 • We have purchased 2 warning triangle grass cutting signs for Steve to use in vulnerable areas around the parish – for example Brafield Rd
139/23	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED: To ratify payments made out of meeting and approve payment of outstanding invoices/accounts as per the schedule circulated. Councillor Barwick had completed the ICC monthly check of invoices The receipts and payments account for month 3 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 30th June 2023 was received. RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation as presented current account £160,443.81 deposit account £143,947.61 The report of the Internal Control Councillor as at 30th June 2023 was received with no matters outstanding or to bring to Council's attention A request for a contribution to the printing costs of a new book about the history of Piddington and Hackleton was discussed. RESOLVED: To agree in principle to provide some support subject to additional information Amended Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment Policy & Plan – item deferred to next meeting RESOLVED: To approve amended Business Plan as circulated
140/23	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The installation of the new play equipment is almost complete. Action: Councillors Charteress, Clark, Coombes & Noble to inspect the installation and draw up a snagging list The gate post at the Main Road entrance by the gym were discussed. RESOLVED: To delegate to Councillors Clark & Noble to review the area and arrange necessary works A request from Get Fit Today to install an advertising banner was discussed. RESOLVED: To decline the request
141/23	<p>Open Spaces</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED: To delegate to the Clerk to install a new dog waste bin at the top of either Lyne Walk or Great Lane depending on permissions RESOLVED: To decline the Groundsman's request for a vehicle
142/23	<p>D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RESOLVED: To organise an event to commemorate D-Day 80 to include lighting the Beacon An organising Committee will be formed in September to plan the event. Action: Councillor Charteress
143/23	<p>Annual Parish Meeting RESOLVED: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm in Hackleton Village Hall. Action: Councillor Charteress to approach Jonathan Nunn to be keynote speaker</p>
144/23	<p>Highways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting was held with Environmental Services and the local Womble representative regarding concerns over litter and fly tipping in the Menagerie layby. A recommendation will be made to management at WNC for covert cameras to be installed in the layby

	<p>b. A meeting was held with the Safer Roads Team regarding SID locations around the parish. An additional location may be approved in New Hackleton which will need a new pole installing – quote awaited</p>
145/23	<p>Longland Meadow</p> <p>a. RESOLVED: To purchase a new plum tree</p> <p>b. RESOLVED: To provide a budget of £200.00 for shade tolerant plants and bulbs in the spinneys</p> <p>c. The ingestion of fruit stones by dogs was discussed. RESOLVED: To add ingestion of fruit stones to the risk assessment designated as low risk</p>
146/23	<p>Fete/Funday Item deferred until next meeting</p>
147/23	<p>Tree Report The Tree Survey Report was received. RESOLVED: To delegate to the Clerk to arrange for all works to be undertaken together with additional aesthetic works as required</p>
148/23	<p>Community Governance Review RESOLVED: To recommend that the parish of Hackleton has the the same boundary as Hackleton Ward following the Boundary Commission Review subject to the retention of 11 councillors so to enable the parish council to enable continuation and further expansion of services</p>
149/23	<p>Northamptonshire ACRE Friendship Project Item deferred until next meeting</p>
150/23	<p>RESOLVED: Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the next agenda item</p>
151/23	<p>Staffing</p> <p>a. RESOLVED: Overtime for the Clerk be approved</p> <p>b. RESOLVED: Overtime for the Groundsman be approved</p> <p>c. Councillors Heap & Lloyd to undertake the Clerk’s annual review</p> <p>d. Councillors were reminded that the Clerk is to only act on the will of the majority of the Council or in accordance with previously agreed policy and not on factional interests</p> <p>e. Training opportunities for Councillors were discussed</p>
152/23	<p>Next meeting Full Council Meeting Tuesday 5th September 7:30pm Members are requested to forward any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 24th August 2023</p>

The meeting closed at 8:58pm